

1/Housing Guidelines

Tecniplast's Product Compliance with International Guidelines

Because caging equipment is one of the most important elements in the physical and social environment of the animals used in experimental procedures, Tecniplast has developed, with customers' valued help, the largest range of cages meeting or exceeding current rules and guidelines:

EU Guidelines:

Requirements for Establishments and for the Care and Accomodation of Animals, Annex III of the Directive 2010/63/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on the protection of animals used for scientific purposes, 22 September 2010.

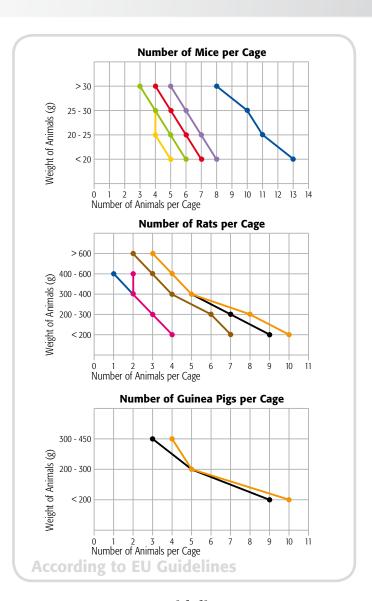
USA Guidelines:

Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals, Institute of Laboratory Animal Research, Division on Earth and Life Studies, National Research Council, National Academy Press, Washington D.C. 2011.

UK Guidelines:

Code of Practice for the Housing and Care of Animals, used in Scientific Procedures, Home Office Animals (Scientific Procedures), ACT 1986.

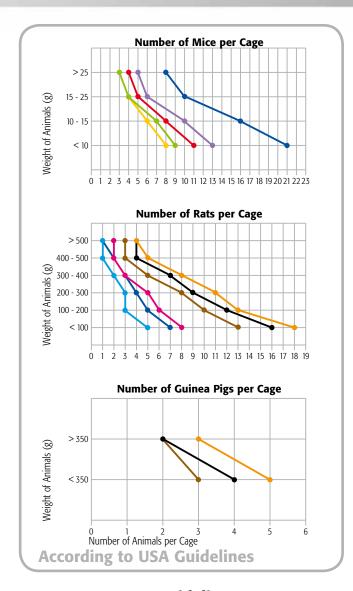
Legend for EU, USA and UK Guidelines 1144B 1145T 1264C 1284L 1290D*/1291H** 2150E 2154F 1500U** 1354G 2000P * With Raised Wire Lid for Rats after EU and USA Guidelines ** Raised Lid Available for Rats and Guinea Pigs after UK Guidelines



EU Guidelines: Min. Floor Area and Height

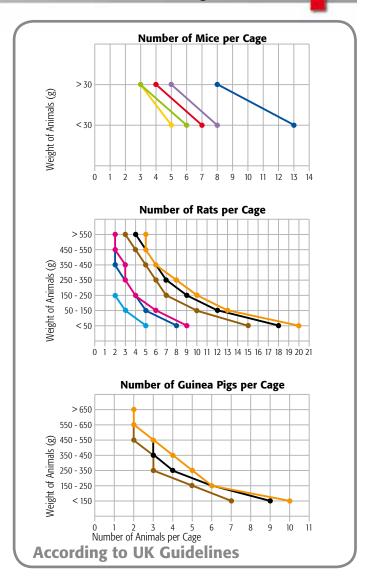
Species	Body Weight (g)	Minimum Enclosure Size (cm²)	Floor Area per Animal (cm²)	Minimum Enclosure Height (cm)
Mice	< 20 20 - 25 25 - 30 > 30	330 330 330 330	60 70 80 100	12 12 12 12
Rats	< 200 200 - 300 300 - 400 400 - 600 > 600	800 800 800 800 1500	200 250 350 450 600	18 18 18 18
Hamsters	< 60 60 - 100 > 100	800 800 800	150 200 250	14 14 14
Guinea Pigs	< 200 200 - 300 300 - 450 450 - 700 > 700	1800 1800 1800 2500 2500	200 350 500 700 900	23 23 23 23 23 23

