## Get green with Starlab.

## PASSIONATE FOR SUSTAINABILITY IN SCIENCE.

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Passionate for science.



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## A company with a mission.

#### **OUR GREEN MISSION**

When you take one step forward in the lab, you should not have to take two steps back where environmental protection is concerned. Only when scientific progress is also sustainable, will it unfold long-term benefits for all of us in terms of climate issues.

That is why we at Starlab have been thinking about sustainability for some time, with long-term corporate planning and durable products. We have already succeeded in saving plastic with our TipOne® pipette tip system. However, the truth is that we all still have a long way to go towards a fully sustainable laboratory.

For you and for our planet, our mission is to continually look for intelligent, climate-friendly products and processes. Together with you, we will strive to achieve our goal of becoming a thoroughly green company. Our promise along the way: to continue to take steps wherever we can – whether large or small – to reduce our impact on the environment.

Sustainability is at the heart our business culture, and we hope this will help us attract the best talent. Through this mission, Starlab will incentivise and reward ecologically sustainable behaviour in everyday business tasks, and we will actively support our employees' engagement with sustainability initiatives in the local or wider communities. "We need to take responsibility. It requires self-reflection, engagement and the will to make a change for a sustainable future. In our business we need to constantly look for and provide better solutions that direct us to take the next step for being a role model in our industry."

Klaus Ambos CEO Starlab International



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# Being green, behind the scenes.



#### SALES TEAM

Promotes TipOne<sup>®</sup> refills to customers as the plastic-saving and economical alternative to racked tips. Provides free empty racks for refill users. Help customers rationalise product inventory for efficient ordering. Undertakes MGL Green Ambassador Course as part of their training.



PURCHASING Product is purchased for the whole Starlab group to ensure efficient transportation.

#### SERVICING LABORATORY

solutions.

MARKETING Digital first is our mantra! Reduced printed material

and increased digital

Paperless systems with calibration certificates provided in pdf format. Car sharing or use of publis transport to on-site clinics where possible. Reusable mailing boxes provided for sending your pipettes to our labs for servicing.

#### CUSTOMER SERVICE

A 100% paperless office might be an unrealistic goal but we regularly review and audit our internal administrative processes and have digitised nearly all processes to reduce paper printing to an absolute minimum.

PRODUCT MANAGEMENT Reviews & streamlines product portfolio.

Audits packaging on existing products to reduce where possible. Works with R&D on the development of greener products that result in the use of less raw materials without compromising quality.

#### WAREHOUSE

Reuse cardboard boxes where possible. Plastic padding has been replaced with 100% biodegradable paper packing. All waste (cardboard, pallets etc) is recycled. Warehouse lighting replaced with energy-saving lamps.

## HYBRID WORKING Reduces the weekly

carbon footprint of staff travelling into the office.

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# The TipOne<sup>®</sup> pipette tip system is evolving...

#### **SAVING PLASTIC SINCE 1998**

TipOne<sup>®</sup> was designed to be a plastic saving pipette tip system. The system is reusable, refillable and recyclable, with every part of the system being interchangeable with the rest. It was the first tip system on the market that provided an easy to use refill system.

The system was redesigned in 2015 with two main aims: to update its look, and to save more plastic. Through our expertise in manufacturing, the new system now takes less plastic to manufacture, without compromise to its quality. Compared to the original system, up to 59 % less plastic (by weight, per pack), is required to make the clear refill shells, and a 6 % reduction of plastic acheived per rack. The introduction of a new, sterile refill system provides a saving of up to 63 % less plastic (per pack) compared to the equivalent, racked product.

On top of all that, as the next step in our journey to make pipette tips more sustainable, we are now manufacturing the clear plastic packaging components of our refill systems from 100% recycled plastic.





#### **TipOne® IS A CONVINCING, SUSTAINABLE PIPETTE TIP SYSTEM**

#### **REDUCE AND REUSE!**

When it comes to plastic waste in the lab, it's obviously good to recycle what you can, but two other important considerations are to REDUCE the amount of plastic coming into your lab in the first place, and second, to REUSE whatever you can.

