



Members Preferred Kit Styles & Suppliers

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Which Kit Styles do our members prefer to turn? [Member Poll Here](#)

- Was it chosen because they are a beginner?
- As ones turning experience improves, the kit choices will also change.
- Are the kits determined by personal preference?
- Are the kits determined by what one sells best?
- Are the kits chosen based on what your friends like, gifting?
- Are the kits chosen based on a requirement?
- Are the kits chosen based on price?
- Possibly, the kits chosen are based on comfort level.
- Possibly, the kits chosen by someone based on wanting to challenge themselves.
- It may be that the kit is outstanding?
- Maybe they just want to impress others of their talent?
- Kits are often chosen based on that special blank.

Which Pen Suppliers do our members Purchase from? [Member Poll Here.](#)

Here are some things you should consider, when choosing a kit supplier.

- Where are your friends and IAP members getting their kits?
- Does the supplier have a web site?
- Is the web site well organized, user friendly.
- How easy is it to locate items and accessories?
- Do they sell through Amazon, Facebook, Etsy or eBay?
- Are the kits, bushings, and replacement tubes in stock?
- How promptly will you receive your order?
- How Can you contact the supplier, Phone, Email, text, web form email or web chat?
- How prompt are they in responding to your questions?
- Missing parts or kits, how will the supplier correct this?
- What style of pen kit are you looking for?
- Who has the kit style/plating that you want?
- Suppliers often sell the identical kits as others but rename them with different part numbers.
- Be careful mixing similar/different named kits from more than one supplier as parts may be different.
- It's best to buy the kit, with bushings and extra tubes from one supplier.
- Some manufactured kits have had quality issues, most do not.
- Some suppliers have few offerings of kits.
- Some suppliers have large offerings of kits.
- Some suppliers only offer the lower priced kits.
- Other suppliers only offer the higher priced kits.
- Many suppliers offer kits from both low to high priced kits.
- Pricing for kits does not suggest quality.

- Pricing does often increase based on the intricacy of a kit.
- Many suppliers sell other suppliers/manufacturers kits priced differently.
- Some suppliers offer different plating's.
- Are the instructions included with the kit, downloaded from the supplier's site or do you have to request them.
- Many of the suppliers also offer blanks, artisan, wood and cast, which is beneficial.
- Remember, there are suppliers that specialize in blanks only.
- Some suppliers include extra goodies with your order.
- Where in the world do you live, US, Canada, UK, Australia, New Zealand, France, Germany, etc.?
- Can you drive to the supplier? Big benefit!
- Shipping, taxes, etc. are other items that you need to be concerned with.
- Most pen kits are manufactured in China, Taiwan, UK, also USA, among other locations.
- Does someone know something that you don't?
- Some suppliers buy directly from a manufacturer and often require large orders of a single kit/plating.
- Often suppliers get their kits from other suppliers because of minimum ordering requirements/quantities that they don't meet.
- Not all kits with the same name are identical in quality/dimensions.
- Purchase your kit with the bushings and extra tubes from one supplier.
- Mixing parts from different suppliers, even if the kit has the same name, does not guarantee compatibility.
- Ask around for opinions and the satisfaction of dealing with suppliers.
- Find a supplier that meets your needs and stick with them if possible.