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Species	Weight (g)	Floor Area per Animal (cm²/inch²)	Minimum Height (cm/inch)
Mice	< 10	38/6	12/5
	10 - 15	51/8	12/5
	15 - 25	77/12	12/5
	> 25	> 96 ≥ 15	12/5
Rats	< 100 100 - 200 200 - 300 300 - 400 400 - 500 > 500	109/17 148/23 187/29 258/40 387/60 > 451 ≥ 70	17/7 17/7 17/7 17/7 17/7
Hamsters	< 60	64/10	15/6
	60 - 80	83/13	15/6
	80 - 100	103/16	15/6
	> 100	> 122 ≥ 19	15/6
Guinea Pigs	< 350	387/60	17/7
	> 350	> 651 ≥ 101	17/7



UK Guidelines: Min. Floor Area and Height

Species	Weight of Animal (g)	Minimum Floor Area per Animal when Housed in Groups (cm²)	Minimum Floor Area per Animal when Housed Singly (cm²)	Minimum Height (cm)
Mice	< 30	60	200	12
	> 30	100	200	12
Rats	< 50	100	500	18
	50 - 150	150	500	18
	150 - 250	200	500	18
	250 - 350	250	700	20
	350 - 450	300	700	20
	450 - 550	350	700	20
	> 550	400	800	20
Hamsters	< 60	80	300	15
	60 - 90	100	300	15
	90 - 120	120	300	15
	> 120	165	300	15
Guinea Pigs	<150	200	700	20
	150 - 250	300	700	20
	250 - 350	400	900	20
	350 - 450	500	900	23
	450 - 550	600	900	23
	550 - 650	700	1000	23
	> 650	750	1250	23

2/Cage Body Selection

Tecniplast cage bodies are designed to facilitate animal welfare, meet research requirements and minimize experimental variables. The following cage body selection is grouped by species. Please note that the dimensions are in the following order: L x W x H (Length x Width x Height)

Plastic Selection Polycarbonate (PC):

This plastic is transparent with exceptional impact strength and heat resistance. It can be autoclaved at 121°C/250° F.



H-TEMP Polysulfone (PSU):

This plastic is highly resistant, it can be autoclaved at 134°C/273°F. Considering an average of one autoclaving cycle per week, the three-year of warranty corresponds to at least 150 cycles.









1145T 369 x 156 x 132 mm floor area 435 cm²

Plastic Selection

Cage Body	Polycarbonate	H-Temp
1144B	-001	-00SU
1145T	-001	-00SU
1264C	-001	-00SU
1284L	-001	-00SU
1290D	-001	-00SU
1291H	-001	-00SU
2150E	-001	-00SU
2154F	-001	-00SU
1500U	-001	-00SU
1354G	-001	-
2000P	-001	-00SU

For Automatic Watering option, please contact your Tecniplast sales representative.

Legend
Mice • Rats/Hamsters • Guinea Pigs



1291H Eur 425 : floo



^{*}Please refer to the Tecniplast warranty documents.

Cage Body Selection





1264C Eurostandard Type II 267 x 207 x 140 mm floor area 370 cm²



1284L Eurostandard Type II L 365 x 207 x 140 mm floor area 530 cm²



1290D Eurostandard Type III 425 x 266 x 155 mm floor area 820 cm²



ostandard Type III H x 266 x 185 mm r area 800 cm²



2150E 355 x 235 x 190 mm floor area 580 cm²

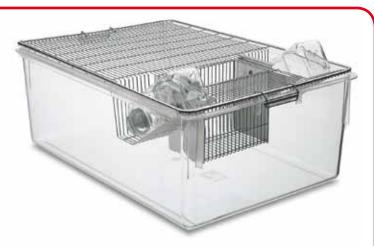


2154F 480 x 265 x 210 mm floor area 940 cm²



1354G Eurostandard Type IV 595 x 380 x 200 mm

floor area 1820 cm²



2000P

610 x 435 x 215 mm floor area 2065 cm²

3/Lid Selection

Tecniplast uses only first choice certified AISI 304 Stainless Steel. Guaranteed uniform quality with minimal dirt traps and excellent stackability for ease of handling and storage. Designed to ensure perfect fit and positive locking, throughout the complete product range. For different species, different lid designs are used.

Warning: DO NOT autoclave lids -014/-114/-123 on cage body (irrespective of material) as spring-clip may cause cage-wall warping!

