



## BST J850 Gel DetectaPen® | J850\*\*



### The DetectaPen® Range

BST DetectaPens® are industry renowned as the highest quality choice of stationery for use in hygiene critical food processing environments. Every feature of the pen is designed with the food industry in mind, resulting in a truly unique set of properties designed to minimise contamination risks and improve food safety.

The BST DetectaPen® range is manufactured using our flagship XDETECT® plastic compound - optimised for metal and x-ray detection in the food and pharmaceutical industries. Our DetectaPen® range also incorporates antibacterial technology, which is effective against E-Coli, MRSA & Salmonella. All materials used in the construction of our pens feature extensive food contact approvals including FDA and EU compliance, with full documentation including migration test data. The BST DetectaPens® are also Kosher certified.

Our iconic retractable DetectaPen® design features a spring free mechanism with no detachable parts. All our DetectaPen® designs feature minimal germs

traps and are ergonomically designed making them easy to hold, so less likely to be dropped.

All BST DetectaPens® are available with or without a dual detectable clip. The clip is moulded in to the pen making it near impossible to snap off without the use of tools. They all feature high quality, fully detectable ink cartridges, including a detectable plastic end plug, further adding to the detectability of the pen.

#### Product Description

The BST J850 Gel DetectaPen® is available in three ink colours and offer a smooth flowing gel ink combined within a nickel silver tube with a stainless steel nib.

They feature a high quality, fully detectable stainless steel bodied ink cartridge with an estimated write out length of 850 metres (EWIMA) and a 0.7mm ball point nib, they are designed for use in food processing environments with an ambient temperature (5°C ~ 30°C).

## DetectaPen® Range Advantages

- ✓ Detectable by in-line metal detection systems & x-ray inspection systems
- ✓ Incorporates antibacterial technology to protect against pathogenic germs and moulds
- ✓ Available in up to 9 bold colours for easy visual identification (Varies per model)
- ✓ Available featuring a lanyard attachment loop instead of a clip. (Blue Only)
- ✓ Strong, durable, shatter resistant & chemically resistant material
- ✓ Compliant with EU & FDA food contact legislation, including mandatory EU migration test standards
- ✓ Available in a variety of body colours and ink colours to suit specific requirements
- ✓ Can be used as part of HACCP and BRC procedures
- ✓ Displays due diligence in the prevention of foreign body contamination

## Product and Packaging Information

J850 With Clip	J850**	Housing Material	BST XDETECT®
J850 Without Clip	J860**	Cartridge	Nickel
Pack Size	10 / 25	Nib / Tip	0.7mm Stainless Steel
Pack Weight	0.176 / 0.45kg	Write Out Length	850m +/- 30%
Body Colour(s)	B,R,G,Y,W,K,OR,PN,P	Detectability	Metal & X-Ray Visible
Ink Colour(s)	B,K,R	Country Of Origin	Britain
AntiBacterial	Yes	Commodity Code	96081010

## Ink Specification

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|------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|
| ✓ Temperature Range 5 ~ 30°C | ✓ TSCA Listed (USA)          | ✓ EU 2004/73/EC      |
| ✓ Unpressurised ink          | ✓ REACH Regulation 1907/2006 | ✓ EU 67/548/EEC      |
| ✓ ISO 27668-1                | ✓ MITI List Japan            | ✓ SR817.04 Swiss Reg |

## Safety Certificates / Approvals

FDA Approved	Kosher Certified	Made In Britain
EU Compliant	BRCGS Compliant	ISO 9001:2015



## Food Contact Status (EU)

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Hereby we declare that the material XDETECT® in various colours is manufactured in line with the relevant requirements of 2023/2006/EC as amended by Commission Regulation (EC) 282/2008, on good manufacturing practice (GMP) for materials and articles intended to come into contact with food.

The raw materials used in the manufacturing process of the above mentioned materials ( XDETECT® in various colours) can be considered suitable for food contact applications in terms of compliance with European regulations. The raw materials used meet the relevant requirements of EU Framework Regulation 1935/2004 on materials and articles intended to come into contact with food.