This is where TipOne<sup>®</sup> comes into its own – when using our refill systems, you do both! You reduce the amount of new plastic coming into your lab AND you are reusing TipOne® racks at the same time. Here's the amount of plastic saved with every pack of refills compared to pre-racked tips:

#### PLASTIC SAVED PER PACK OF REFILLS **vs PER PACK OF RACKED TIPS**

Tip volume	Per pack (960 tips)
10 µl & 10/20 µl XL	466 g
200 µl	546 g
300 µl	546 g
1000 µl	737 g
1250 µl XL	807 g

PLASTIC SAVED PER PACK OF STERILE REFILLS **vs PER PACK OF STERILE RACKED TIPS** 

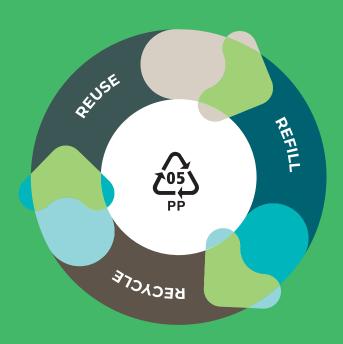
Tip volume	Per pack (960 tips)
10 µl & 10/20 µl XL	370 g
200 µl	370 g
300 µl	370 g
1000 µl	475 g
1250 µl XL	475 g





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## TipOne<sup>®</sup> – reuse, refill, recycle



#### TipOne<sup>®</sup> IS THE ORIGINAL REUSABLE, REFILLABLE AND RECYCLABLE TIP SYSTEM

#### REUSE

TipOne<sup>®</sup> racks are designed for reuse with the refill systems. Our durable racks (with tip wafers inserted) can withstand at least 100 autoclave cycles without loss of shape or strength.

#### REDUCE

Save empty TipOne® racks to reuse with the refills. Aim to reuse the racks as many times possible. Why not liaise with other people in your lab or building, and set up a pool of empty racks for sharing to ensure even less waste.

#### REFILL

TipOne<sup>®</sup> refills are an economical alternative to pre-racked tips. They save on plastic waste, are quick and easy to use, and do not compromise the tip's cleanliness when racking up.

#### RECYCLE

All your polypropylene (PP) TipOne<sup>®</sup> packaging: the racks, the coloured tip wafers, the clear refill bottom shells and lids, and the Stack Rack outer layers and the lid, can be recycled.

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#### **RECYCLING IN ITALY**

Starlab currently offers recycling collection schemes in the UK, Germany, Austria and some areas of France. Our long term aim is to offer this service across all Starlab-group countries, and this is something that we are currently working towards.

In the meantime, if you have a polypropylene recycling stream at your site, please use it to recycle your TipOne<sup>®</sup> polypropylene packaging.

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#### HOW IS POLYPROPYLENE RECYCLED?

One of the first steps of the recycling process, is to mill or granulate the propylene into small pieces.

The granulated plastic then goes through various other processes to eventually end up as a raw material that can be used to make other plastic products.

If you want to know more about how polypropylene is recycled, watch our video





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## **Green ambassadors.**

#### OUR ACCOUNT MANAGERS ARE GREEN AMBASSADORS

This means they have general knowledge of the sustainable lab from a perspective that is not only directly linked to Starlab products. Our sales teams can help you introduce, apply and develop sustainable changes in your labs.

Becoming a Green Ambassador involves learning about the four main topics of lab sustainability:

- Energy
- Waste
- Water
- Green Chemistry & Community

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My Green Lab acknowledges that

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#### Starlab Account Manager

Has successfully completed the My Green Lab Smart Science Training Videos and Ambassador Assessment and has been granted the title of My Green Lab Ambassador.

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# Tips on greening your lab.







#### FREEZER MANAGEMENT!

Set ultra low freezers to -70°C rather than -80°C; this won't compromise the sample's integrity (always test run with unimportant samples first!) but will save a lot of energy. Buy efficient freezers when replacing old freezers. Defrost regularly to avoid using more energy when loaded with ice. Discard old samples so freezer space is not wasted, and optimise freezer space with sample storage boxes for efficient energy use.

#### **REUSE TipOne® RACKS FOR MORE THAN JUST TIP REFILLS**

You can reuse empty TipOne<sup>®</sup> racks to store tubes, caps and other small items to keep your bench or hood tidy and organised. The hinged lid and how the racks stack one on top of the other makes the racks ideal storage boxes.

