

BODY ART FACT SHEET: PERMANENT MAKEUP MACHINES

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Examples of approved permanent makeup pens are:

- **Axys Valkyr Pen**
- **Axys Valhalla Pen**
- **Bishop SMP Wand**
- **Merlin Cosmetic Tattoo Machine**
- **Mosaic Cosmetic Tattoo Machine**
- **Sapphire Pro Permanent**
- **Solong EK711**
- **Makeup Machine**
- **Spektra Xion Rotary Machine**

Solong EK711



Disposable pen casing



Reusable pen casing

Spektra Xion Rotary Machine



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BODY ART FACT SHEET: TATTOO PENS

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Below are some examples of acceptable tattoo pens that can be used with pre-sterilized, disposable grips.

Cheyenne Hawk Pen

FYT Pens

Ava Pen

Elite Pen

Bishop Wand



Other pens have grips that can be removed and autoclaved. If using one of these machines, be sure to have a supply of sterilized grips in peel packs.

Solong Tattoo Pen

Spektra Xion Pen

Mast Archer



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