All monomers, starting substances and additives used to manufacture these grades are listed in Commission Regulation (EU) No. 10/2011

as amended by (EU) 321/2011, (EU) 1282/2011, (EU) 1183/2012, (EU) 202/2014, (EU) 2015/174, (EU) 2016/1416, (EU) 2017/752, (EU) 2018/79, (EU) 2018/213, (EU) 2018/831, (EU) 2019/37, (EU)2019/1338, and (EU) 2020/1245 respectively, related to Plastic Materials and Articles intended to come into contact with foodstuffs.

Colourants used are compliant with European Council Resolution AP(89) 1 on the use of colourants in plastic materials coming into contact with food, and also with German BfR Recommendations (IX).

BST Detectable Products hereby declare that articles manufactured from BST XDETECT® are, according to EU regulations, authorised to come into direct contact with all types of foodstuffs at a maximum temperature of 40°C for a maximum time period of one hour.

## Food Contact Status (FDA)

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The polypropylene base resin used in XDETECT® meets the FDA (Food and Drug Administration) requirements contained in the Code of Federal Regulations in 21 CFR 177.1520 (a) (3) (i) , (b) and (c) (3.1a). At the same time this base resin grade meets the FDA criteria in 21 CFR 177.1520 for food contact applications, excluding cooking, listed under conditions of use C through H in 21 CFR 176.170 (c), Table 2., and can be used in contact with all food types as listed in 21 CFR 176.170 (c), Table 1. Also the mineral additives and the pigments used are GRAS (Generally Recognized As Safe) or are FDA cleared under specific FDA citations.

## ISO Standards

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This ink conforms with ISO 27688-1. Establishes minimum quality requirements for gel ink ball pens (refillable and non-refillable) and refills for general use.

## Animal Derivatives

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To the best of our knowledge there are no ingredients in the formulation of this material that is of animal origin. As such, this material should not pass on any animal derived disease like BSE (Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy) or other TSE (Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathy).

## Migration Testing

The following overall migration results for XDETECT® were obtained using a UKAS accredited laboratory, with overall migration simulants and conditions as detailed in EU Regulation No 10/2011 as amended, on plastic materials and articles intended to come into contact with food.

Sample: PP-C-2013/393

Test conditions: Simulants A, B and 95%v/v ethanol: 10 days at 40°C. Iso-octane: 2 days at 20°C

Method	EN-1186-3 Migration into 10% v/v Ethanol (Simulant A)	EN-1186-3 Migration into 3% w/v Acetic Acid (Simulant B)	EN-1186-14§ Migration into Iso-octane (Substitute test)	EN-1186-14§ Migration into 95% Ethanol (Substitute test)
Replicate #1	0.2 mg/dm <sup>2</sup>	0.5 mg/dm <sup>2</sup>	19.4 mg/dm <sup>2</sup>	0.8 mg/dm <sup>2</sup>
Replicate #2	0.3 mg/dm <sup>2</sup>	0.5 mg/dm <sup>2</sup>	21.0 mg/dm <sup>2</sup>	0.9 mg/dm <sup>2</sup>
Replicate #3	0.0 mg/dm <sup>2</sup>	0.3 mg/dm <sup>2</sup>	20.8 mg/dm <sup>2</sup>	0.6 mg/dm <sup>2</sup>
Mean Result	0.2 mg/dm <sup>2</sup>	0.4 mg/dm <sup>2</sup>	20.4 mg/dm <sup>2</sup>	0.8 mg/dm <sup>2</sup>
EU Limit	10.0 mg/dm <sup>2</sup>	10.0 mg/dm <sup>2</sup>	#20.0 mg/dm <sup>2</sup>	10.0 mg/dm <sup>2</sup>
Tolerance			#6.0 mg/dm <sup>2</sup>	

#Limit and tolerance are quoted after the application of a fatty food reduction factor of 2 as quoted in EU Regulation 10/2011. To summarise the overall migration test results, the PP-C-2013/393 complies with the overall migration requirements given in EU Regulation 10/2011, as amended, with regards to use with all non-fatty foods, aqueous foods and fatty foods that require a reduction factor of 2 (or greater), as given in EU regulation 10/2011, as amended.

