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Tattooing Directions for Ketchum Manufacturing Inc. Ear Tattooers

1. Clean the inside of the ear with alcohol. Remove any hair. When tattooing piglets, clean the outside of the ear, as this is where the tattoo will be placed.
2. Flip open the lever lock bar, insert the dies in the forceps and close the lock bar. Check that the tattoo is correct on a piece of cardboard or similar material.
3. Beginners should place a rubber ear-release stripper over the tattoo dies and close forceps. Place a second stripper over the first stripper. The pins should be seen through the rubber stripper material. This material acts as a spacer and helps prevent the ear from remaining stuck on the needles.
4. Shake fluid ink to ensure even concentration of pigment. Smear paste or fluid ink on ear where tattoo is to be placed, using the thumb or the convenient roll-on dispenser. When tattooing pig, ink is placed on the outside of the ear.
5. Close forceps and pierce ear through the ink with a quick, firm motion. Open forceps immediately.
6. If using liquid ink, reapply over existing ink.
- 6a. Rub ink into the tattoo holes with thumb on inked surface against forefinger on the non-inked surface of the ear. **THIS STEP IS IMPORTANT.** If there is bleeding, continue rubbing ink into holes. Ketchum tattoo ink has antiseptic and healing properties which will soon check bleeding.
7. Do not remove excess ink. It will wear away by itself.
8. Clean and dry tattooer and dies after each use. Liquid dish detergent in water and a soft brush work well. Do not use harsh solvents. A hair dryer works well for this purpose. Store equipment in a dry location.

Use Only Ketchum Permanent Tattoo Ink.

Other inks may be absorbed into the blood stream and fade.

We guarantee that tattoos will be legible and permanent if the correct Ketchum tattoo model, Ketchum permanent tattoo ink and tattooing procedure are used.

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