

# COMPARISON OF STAMP TYPES PRODUCED BY ROANOKE STAMP

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	SELF-INKING STAMP	PRE-INKED STAMP	TRADITIONAL HAND STAMP
<b>BRANDS</b>	Plastic Units: Trodat Printy, Ideal, and 2000+ Most are also available in a metal, heavy-duty unit for industrial or heavy-duty commercial applications	Xstamper and Royal Mark	No brand names
<b>HOW THEY WORK</b>	The printing die rotates and picks up ink from a concealed ink pad to deposit it on paper	The printing die contains micro pores saturated with ink to deposit it on paper	The printing die picks up ink from a separate ink pad to deposits it on paper
<b>COST</b>	<b>Best</b> Moderately priced	<b>Good</b> Cost is approx. 20% more than other types of stamps	<b>Better</b> About the same price as a self-inker when cost of the stamp pad is included
<b>VALUE</b>	<b>Best</b> A good blend of positive features and price	<b>Better</b> A very good stamp, but the premium price can make the self-inker a better value	<b>Good</b> Mediocre features with a price roughly equal to a self-inker
<b>USEABILITY</b>	Your best buy for ease of use, imprint quality cleanliness and repeat stamping	Best imprint quality when used correctly; also allows for infrequent re-inking	Best for infrequent use when imprint quality isn't critical or when special inks are needed
<b>DURABILITY</b>	<b>Plastic units</b> recommended for home, office & commercial use. <b>Metal units</b> recommended for industrial & heavy-duty commercial use	Recommended for home, office, commercial & light industrial use	Recommended for industrial use
<b>CLEANLINESS</b>	<b>Best</b> Very clean due to unexposed pad and the optional use of replacement pads instead of re-inking task	<b>Better</b> Relatively clean because it seldom needs re-inking and ink is applied directly to the printing die	<b>Good</b> Can be messy with the exposed rubber die and separate stamp pad and the need to re-ink with liquid ink
<b>EASE OF USE &amp; IMPRINT QUALITY</b>	<b>Best</b> Just press and print, the mechanism controls the amount of ink layed down on the paper. Outstanding imprint quality	<b>Better</b> The amount of pressure can slightly affect the imprint quality. Extremely good imprint quality	<b>Good</b> The amount of ink on the pad and the pressure will significantly affect the imprint quality. Fair imprint quality
<b>LIFE OF STAMP</b>	<b>Better</b> <b>Plastic units</b> - 100,000+ impressions with re-inking or pad replacement after 7,500 prints. <b>Metal units</b> - 250,000+ prints with same re-inking as plastic units	<b>Best</b> 100,000+ impressions, with re-inking every 30,000 prints	<b>Good</b> 100,00+ impressions with pad re-inking every 2,500 prints
<b>RANGE OF SIZES</b>	<b>Better</b> 25+ sizes, some special applications	<b>Best</b> 40+ sizes, special applications inspection, pencil cap, pocket	<b>Good</b> Full-range of sizes, limited special applications
<b>USE WITH SPECIAL INKS</b>	<b>Good</b> SOME special inks can be used, but are limited in their effectiveness due to air infiltration drying the special inks in the pad.	<b>Not applicable with standard pre-inks</b> Requires special XS-INDUSTRIAL stamp w/limited sizes and inks	<b>Best</b> When the die is made of RUBBER the stamp can be used with a wide range of special inks.