3.1/Wire Lid

Inner Fitting Lid

The inner fitting lid is compatible with filter tops.

Series -016/-116/-015/-115

Standard lid with built-in u-shaped feed hopper and hinged divider which collapses to allow nesting of lids. Features solid sheet sides, swing-clip lock and bottle protection washer, designed to prevent chewing of non-metal tops. Series -015/-016 is without hinged divider and can be equipped with removable divider.

Series -014/-114

Same features like as series -116. The difference is the spring-clip closure. Series -014 is without hinged divider and can be equipped with removable divider.

Outer Fitting Lid

The outer fitting lid is not compatible with filter tops.

Series -012

With built-in u-shaped feed hopper, solid sheet sides, swing-clip lock and push-pull action for quick access to cage occupants. The series can be equipped with removable divider.

Series -025

Flat lid without feed hopper. Designed for use with post-surgery animals or infusion work.

3.2/Raised Wire Lid

These lids are specially designed for housing rats and guinea pigs. Please note that raised wire lids are not compatible with filter tops, except 2000P -224.

Raised Wire Lid with Built-in U-Shaped Feed Hopper

Series -123

Standard lid with hinged divider which collapses to allow nesting. Features solid sheet sides and front spring-clip closure.

Series -120/-117

Lid with hinged divider which collapses to allow nesting of lids. Features solid sheet sides and swing-clip lock. External fitting, with push-pull action for easy access to cage occupants.

Raised Wire Lid with Drop-In Hopper

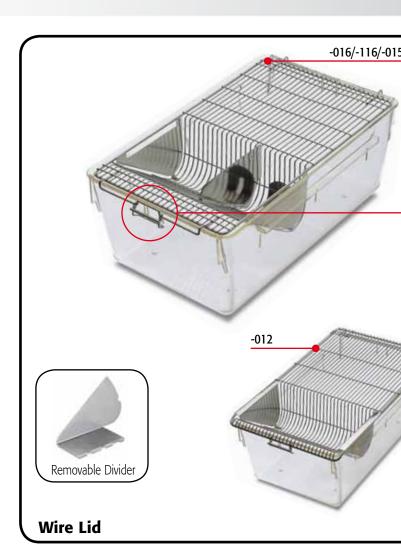
Drop-In hopper to be ordered separately.

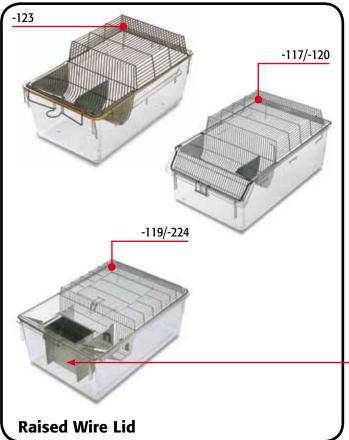
Series -119/-224

Features swing-clip lock, dual bottle depressions, allows push-pull action, plus top opening hatch for quick access to cage occupants.

Removable Divider

Most of the wire lids or raised wire lids, without hinged divider, can be equipped with removable dividers which have to be ordered separately. The removable divider separates the lid built-in food hopper and the bottle holder.







Wire Lid Selection and Removable Divider

Cage Body	Inner Fitting Lid with Hinged Divider	Inner Fitting Lid without Hinged Divider	Outer Fitting Lid without Hinged Divider	Removable Divider	Flat Lid	Species
1144B	-116	-016	-	1264C812	-	Mice
1145T	-116	-016	-	-	-	Mice
1264C	-116	-016	-012	1264C812	-025	Mice
1284L	-116	-016	-	1264C812	-	Mice
1290D 1291H*	-116*	-016*	-012*	1290D812*	-025*	Mice Rats ^{▲▲▲} Hamsters
2150E	-114	-014	-	1290D812	-	Rats Hamsters
2154F	-114	-014	-	1290D812	-025	Rats Hamsters
1500U**	-116**	-016**	-	1400U812	-	Rats Hamsters
1354G	-115	-015	-012▲	1354G812	-	Mice Rats Hamsters Guinea Pigs
2000P	-214 ^▲ -242***	-014	-	-	-	Rats Hamsters Guinea Pigs

