

The Optima 1 Pyrographic System By PJL Enterprises



INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE: (For Optima 1 Single or Dual burners)

READ <u>ALL</u> OF THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE OPERATING YOUR OPTIMA 1 BURNER.

KEEP THESE INSTRUCTIONS FOR FUTURE CONSULTATION.

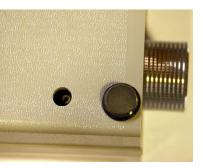
1. **Do not** use excessive pressure on the Ultra Fine pen tips. The Optima 1 Ultra fine tips are made for fine, professional type texturing, and the finer tips will bend or break if too much pressure is used. The HD tips can stand a bit more heat and pressure, but tip lifetime is still dependent upon what type of usage they are exposed to.

2. Do not turn the power supply up into the "red-hot" range to "condition" tips, or to "burn off" carbon deposits, as some other brands may recommend. For most burning, you should not have to turn the control past "6" on the dial. However, if you intend carve deeply into material at low heat, you may want to anneal the tip first, by turning the control dial to high until you can not see anymore temperature change; and then slowly turn it all the way down within a 30 second time period.

3. Do not clean the pen tips with a stone, coarse sandpaper (< 1500 grit), or any other harsh abrasive, as this will wear out the tip prematurely. Use a leather or fabric strop, or a felt buffing wheel, with a bit of metal polishing compound on it to clean off carbon deposits and keep the tip polished. Aluminum oxide polishing compound on a strop works very well ("paper white" in color). If you are using a fine sandpaper (=> 1500 grit), you only need to move the side of the tip 1/16", just enough to pop off the carbon. Tips will turn blackish in color upon moderate usage. This is not necessarily carbon, but Chromium Oxide. Do not remove this protective layer (hence, no sandpaper), as it keeps the tip from oxidizing further, and it tends to keep carbon from sticking to the tips in the first place. Pen tip is clean when it reflects light (carbon won't polish).

4. Send the pen into PJL Enterprises for tip replacement when necessary. The fee is \$7.00 plus shipping via US first class mail (for up to 13 ounces). Each pen weighs an ounce, and a padded evelope weighs the same. Either give us a call, check with your local post-master, or go to postcalc.usps.gov, to accurately estimate shipping costs.

5. The Optima 1 has an adjustment to allow you to set the low end of the temperature range to wherever you prefer. Insert a small flat screwdriver into the trim adjust slot, located in the small hole on the bottom of the unit. Turn it counterclockwise all the way. Turn the main adjustment to low also. Turn the unit on, and then plug a pen into the cord (be "aware" of where that potentially hot pen tip is during this procedure). Turn the adjustment clockwise very slowly while



listening very closely to the unit. When you hear a slight buzzing sound coming from the unit, your at the best setting possible. You don't necessarily need to do this adjustment, do it **ONLY** if your low end is too hot, or the tip has no heat at the lowest setting (i.e.: it turns on at 2 or 3 settings).

6. Turn off the Optima 1 while not in use, and <u>UNPLUG the PENS</u> to avoid a fire hazard.

7. KEEP THIS AND ALL DANGEROUS TOOLS OUT OF THE REACH OF CHILDREN. TIPS ARE SHARP AND VERY HOT, AND WILL BURN SKIN MUCH EASIER THAN WOOD! AGAIN, DO NOT LEAVE PEN(S) PLUGGED IN!!

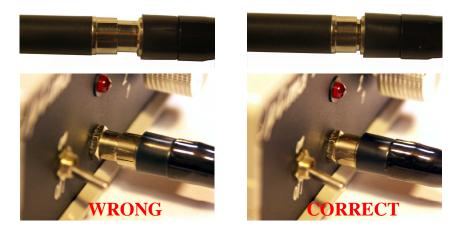
8. Use Optima brand pen cords only. Use of any "homemade" cords, another brand, or adapter jack/cord combinations may result in damage to the power supply if it shorts out, and will void any warranty coverage. Do not attempt to repair cords yourself, or have someone else do it. Send them in, or call, so that we may honor our warranty, and replace it for you.

9. The Optima 1 comes with 1 or 2 plastic pen holder clips. Place your pen into it by rotating the foam grip part of the pen into the open side of the pen clip (rotate clockwise when the open side of the pen clip is facing to the right). Do the reverse to extract pens. Keep and store pens in their original pen tubes when not in use.

10. Be sure to insert the cord plugs, on each end, **fully** into the power supply and pen jacks. If your cord plugs get excessively warm near one or both of the cord jacks, this could be the reason (loose jacks). You should only have about a 1/32" to 1/16" gap between the outer edge of the male jack and where the female jack gets larger, or turns into a hex head. When detaching the pen cord(s) from the pens or power supply, be sure **NOT** to pull on the pen cord (grasp the cord cap only). When attaching or detaching the cord from the unit or pens, only rotate jacks "clockwise" to keep from unscrewing either the cord jack or chassis mount unit jacks. If either cord jack still gets excessively hot, stop using that cord immediately, and contact PJL Enterprises for diagnosis and repair assistance.

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WARRANTY INFORMATION:

The Optima 1 control unit, cord, and handpiece carry a limited lifetime warranty against "manufacturing defects". Pen "tips" are not under warranty since their use, or abuse, is beyond our control. However, an obvious factory defect will be replaced for free.

Warranty Contact Information

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