

# TiBolt Bolt-Action Pen and ReLoaded Pencil Review

I'm writing all day long as an engineer. I constantly have a writing instrument in my hand because I'm always taking meeting notes, marking up drawing reviews or signing off on test procedures. And then there's the suburban homesteading work I'm doing – recording/managing my preps, designing projects for the house and jotting down material needs for future projects. I need quality writing instruments with all the writing I do. Enter the **TiBolt Bolt-Action Pen** and **TiBolt ReLoaded Pencil** from Brian Fellhoelter at Fellhoelter Knives.

## Construction Methodology

Each and every part of the TiBolt Bolt-Action Pen is made from 100% Titanium with the exception of the ink cartridge, o-ring, stylus nub and spring. The components are Grade 5, 6AL-4V Titanium and the body is Grade 9, 3AL-2.5V Titanium. It measures roughly 5-1/2" in length (1/8" longer if the stylus nub is installed) while the diameter is roughly 7/16". Weight is around 1.5 ounces.

The TiBolt ReLoaded Pencil has very similar construction with the body being made out of Grade 9, 3AL-2.5V Titanium and all other components made out of Grade 5, 6AL-4V Titanium. The spring, pencil mechanism, o-ring and stylus nub are, like in the pen, not made out of titanium.

The pen and pencil are all machined in the US and the quality is simply amazing. You'll truly appreciate the construction methodology of the TiBolt Pen and ReLoaded Pencil if you enjoy mechanisms. The bolt-action on the TiBolt Pen is incredibly addicting, not to mention functional and solid. The TiBolt ReLoaded Pencil is a straight up-and-down action but has been

more than reliable.



## Writing

The TiBolt Bolt-Action Pen and TiBolt ReLoaded Pencil are built like tanks. They have incredibly addictive and functional activation mechanisms. None of this matters if they don't write well, right? Absolutely!

We have to look at what's really putting ink or lead to paper in order to discuss the writing capability of these instruments. Unfortunately, this area is where Brian and Fellhoelter Knives have the minimum amount of input into their products.

The TiBolt Bolt-Action Pen ships with an ink cartridge that was a large point size. I upgraded to Schmidt easyFLOW 9000 M medium point ink cartridges based on suggestions from Brian Black at ITS Tactical. I have been very happy since making this change!

The TiBolt ReLoaded Pencil uses a 0.7mm lead by implementing

the Schmidt Feinminen-System pencil mechanism. I personally prefer a thinner lead and have purchased a 0.5mm Schmidt Feinminen-System pencil mechanism to upgrade the TiBolt ReLeaded Pencil to my liking.

Both these “issues” are nit-picky items that are more user-centric than a result of the design or product.

Both the TiBolt Bolt-Action Pen and TiBolt ReLeaded Pencil have a great feel in your hand. They can be and have been used all day long. I spend a lot of my day taking notes and writing. These writing utensils have never caused me to have writing fatigue.

## **Conclusion**

Writing is something we all do day in and day out. The TiBolt Bolt-Action Pen and TiBolt ReLeaded Pencil from Fellhoelter Knives makes those mundane tasks that much nicer. They write well, are comfortable to hold and have a unique ability to annoy co-workers with your clicking!

Pick one up today!



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