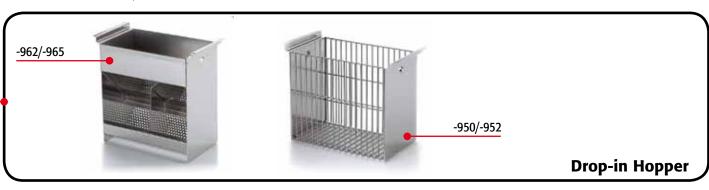
- * 1291H to be ordered as 1290D -116/-016/-012/-812/-025
- ** 1500U to be ordered as 1400U -116/-016
- *** 2000P -242 to be ordered with Drop-In Hopper -962 or -950
- ▲ Can be used with mice
- ▲▲ Two dividers
- 1290D to be ordered with Raised Wire Lid for Housing Rats

Raised Wire Lid Selection, Removable Divider and Drop-In Hopper

Cage Body	Lid with Divider	Lid without Divider	Removable Divider	Raised Height (mm)	Top Hatch Access (mm)	Drop-In Hopper for Guinea Pigs	Drop-In Hopper for Rats	Species
1290D 1291H*	-123*	-023*	-812*	60	-	-	-	Rats
1500U**	-224**▲	-	-	40	165 x 220	-965***	-952***	Rats Guinea Pigs
1354G	-117 -120 -119 ^	-017 -020 -	-812 -812 -	25 70 70	- - 220 x 225	- - -965	- - -952	Rats Guinea Pigs
2000P	-224▲	-	-	40	220 x 225	-962	-950	Rats Guinea Pigs

▲ Two dividers

- * 1291H to be ordered as 1290D -123/-023/-812
- ** 1500U to be ordered as 1400U -224
- *** To be ordered as 1354G -965/-952



4/Bottle & Cap Selection

4.1/Bottle Selection

Tecniplast produces a wide range of water bottles. The bottles have a silicone ring. This enables easy placing and removal of caps. Silicone seal is long lasting and does not need to be removed for cleaning when bottles are autoclaved. The bottle neck silicone ring features three protruding lips which prevent water from leaking.

Please note, that bottle "H" is without silicone ring.

The bottles are made of clear-glass Polycarbonate (PC), complying with Title 21 FDA requirements. Autoclavable at 121°C /250°F for 20 minutes. The most popular sizes/styles are optionally available in H-Temp (PSU) and X-Temp (PPSU).

Important features:

- · Consistent thickness.
- Rigid walls, cannot be squeezed when handling.
- Wide mouth (Ø 44.5 mm) to aid filling and emptying, whilst also ensuring effective washing.
- Embossed, moulded graduations as aid to volume measurement.
 Please note, that bottles ACBT0702 and -0702SU are ungraduated.

4.2/Cap Selection

Tecniplast metal bottle caps are totally made of polished AISI 316 Stainless Steel, to be corrosion resistant. The caps are chew-proof and have a one-piece sipper tube design. A perfect long-lasting product is guaranteed by our special production processes, constant quality standards and attention to detail. The cone shaped cap design, with the slope of the bottle, maximize water availability for animals.

Series ACCP2521

Standard bottle cap made of stainless steel with \emptyset 1.8 mm hole.

Series ACCP2511

Bottle cap with ø 1.0 mm hole for special applications, where the control of water consumption is essential.

Series ACCP2522

Same design as Series ACCP2521 but made of plastic (shorter lifespan).

Series ACCP6521

Bottle cap specially designed for small, weak or post-surgery animals.

Series ACCPS50

Bottle cap designed for special experiments, where easy accessibility and a higher flow rate of water is needed.

5/Label Holder Selection

Vertical or horizontal label holders are available with two different attachments:

 With Spring: allows label holder to swivel and enables writing without removing the card.

Please note, that the spring design is only suitable for Tecniplast cages, with pre-drilled lugs for label holder attachment.

