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# Manhattan GMAT Test Simulation Booklet W/ Marker



## Synopsis

This unique product gets students comfortable with the GMAT's laminated scratch paper and special marker, a disconcerting feature of the actual test. This essential preparation tool helps you become comfortable with the laminated scratch paper and marker that you will be given when you take an Official GMAT. The Test Simulation Booklet consists of five laminated double-sided pages and is virtually identical to the booklet provided at official GMAT testing centers. A non-permanent marker of the same type used for the GMAT is included. You can erase your work using a damp paper towel.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

This booklet is not a must have - people have scored 700+ without it, BUT, consider these arguments: 1. This booklet and pen are exact replicas of what is used at the test center, and the more you can be comfortable with that environment, the better. (This set comes with one pen, but you will actually get 2 at your test center) 2. You are probably not used to writing notes and solving questions on a spiral-bound dry-erase board with a dry-erase marker pen. Having used this pen and board for a test can help you avoid some discomforts and set expectations properly 3. The size of this board (see customer images for comparison) is huge - much larger than expected (larger than OG 12) - it will take a good portion of your desk space, so again, something else good to know!!!! **IMPORTANT!!!** Regardless of whether you buy this set or not, remember 2 things: 1. Test the pens at the test center - many report that they get dry pens that do not write, and then end up

exchanging them mid-test while the clock is ticking<sup>2</sup>. Close the cap of the pen if you don't plan to write for a little while  
Let me know if any questions - I reply to comments!  
Best Regards, BB, GMAT 750  
Founder of GMATClub

Is this booklet and ink pen similar to the real GMAT test plastic scratchpad and ink pen? The answer is a resounding YES. The size, number of pages, and the materials used for the booklet are identical. The ink pen is EXACTLY the same. Should you spend the money on this booklet and ink pen? After all, do you REALLY need a simulation scratchpad and ink pen for GMAT? In my opinion, yes. Unfortunately, the GMAT scratchpad and ink pen takes some getting used to. The scratchpad is plastic and the ink pen does not write as precisely on the scratchpad as it does on paper. Trust me, the last thing you need is learning to use the ink pen and the scratchpad during the actual GMAT. Do not assume practicing on paper is a perfect substitute.

This is a MUST HAVE for simulating test day. I do drill sets with it and many, many practice questions. The BIG NEGATIVE (hence three stars) is it only comes with one marker. If you use the scratch pad a lot, which you will because you are studying a lot, then the marker will run out fairly quickly. Go ahead and order another pen for yourself when you buy the scratch pad ( sells them-it is called a Staedtler non-permanent Lumocolor). Regular dry-erase pens are a real B to wipe off the scratch pad laminate. If you are in a pinch for a replacement like I was, use a pen made for overhead transparencies like a teacher uses. I found the Expo Vis-a-Vis brand worked well. MUCH easier to wipe off the laminate than a normal dry erase pen.

I'm a cheap person. I generally don't like spending money unless absolutely necessary. When I first saw this, I thought it would be stupid to spend ~\$15 on a simple pad and marker. After reading other's reviews, I decided to purchase this product, and I'm extremely glad that I did. The pad is almost identical to the pad you will receive at the GMAT testing center, and the wet-erase marker is the exact same. Using this pad and marker is quite different from using traditional pen and paper. It's a relatively inexpensive way to eliminate another variable on test day. After using this pad and marker during GMAT practice, there aren't going to be an pad/marker-related surprises on test day. There is no doubt: this product (along with my Manhattan GMAT books and OG12) helped me get a 770 on the GMAT. My only criticism: It would be nice if they would include a second marker with the pad. My marker ran out of ink after a couple months of doing all my GMAT work / practice using the pad and marker. These markers can be a little hard to come by. After mine ran out, I was unable to

find the same marker at any of the art / office supply stores in my city, so I had to order a 4-pack of the markers from an online art-supply site. The 4-pack cost close to \$10 after shipping. Buy this, Use it, Eliminate all surprises on test day.

It helps. When I start using it to do practice exam, it took me a while to get used to it. I think it is a good buy. I lost the original wet erase pen when I moved. I used a dry erase fine point pen as replacement at first, but the note board got pretty dirty and my table is covered the dry ink dust. At the end, I used a extra fine point sharpie that I had (Yes, permanent marker), and cleaned it with a melamine foam, such as magic eraser. The melamine foam can erase the sharpie COMPLETELY from the board. This combination keeps the note board and the table much cleaner, and I didn't have to worry about my sweaty palm melting the writing. (well, the real pen is wet erase like the one included.) To save the melamine foam, I sliced the melamine foam into pieces of thin cloth, and I usually change to another piece when it is dirty.

This is a must for studying for the GMAT. Using this board is a lot different than using pen and paper. I was far better prepared for test day and more comfortable with the note board at the testing center. My only complaint is that the pen dried up before I finished my prep. The pen lasted through three practice CATs and some additional practice sessions. By the fourth CAT the pen was pretty useless and I had to resort to pen and paper instead. Otherwise, this is a great resource for GMAT prep and very similar to what you will use on test day.

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