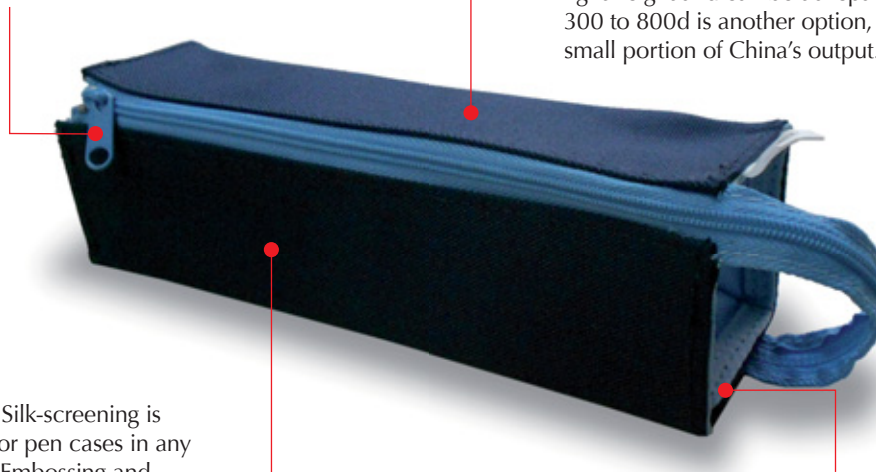


# Makers launch trendier, compartmented designs

## Typical features

- **Closure:** The type of lock depends on the body's material. Hinged-lid tin models utilize snap closures, while PVC versions often have snap buttons. Containers made of polyester or other fabrics use a zipper or a hook-and-loop fastener. PP cases can be secured with a magnet, button or hook-and-loop tape.

- **Material:** Tin, polyester, PP and PVC are the key input options, collectively accounting for 90 percent of China's aggregate yield. The first, especially the 0.23mm-thick variant, is very popular. Releases in this metal are 150 to 170mm long and 50 to 70mm wide. Low-end models are commonly made of PVC or EVA and last for less than one year. These plastic types are lightweight and can be transparent. Polyester weighing 300 to 800d is another option, but it takes up only a small portion of China's output.



- **Printing:** Silk-screening is suitable for pen cases in any material. Embossing and debossing are additional options for pieces made of tin. PP and PVC models undergo heat-transfer printing.

- **Construction:** Versions with single and multiple compartments are available, as are releases that incorporate racks with slots to hold additional items such as pencils. Suppliers also offer cases that look like small bags and are typically made of fabric. Pen cases in tin are traditionally rectangular. These may have more than one tier.

Price range (per piece)	Basic features
Below \$0.80	Single-layer; PP, PVC, EVA or up to 300d polyester; simple structure; color printing
\$0.80 to \$1.50	Single-layer tin, or 2-layer PP or 300 to 600d polyester; three or four compartments; color printing
\$1.50 to \$2	2 or 3-layer; tin, PP or at least 600d polyester; more than four compartments; color printing

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## Top trends

- **Fashionable styles:** Polyester pen cases' colors, patterns and motifs follow the latest trends in fashion. Suppliers look to the designs of luxury shoulder, tote and handbags for inspiration. Pieces in light hues are expected to increase in popularity in coming months.
- **Expanded storage space:** Recent versions have several compartments for holding more stationery products and other small items, including USB flash drives. In addition, having several divisions keeps contents organized, secured and easier to find. Some releases are foldable, taking up less space in users' bags.
- **Safe materials:** With the increasing safety and ecological awareness worldwide, manufacturers are boosting the use of nonhazardous inputs. The pigment applied on tin cases, for instance, is lead-free. Suppliers also utilize polyester without azo and formaldehyde.
- **Price forecast:** Suppliers continue to face inflation in China, and rising labor and raw material costs. Due to these persisting challenges, they anticipate markups of 10 to 15 percent in 1H12.

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**Model:** ODS-PenB-005

**Description:** Cotton canvas; white; rectangular; silk-screening, heat-transfer printing

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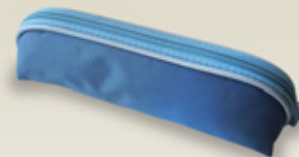
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