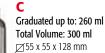
•With Hook: suitable for any cage or lid



Legend Bottle Selection • Bottles with Silicone Ring







- Available: • (PC) ACBT0262
- (PSU) ACBT0262SU
- (PEI) ACBT0262PI
- (PPSU) ACBT0262PFS
- (Black) ACBT0262N



Graduated up to: 400 ml Total Volume: 450 ml ☑72 x 72 x 122 mm Available:

- (PC) ACBT0402 (PSU) ACBT0402SU
- (PEI) ACBT0402PI
- (PPSU) ACBT0402PFS



Graduated up to: 500 ml Total Volume: 600 ml Ø 74 x 180 mm Available:

• (PC) ACBT0502



Graduated up to: 600 ml Total Volume: 720 ml

☑ 72 x 72 x 182 mm Available:

• (PC) ACBT0702

• (PSU) ACBT0702SU



Graduated up to: 1000 ml Total Volume: 1100 ml ☑83 x 83 x 225 mm

Available:
• (PC) ACBT1000

Bottle Selection

Cage Body	Bottle
1144B	А
1145T	С
1264C	B/D
1284L	C/D
1290D	Е
1291H	E/F
2150E	C/D
2154F	F
1500U	F
1354G	F/G/H
2000P*	G/H

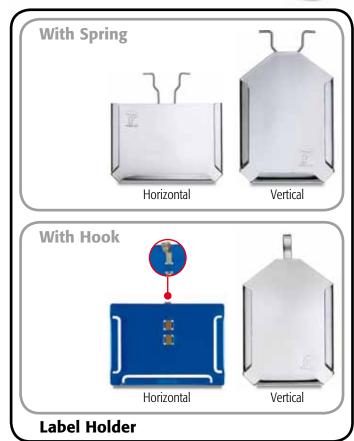
^{*}Please contact us for compatibility with racks.

Cap Selection

SS Cap for Bottles	Nylon Cap for Bottles	Hole (mm)	External Diameter (mm)	Length (mm)
ACCP2521	ACCP2522	Ø 1.8	6.5	25
ACCP2511	-	Ø 1.0	6.5	25
ACCPS50	-	With Balls	8	50
ACCP6521	-	Ø 2.2	8	65

Label Holder Selection





Label Holder Selection

Label holder	L x H (mm)	Style	Suits Cards L x (H) - (mm)
ACPC0050	75 x 105	SS Vertical with Hook	70 x (50÷100)
ACPC0055	105 x 75	SS Horizontal with Spring	100 x (50÷90)
ACPC0060	75 x 105	SS Vertical with Spring	70 x (50÷100)
ACPC0056	130 x 77	SS Horizontal with Spring	125 x (50÷90)
ACPC0046*	80 x 60	SS Horizontal with Spring	75 x (50÷80)
ACPC0045PL	105 x 75	Plastic Horizontal with Hook	100 x (50÷90)
ACPC0055PL	105 x 75	Plastic Horizontal with Spring	100 x (50÷90)
ACPC0056PL	130 x 77	Plastic Horizontal with Spring	125 x (50÷90)
ACPC0065PL	130 x 77	Plastic Horizontal with Hook	125 x (50÷90)

^{*}Wide format specific for cage 2000P

6/Accessories

6.1/Powder Feeder

Made of AISI 304 SS, Tecniplast powder feeders are located inside the cages and hang at the cage body wall. Provided with one or more partitions, they can be accessed simultaneously by two or more animals. These feeders are designed with small compartments to prevent animals from entering and nesting and to reduce waste and spillage.

Series -927/-922/-923

Unique two-part design consisting of lower tray/hopper to be filled with powder feed, whilst the upper lid/divider section slides down directly onto the food. A series of SS cross-wires on the bottom of the top section provides many small slots through which the animals feed, encouraging the consumption of fine particles (ensuring ingestion of test medium), whilst helping to reduce wastage and prevent nesting. Ideal for powder feed studies.

Series -929

Simple "J"-Design for use with lid Series -012, in order to avoid nesting inside the powder feeder. Features anti-spill lip at front and separation wires.

6.2/Raised Bottom Grid

Made of AISI 304 SS wire mesh which can be dropped into solid bottom cages to separate animals from their waste. It has 30mm elevation for mice and for rats/guinea pigs. Features convenient handle for easy insertion and removal.

6.3/Plastic Bag

Ideal for autoclaving cages when protective covering is needed. The plastic bags feature breathable sides to prevent cage deformation.

6.4/Filter Top

Tecniplast Filter Tops consist of three parts:

- Polysulfone (PSU) H-Temp™ Frame.
- \bullet Polyester Filter Sheet with an atmospheric dust efficiency of 92% on 8 10 μm particles.
- Stainless Steel Retainer.