## DetectaPen® Metal Detectability

BST DetectaPens® are made using XDETECT®, an electromagnetically detectable and x-ray visible plastic compound. Within the pen housing is a stainless steel ink cartridge. The metal detectability of this product will vary based on, but not limited to:

- Calibration Levels
- Product Type (E.g. Wet, Dry, Frozen, Liquid)
- Aperture Dimensions
- Orientation

Orientation is a highly influential factor for the metal detectability of a contaminant that is non spherical, i.e. it will be easier to detect the contaminant when passing in one orientation compared to another - this is known as the orientation effect.

During testing of the BST DetectaPen® we used a worst case scenario which is through the geometric centre of the aperture and in the worst case orientation.

For ease of calibration, we have equated the full pen and pen parts to their ferrous ball test piece equivalents, which are widely used for metal detector testing and calibration. UKAS accredited test pieces are available to purchase from BST Detectable Products.

Component	Dimensions	Worst Case Orientation	Test Piece Recommended	Engineer Notes
Full Pen	146 (L) x 12 (Ø) mm	Short Edge Leading	5.00 mm	If the on-site detector is detecting 5.0mm ferrous or smaller, then it will detect the pen regardless of orientation.
Housing	146 (L) x 12 (Ø) mm	Short Edge Leading	2.0 mm	If the on-site detector is detecting 2.0mm ferrous or smaller, then it will detect the pen housing regardless of orientation.
Pen Clip	17 x 6 x 2 mm	Short Edge Leading	1.0 mm	If the on-site detector is detecting 1.0mm ferrous or smaller, then it will detect the pen clip regardless of orientation.

Please note that the pen clip cannot be detached from the pen without extreme force or the use of tools. Generally speaking, the only circumstances where by such a small pen component could be introduced to food product would be through deliberate action or the pen going through an extreme process such as crushing, blending, mincing etc.

The above table is based on our own testing using one type of metal detector, and is supplied purely for customer convenience. Different metal detectors will feature different sensitivity settings, as well as settings for different product types (E.g. Wet, Dry, Frozen, Liquid).

For this reason BST recommend that all our products be thoroughly tested on your metal detection systems by a trained and certified professional. It may be the case that your equipment needs to be re-calibrated in order to reliably detect this product. Such a professional should be available by contacting the manufacturer of your metal detection system.

## DetectaPen® X-Ray Visibility

In contrast to metal detection, x-ray visibility is determined by material density. For this reason, XDETECT® contains an additional, evenly dispersed, food safe, high density additive.

Based on our experience and testing, positive readings should be consistent both for whole pens and XDETECT® fragments as small as 5mm. X-ray detection performance will be reduced when small fragments are buried in deeper, denser products - detection will depend on product type and density.

We highly recommend that all our products be thoroughly tested on your x-ray inspection systems by a trained and certified professional. It may be the case that your equipment needs to be recalibrated in order to reliably detect this product. Such a professional should be available by contacting the manufacturer of your x-ray inspection system.

## Are you using the right detectable pen?

### GOLD

### J800 | J850 Gel | P950 Freezer DetectaPen®

Our J800 Detectapens are the **gold standard** and the **original retractable** detectable pen. This shatter-resistant pen is available in **9 body colors** and **4 ink colours**, and also features built-in antibacterial technology.



### SILVER

### Trace-It DetectaPen®

The Trace-It is the newest member of the detectapen family, designed to be the **cost-effective** counterpart to our J800. Although limited to **5 body colours** the Trace-it still features the same detectability and shatter resistance.



\*Blue, red, and green bodies only

### BRONZE

### Eco v2.0 DetectaPen®

An evolution of our **original detectable stick pen**, the Eco remains a trusted classic. While it's a non-retractable model, it's available in all **9 body colours** and made from the same material as the rest of the Detectapen range.



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