

Pentel® Super Hi-Polymer® Lead



Differences in Lead Hardness

What does the 'HB' in Pentel Super Hi-Polymer HB Lead stand for?

"HB" is a universal term meaning "Hardness" and "Blackness". There are different levels of hardness and different levels of blackness to choose from, however, HB is known to be the standard and the equivalent to a #2 wooden pencil.

Taking a closer look:

Soft Lead			
4B	3B	2B	B

- Creates a dark to very dark line density
- Easy to read
- Has a very smooth feel
- Ideal if you want bold, thick lines

Medium Lead	
HB	F

- Creates a medium line density
- Most popular lead hardness categories
- HB lead is equivalent to a #2 pencil
- Good tensile strength
- Smooth Feel
- Ideal for accounting and general writing

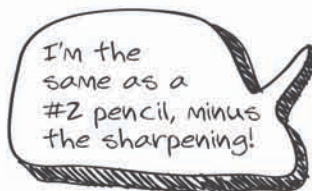
Hard Lead					
H	2H	3H	4H	5H	6H

- Creates a light to very light line density
- Exceptional tensile strength
- Ideal for drafting and engineering applications



Quick Tips:

1. If you prefer sharp, crisper lines try: H, 2H, 3H varieties
2. If you are heavy-handed and prefer thicker, bold lines with a smooth writing feel try: B, 2B varieties.



ALL HB lead tubes are part of Recology™ line.