The patented Filter Top (Mini-Isolator) Cage System creates a protective barrier at cage level with major advantages for the protection of both animals and staff. Filter Top Cages can be autoclaved as complete units. The filter top can optionally be supplied with Nylon Lock Latches, to prevent accidental dislodgement from the cage body. Due to their large filtration area, the filter tops maintain an efficient gaseous interchange with the external environment, resulting in lower levels of intra-cage NH₃ and CO₂, compared with competitor systems.

Replacement Filter Sheet

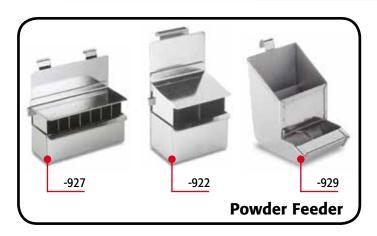
Sterilizable Polyester Filter Sheets are available as spare parts.

Animal Protection

- Proven microbial protection.
- Protection against pathogenic containments introduced by animal care takers.
- Better microenvironment inside the cage, due to reduced fluctuations in temperature and humidity, plus the elimination of draughts.
- Enhanced animal health, reduced infant mortality and respiratory problems.

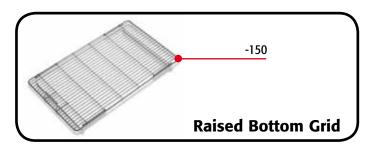
Staff Protection

- Reduced air-borne contaminations in the working environment.
- Significant lowering of respiratory associated allergenic reactions among animal care staff.



Powder Feeder

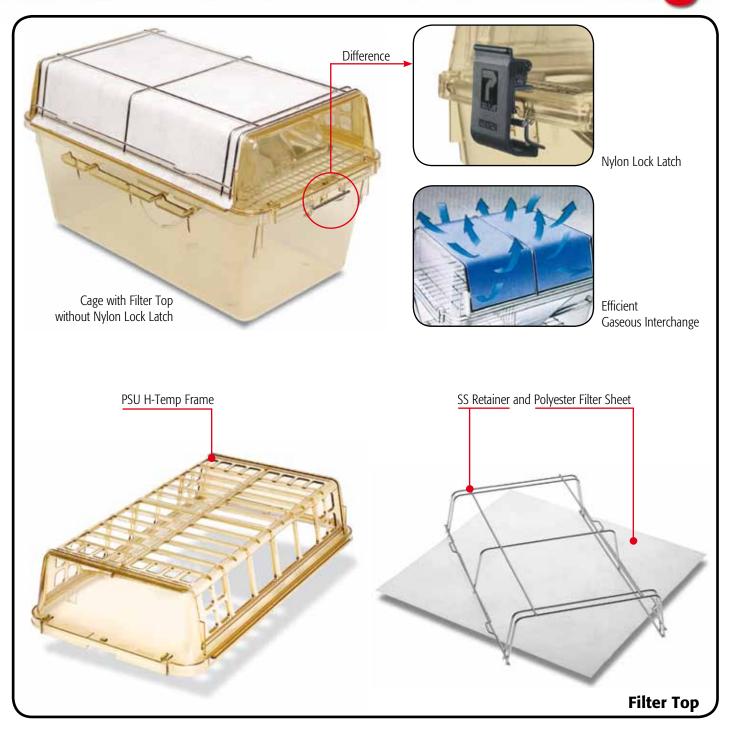
Cage Body	Powder Feeder	Number of Compartments	Species
1264C	-929	2	Mice
1290D	-929 -927	3 7	Rats Mice
1291H	-922 -923	2 3	Rats Rats
2150E	-922	2	Rats
2154F	-922 -923	2 3	Rats Rats
1354G	-929	4	Rats



Raised Bottom Grid

Cage Body	Raised Bottom Grid
1144B	-150
1145T	-150
1264C	-150
1284L	-150
1290D	-150
1291H	-150
2150E	-150
2154F	-150
1500U	-150
1354G	-150





Filter Top and Replacement Filter Sheet

Cage Body	Autoclavable Filter Top	Autoclavable Filter Top with Nylon Lock Latches	Replacement Filter Sheet
1144B	-400SU	-400SUC	-420R
1145T	-400SU	-400SUC	-420R
1264C	-400SU	-400SUC	-420R
1284L	-400SU	-400SUC	-420R
1290D/1291H*	-400SU*	-400SUC*	-420R*
2150E	-400SU	-	-420R
2154F	-400SU	-	-420R
2000P	-400SU	-	-420R

^{*1291}H to be ordered as 1290D -400SU/-400SUC/-420R

7/Rack Selection

Tecniplast Racks are all made of AISI 304 SS.

