



# Pen specialties

## Advantages that Wacom pen tablets provide



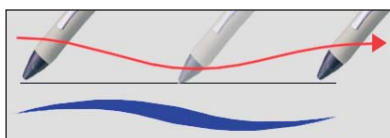
### Working intuitively - similar to pen and paper

With a pen instead of a mouse, the user is able to work in a more natural way - similar to writing or drawing with a normal pen and paper. The mouse was never designed to be an intuitive tool, especially not for painting, drawing, signing or photo/video editing. The Wacom pen is! Most Wacom pens even have a pressure sensitive eraser at the end.



### Using pressure sensitive tools

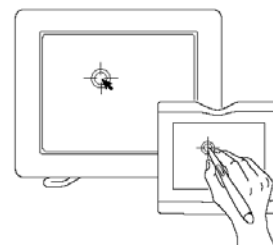
The pressure sensitive pen expands the functionality of various tools in many applications, because, pressing harder or softer with the pen on the tablet provides control over the opacity and size of many tools. A mouse only offers a pressure level of 1, whereas Wacom pens offer many more levels. This means the user doesn't have to continually adjust the tool settings as is done with a mouse. Also, certain tools in graphics, photo/video editing, signature and many more applications can be used more precisely and efficiently.



Tool	Pressure levels
Mouse	1
Volito	512
Graphire	512
Intuos	1024
Cintiq	512

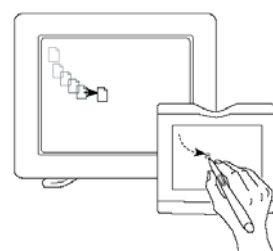
### Working more precisely

The high resolution of Wacom pen tablets enables the user to work much more precisely. Higher resolution means more precision, which comes in to force when confronted with complex interfaces full of sliders, settings and selections or when having to work on highly detailed objects.



### Convenient navigating

Navigating becomes quicker and more intuitive because the active area of a Wacom pen tablet automatically maps to the size of the screen. When the pen is in the middle of the tablet, the cursor is in the middle of the screen. As a result of the absolute positioning, the user neither has to search for the cursor any longer nor hustle or drag it over the screen.





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## Ergonomically designed

Using the ergonomically designed and optimally balanced Wacom pen can help to prevent RSI-syndromes (Repetitive Strain Injury). Using a pen means several muscles in the fingers, hand and arm are being used evenly. With most mice however, the same muscles in the fingers, hand and arms are unilaterally used and rest in the same position for a longer time. This repetitive use and stress of the same few muscles can significantly increase the risk of RSI.



## Expanding applications

With a Wacom tablet you can do more than with a mouse in the applications that you already have. In Mac OS X and with certain other applications, the user is able to benefit from handwriting recognition. Many features in the most common applications such as Macromedia Flash, Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator are unlocked when you have a Wacom tablet installed. These features form part of those tablet enabled applications that you can only take advantage of when you have a pen tablet.



## More productive and convenient workflows

Pen tablets allow more productive and individual workflows. The pen tablet is highly customizable. The tool buttons on Wacom pens and mice can be easily programmed with shortcuts, pop-up menus, modifiers or even 'run application' features.

## Environmentally friendly - no batteries, no cables

Only the Wacom pen and mouse are battery-free and cordless, meaning they are environmentally friendly, reliable and don't need to be maintained. Cordless means no obstructions and so easier to use. Wacom's patented technology, 'penabled technology', transmits signals from the tablet to the pen and back using electro-magnetic resonance.

## Easy installation and cross platform

You only have to install the tablet driver included to take advantage of a Wacom tablet. The tablet drivers can also be downloaded free from the Wacom website. They are regularly updated to comply with new operating system releases (e.g. Windows XP, Mac OS X). Most Wacom products are tested in the WHQL (Windows Hardware Quality Labs) and are officially certified products.