#### THINK BEFORE YOU AUTOCLAVE!

Many products are certified. Nine times out ten they probably don't need to be autoclaved. Think of the energy you can save.

#### **BUY IN BULK!** Buy by the case (Starlab Article Nos ending with -C). It's greener, cheaper, and saves both transport emissions and packing materials.

#### SWITCH IT OFF!

Equipment not being used should be switched off. Even on standby, equipment can significantly increase the energy used.

#### **CLOSE IT!**

Close the fume hood sash when not in use. Even for fixed flow hoods, this can reduce the amount of heated or cooled air escaping the room.

#### **MORE INFO**

www.starlab.click/newsroom

See our NEWSROOM for more tips on greening your lab and a range of articles on sustainability.



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## Our greenest products.

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TipOne<sup>®</sup> Racks. Reuse with the refill systems over and over again. The sturdy racks can withstand at least 100 autoclave cycles. Great storing small lab

items too!



**Centrifuge Tubes.** Racked tubes in recyclable cardboard trays. No more hard to recycle polystyrene!





Mailing Boxes. Reuse again and again to mail-in your pipettes for servicing. Reduces waste.



TipOne<sup>®</sup>system. Made from recyclable PP (polypropylene), recycle all your TipOne® plastic (excluding tips.



TipOne<sup>®</sup> refills. **Refills significantly reduce** single-use plastic waste. Ensures the reuse of tip racks. Space-saving which reduces packaging needs and transport emissions. Lids, spacers and base trays made with 100% recycled plastic.



**ErgoOne® Pipettes.** Greased system reduces the waste and cost associated with annual seal and o-ring replacement. Stainless steel tip cone on micro models prevents breakage and further part needs.



StarGuard<sup>®</sup> Gloves. Comfort & Sensitive packed in boxes of 250 & 200 gloves respectively. Up to 40% more gloves in the same size boxes as 100 gloves to reduce packaging needs and transport emissions.



**GuardOne**° Workstations.

Minimal packing volume & weight reduces transport needs. Latest fan technology and energy-saving LED light provides one of the lowest power consumptions on the market. Long-life UV lamp.



5.0 ml tubes. When 2.0 ml tubes are too small but 15 ml tubes are too big. Reduce plastic use and amount of space used in the freezer with 5.0 ml tubes.



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are made with 85% recycled

stainless steel.



## The Starlab green team.

#### THE STARLAB GREEN TEAM

The Green Team consists of members from each country within the Starlab Group. Green Team members are passionate about sustainability and green issues; their role is to research, identify, share and galvanise ideas for improving Starlab's sustainability ratings, be that for both our products, our internal processes or initiatives with the local or wider communities.

If you would like to discuss ways of making your lab greener, or have a suggestion on how we can improve or help you reach your own sustainable goals, please let us know. We are always happy to talk "all things sustainability", and are open to ideas and suggestions or ways in which Starlab could partner with you so together, we can build a greener future in the lab.

Please contact your Account Manager, or a Green Team member in your country. Alternatively, you can contact the Starlab Green **Officer** at: vanessa.whight@starlab.de

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### Celebrating 25 years of TipOne<sup>®</sup> Pipette Tips. Your key to quality, reliability and sustainability!

For 25 years, TipOne® Pipette Tips have been the unwavering choice for laboratories worldwide. Our commitment to **quality, reliability and sustainability** has made us the trusted partner of scientists and researchers who demand excellence. Our tips fit onto all popular pipettes, ensuring seamles compatibility and ease of use for all pipettes in your lab. But it's not just about **convenience** – it's also about **making a difference.** 

We've consistently delivered on our promise of quality and reliability, empowering you to focus on what truly matters – your research. And in doing so, we've also contributed to a more sustainable future by significantly reducing plastic waste. And that journey continues. **The clear plastic packaging on our refills is now being manufactured with 100% recycled plastic.** Look out for the new labels on the lines already converted.

**TipOne® Pipette Tips are more than 'just' tips.** They are your partners in scientific discovery and your contribution to **making science more sustainable.** Join us in celebrating 25 years of quality, realiability and sustainability with TipOne® Pipette Tips.



### **REUSE. REFILL. RECYCLE.**

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