It is possible to choose among different styles of rack:

- Runner Style Rack.
- Adjustable Shelf Style Rack.
- Demountable Shelf Style Rack.
- Welded Shelf Style Rack.

7.1/Runner Style Rack

Tecniplast AISI 304 Stainless Steel racks are unparalleled with respect to husbandry and hygiene considerations, occupational health and safety requirements, ergonomics, reduced noise levels and aesthetic appeal.

The design permits an excellent view into all cages and their occupants. Having pioneered tubular SS construction of racks, Tecniplast today utilizes a 3D-CAD-system design, automated cutting, punching and TIG welding construction processes. Attention to detail, such as uniform polishing and finishing conclude the work. This is your guarantee for a long-lasting product that offers an exceptional Return on Investment. Tecniplast unique "T-profile" suspension runners are specifically designed to minimize dirt traps, whilst permitting safe, simple and silent positioning of cages without risk of damage. They are far superior to metal runners or channels of other racks.

Other features are:

- SS solid top sheet to reduce the exposure to draught and excessive light of the top rows.
- Tubular base corners are all rounded for improved safety and to avoid damage of wall covering; four retrofitting plastic bumpers can also be provided on request (4 Pieces Cat. No. ACPA06).

Double Runner Style Rack

Runner Style Racks can be equipped with double runners and can be used either with mesh or solid bottom cages providing a high degree of flexibility.

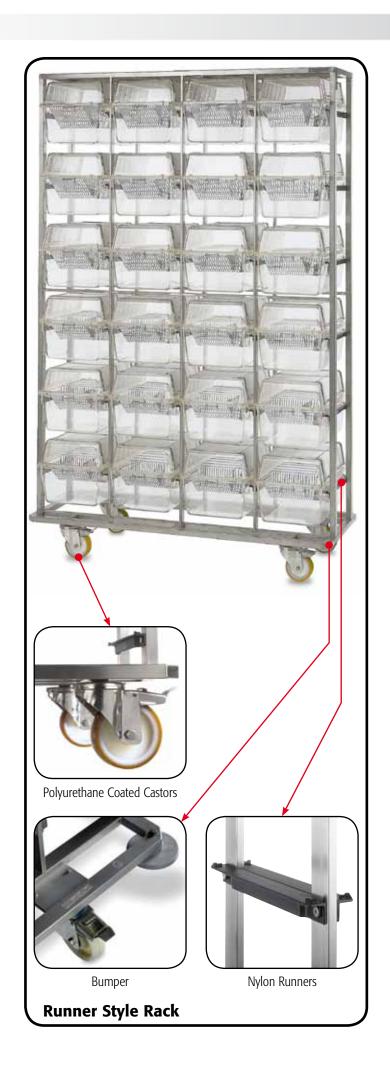
Mesh Bottom Cage

Mesh bottom cages are basically solid bottom cages whose base has been removed and replaced by an electro-polished AISI 304 Stainless Steel floor grid. They are recommended whenever rodents need to be housed on mesh flooring, with excrement collected in a separate PC waste tray. Please note, that rats and guinea pigs are housed on 11x11mm mesh,

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Individual SS Support Frame

Individual SS support frames can be used when cages are placed either on benches or shelf style racks (Stand-alone Solution).

