

# Sustainability Program

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## Our Commitment

### AT SCIENTIFIC SPECIALTIES, WE BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF INNOVATION, COLLABORATION, AND CONSCIENTIOUS PRACTICES TO DRIVE POSITIVE CHANGE.

As we navigate the ever-evolving landscape of business, we are acutely aware of our responsibility to contribute to a sustainable and resilient world. Our Sustainability Program is not just a commitment; it's a reflection of our dedication to harmonizing economic growth with environmental stewardship and social well-being. We invite you to explore the initiatives and values that define our sustainability journey, as we strive to create a lasting impact that extends far beyond the walls of our organization. Together, let's build a future that is not just sustainable, but thriving.

#### **PLANET**

#### **Environmentally-friendly materials**

- Evaluating alternative forms of low-retention additives, resulting in annual reduction of 120 pounds of PFAS material.
- Evaluating the use of packaging made from 100% recycled materials.
- Converted 100% of shipping cartons from white cardboard to kraft corrugated materials.
- Evaluating use of plant-based dyes in our marketing materials.
- EcoPac® tip refills use 70% less plastic than racked tips. They also incorporate PET packaging which is fully recyclable.

#### **Energy Efficiency / Conservation**

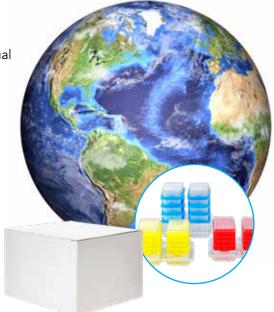
- Heavily invested in energy-efficient hybrid injection molding machines to reduce overall energy consumption.
- Energy management systems in place to optimize energy use (LED lighting, motion detection lighting in warehouse).
- More than 40% of manufacturing energy is sourced from carbonfree sources (solar, wind, eligible hydroelectric, geothermal, biomass & biowaste).
- Evaluation of solar power implementation in 2024.
- Treat and recycle water used in manufacturing processes.
- 100% of company cars are electric.
- EV charging stations available for employee use.

#### **Supply Chain Sustainability**

- Work with suppliers that adhere to sustainable practices and ethical standards.
- Collaborate with suppliers to optimize packaging and transportation to reduce overall environmental impact.
- Utilize Ecovadis and Sustainabill platforms as a robust assessment tool to evaluate and monitor our environmental, social and ethical performance to reinforce our commitment to creating a more sustainable and responsible business ecosystem.

#### **Waste Reduction**

- Implement closed-loop systems where recycled materials are used in production of new products (ex: regrind cold runners and other plastic waste for use in production of racks).
- Up to 61% reduction in use of virgin polypropylene through use of new EcoResin® (post-consumer recycled resin) in production of racked pipette







#### **PEOPLE**

#### **Social Responsibility**

- Implement fair labor practices and ensure a safe working environment for employees.
- Implement training programs for all levels of employees to enhance job satisfaction and company culture.
- Train employees on sustainability practices.
- Foster a culture of environmental responsibility within the organization.
- Encourage employee suggestions for improving sustainability efforts.



#### **PERFORMANCE**

#### **Continuous Improvement**

- Maintain a culture of continuous improvement by regularly evaluating and refining sustainability initiatives.
- Encourage innovation in processes, materials and designs to further reduce the company's environmental footprint.

#### **Regulatory Compliance / Governance**

- Stay abreast of environmental regulations and ensure compliance with relevant standards and certifications.
- Work toward ISO-14001 compliance.

#### 1. Vertex®LE Rack

Tip Racks and Grid Wafers are made from our EcoResin®,

which is 99% post-consumer recycled resin plus 1% colorant. 50% of the plastic in Vertex®LE racked products are comprised of EcoResin®, meaning there is a 50% savings in the use of virgin polypropylene.

Introducing
EcoResin

Up to 61% of the plastic in Vertex®LE racks and reloads are comprised of EcoResin® post-consumer recycled polypropylene.

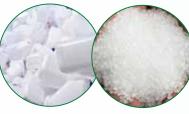
### 3. EcoPac® Refill Systems

**Vertex**®LE **EcoPac® Reloads** offer a convenient, cost-effective way to refill your empty racks with fresh tips and reduce your laboratory waste by 70%!



It begins with certified post-consumer plastics.

Recycled plastic from milk jugs, detergent bottles, and oil bottles is washed.



Then reground and pelletized into EcoResin® for Vertex®LE Racks.





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