

Pentel Pencils Identification Book

P1035 / P1037 Sharp Kerry Pencil



Image Source Jimmy Simpson

Size	0.5 / 0.7
Base Colors	0.5 A Black / B Red / C Blue / D Green / E Brown / KD Olive Green / ND Gray / PD Pink 0.7 A Black / C Dark Blue
Years Available	0.5 1971 to Current 0.7 2000's to Current
Mfg Country	Japan
Dist Country	Worldwide
Price Tags	¥1500
Dimensions	Overall [Capped / Posted / No Cap]: 125.1mm / 132.3mm / 106.3mm Cap [Capped / Posted]: 64.2mm / 68.6mm Reservoir Cap: 5.3mm Body, Back: 38mm Body, Center Ring: 18mm Grip: 26mm Tip: 19mm

Primary of several pencils (P1135, P1135N, P2135, Q535) that bear the Kerry name.

The P1035A Black Kerry is a match for the R1000 Excalibur Rolling Writer Pen (US) / RX30 Excalibur Roll-Alloy Pen (Japan). In the US, it was available with the matching R1000 in the Excalibur Gift Set RX1000 in the early-80's.

Intended by Pentel as "a pencil to be used as a fountain pen" the new 5 (now with a cap) was nicknamed Kelly by Japanese users, pronouncing "carry" the way Japanese speakers do when saying English words.

When Pentel decided to drop the 5 to replace it with the name users preferred, they went with the "Kerry" variant, thinking of the international market. [per u/First-Sail-1386 on Reddit]

The mannenCIL is another name the Kerries are sometimes referred to in Japan - this comes from the fact that fountain pens are called 万年筆 (Man-nen-hitsu) in Japan, where 万年 means 10,000 years, and 筆 means brush/pen. As the original capped design of the Kerry came from copying capped fountain pen designs, the original Kerry was also called 万年CIL (Man-nen-CIL), with the CIL coming from the last 3 letters of the English word "pencil" - 10,000 year pencil! [per @Mecha on Knockology]

Late-70's to early-80's pencils had the Date Code stamped on the lead reservoir in the yymmdd format. I believe the Date Code is still on the lead reservoir, just harder to read, when Pentel switched to the 2-character code.

<https://note.com/yellowdali/n/nba1786aceb84>

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