



Located in the Vosges region of France, **Clairefontaine** was established on the site of a paper mill built in 1512. The Clairefontaine mill has been making paper since 1858 and stationery products since 1890. The company is best known for making the first school notebooks in France.

Clairefontaine is famous for its exceptionally white and ultra smooth notebook paper. People love Clairefontaine notebooks for the quality of the paper, and the pleasure of writing they experience when they use them. The notebook paper weighs 90 g, and has excellent opacity and a perfect satin finish for maximum smoothness in writing.



Clairefontaine is simply the best paper in the world for writing. Our velin veloute (*pronounced ve-lin veu-lou-te*) notebook paper features an ultra smooth surface. A gift of nature, a mineral called calcium carbonate, gives Clairefontaine paper its famous trademark qualities of extra white and ultra smooth.

Clairefontaine products sold in the United States include its famous notebooks and pads, Pollen and Triomphe stationery, and art paper for painting, pastels and sketching.

Clairefontaine is currently the only European manufacturer making its own paper for its own products. This guarantees not only consistent quality, but also controls the environmental impact of the manufacturing process. We now supply 80% of our own energy. The River Meurthe is the source of water supply for the Vosges mill. The water is **so clean** when it leaves the facility; local people can fish, swim, and boat *downstream* within sight of the mill.

Papermaking requires a lot of water. Clairefontaine's respect for our natural resources began long before public opinion made it law. Clairefontaine has received several environmental awards for developing an innovative clean papermaking technology.

Made only with pulp from sustainable forests, Clairefontaine paper has been certified according to recognized international standards and independent third parties such as the PEFC (Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification) and FSC (Forest Stewardship Council) and others. These certifications ensure the protection of endangered wildlife habitats.