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**IT'S A PEN! IT'S A HIGH-LIGHTER! IT'S SORTA COOL!**

Have you ever found yourself on a plane, highlighting excerpts from one of the endless memos you took with you from work? Maybe you've wanted to jot down a comment and you've had to fish around your bag for a ballpoint pen.

I have. It's a problem. Not a big deal, but annoying enough.

And now the solution has arrived, thanks to the good people at Sheaffer Pen. Their **Prelude MPI** is a small masterpiece, a "writing tool," as the company says, that joins pen and highlighter in one. Pop off the cap, and it's a ballpoint pen. Twist the black band, and a yellow highlighter tip emerges around and past the ballpoint. Brilliant!

It's handy indeed, and it looks good. Sheaffer has produced three versions: in chrome, 22k gold plate, and black onyx laqué, priced from \$45 to \$70 ([www.sheaffer.com](http://www.sheaffer.com)). A lovely solution to a small problem—finally. —Magnus Hoij



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