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COMMERCIAL ITEM DESCRIPTION

MARKER, TUBE TYPE

The General Services Administration has authorized the use of this commercial item description.

This commercial item description covers disposable fine line (tip) marking pens for use on labware items.

Salient characteristics:

Shall be fine line porous plastic tip marking pens for use in laboratories on labware items.

Shall be one of the following ink colors (see "Ordering data"):

Black  
Red

Shall use xylene base inks which are water and alcohol resistant. The inks shall be suitable for writing on both dry and moist surfaces (porous and non-porous) of most plastic glass, metal and porcelain labware items. The ink markings that are applied to such surfaces shall not bleed when subjected to water and alcohol during normal use. However, the ink markings may be removable from non-absorbent surfaces by a scrubbing action with soap and water.

Shall be in the form of porous plastic tip pens with protective caps that are held in place by a friction fit. The marking mediums in the barrels of the pens shall be released by capillary action through the porous plastic writing nibs.

Shall have sufficient ink capacity in each pen to produce on paper a continuous line or series of distinct lines for a total distance of at least 500 feet.

Shall produce fine line markings. Markings that are applied to labware surfaces by light to medium hand pressure shall produce lines that are not wider than 0.024 inches.

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DISTRIBUTION STATEMENT A. Approved for public release;  
distribution is unlimited.

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Workmanship. The marking pens shall be free from defects which detract from their appearance or impair their serviceability.

Unit. Package (PG). One package containing ten marking pens, as specified, constitutes one unit.

Quality Assurance Provisions.

Responsibility for inspection. Unless otherwise specified in the contract or purchase order, the contractor is responsible for the performance of all inspection requirements as specified herein. Except as otherwise specified in the contract or purchase order, the contractor may use his own or any facilities suitable for the performance of the inspection requirements specified herein, unless disapproved by the Government. The Government reserves the right to perform any of the inspections set forth in the specification where such inspections are deemed necessary to assure supplies and services conform to prescribed requirements.

Inspection. Inspection, as used herein, is defined as both examination (such as visual or auditory investigation without the use of special laboratory appliances or procedures) and testing (determination by technical means of physical and chemical properties) of the item.

Inspections and tests. Inspections and tests shall be conducted in accordance with commercial practice to determine compliance with specification requirements. Where feasible, the same sample shall be used for the determination of two or more test characteristics.

Sampling for inspection. Sampling for inspections and tests shall be conducted in accordance with commercial practice.

Contractor certification. The contractor shall certify that the product offered meets the salient characteristics of this description and conforms to the producer's own drawings, specifications, standards, and quality assurance practices. The Government reserves the right to require proof of such conformance prior to first delivery and thereafter as may be otherwise provided for under the provisions of the contract.

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Regulatory requirements.

Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act. If the product covered by this document has been determined by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to be under its jurisdiction, the offeror/contractor shall comply, and be responsible for compliance by its subcontractors/suppliers, with the requirements of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, as amended, and regulations promulgated thereunder. In addition, the offeror/contractor shall comply, and be responsible for compliance by its subcontractors/suppliers, with the requirements of all other applicable Federal, State, and local statutes, ordinances, and regulations.

Recovered materials. The offeror/contractor is encouraged to use recovered material in accordance with Public Law 94-580 to the maximum extent practical.

Preservation, packaging, packing, labeling, and marking. Unless otherwise specified, preservation, packaging, and packing shall be to a degree of protection to preclude damage to containers and/or contents thereof under normal shipping conditions, handling, etc., involving shipment from the supply source to the receiving activity, plus reshipment from receiving activity, and shall conform to applicable carrier's rules and regulations. Intermediate and exterior package quantities and labeling and marking shall be as specified in the contract and/or order.

The following National Stock Numbers are covered by this document:

National Stock Number	Specification ink color designation
7520-01-248-6813	Red
7520-01-249-6421	Black

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Ordering data. (Required ink color, intermediate/exterior package quantities and labeling and marking must be specified in the contract and/or order.)

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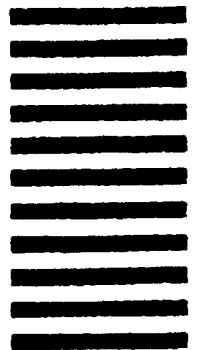
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