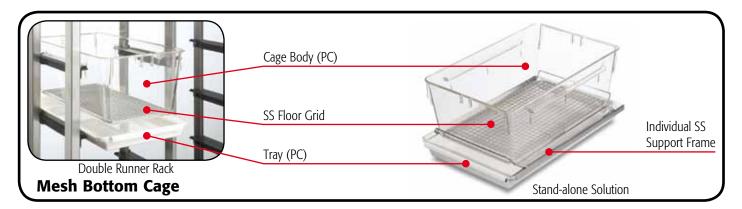


Runner Style Rack

Cage Body		Rack Con	figuration	Rack Model		Dimensions without Bumpers L x W x H (mm)	
	Number of Cages	Design	Rows	Columns	Without Bumpers	With Bumpers	
1144B	64	Single-Sided	8	8	2B64B1000	2B64B1000BW	1494 x 480 x 1867
1145T	42 48 64 128	Single-Sided Single-Sided Single-Sided Double-Sided	7 8 8 8	6 6 8 8	2T42B1000 2T48B1000 2T64B1000 2T128B1000	2T42B1000BW 2T48B1000BW 2T64B1000BW 2T128B1000BW	1128 x 500 x 1647 1128 x 500 x 1857 1494 x 500 x 1853 1494 x 865 x 1851
1264C 1284L	30 36 48 60 70	Single-Sided Single-Sided Single-Sided Double-Sided Double-Sided	6 6 8 6 7	5 6 6 5 5	2CL30B1000 2CL36B1000 2CL48B1000 2CL60B1000 2CL70B1000	2CL30B1000BW 2CL36B1000BW 2CL48B1000BW 2CL60B1000BW 2CL70B1000BW	1240 x 480 x 1867 1482 x 480 x 1867 1482 x 480 x 1998 1240 x 880 x 1871 1240 x 880 x 1871
1290D	24	Single-Sided	6	4	2D24B1000	2D24B10000BW	1214 x 515 x 1873
1290D 1291H	20 20 24 30	Single-Sided Single-Sided Single-Sided Single-Sided	5 5 6 6	4 4 4 5	2H20B1000** 2H20B1000H* 2H24B1000** 2H30B1000	2H20B1000BW** 2H20B1000HBW* 2H24B1000BW** 2H30B1000BW	1214 x 515 x 1651 1214 x 515 x 1873 1214 x 515 x 1943 1510 x 480 x 1943
2150E	25 30	Single-Sided Single-Sided	5 6	5 5	2E25B1000 2E30B1000	2E25B1000BW 2E30B1000BW	1300 x 540 x 1870 1300 x 540 x 1870
2154F	20 25	Single-Sided Single-Sided	5 5	4 5	2F20B1000 2F25B1000	2F20B1000BW 2F25B1000BW	1178 x 580 x 1873 1465 x 580 x 1873
1500U	20	Single-Sided	5	4	2U20B1000	2U20B1000BW	1642 x 600 x 1787
1354G	18 20 20 24	Single-Sided Single-Sided Single-Sided Single-Sided	6 5 5 6	3 4 4 4	2G18B1000 [▲] 2G20B1000 2G20B1000H* 2G24B1000 [▲]	2G18B1000BW ^A 2G20B1000BW 2G20B1000HBW* 2G24B1000BW ^A	1239 x 690 x 1867 1642 x 690 x 1756 1642 x 690 x 1873 1642 x 690 x 1867
2000P	15 18	Single-Sided	5 6	3 3	2P15B1000 2P18B1000LW ^{▲▲}	2P15B1000BW 2P18B1000LWBW	1395 x 725 x 1873 1395 x 725 x 1980

^{*}Can be used with raised lid

^{▲▲}Cannot be used with filter tops



Double Runner Style Rack and Mesh Bottom Cage

	Rack Configuration		Rack Model with Double Runners		Dimensions	PC Body	SS Mesh			
Cage Body	Number of Cages	Design	Rows/Columns	Without Bumpers	With Bumpers	without Bumpers L x W x H (mm)	with Cut-Away Base	Floor Grid 7 x 7 / 11 x 11 (mm)	Tray (PC)	Individual SS Support Frame
1264C/1284L	30	Single-Sided	6/5	2CL30B2000	2CL30B2000BW	1240 x 480 x 1873	-051	-524/-	-382	-905
1290D	24	Single-Sided	6/4	2D24B2000	2D24B2000BW	1214 x 515 x 1900	-051	-524/-525	-382	-905
1291H	20	Single-Sided	5/4	2H20B2000	2H20B2000BW	1214 x 515 x 1873	-051	-524-525	-382*	-905*
1354G	20	Single-Sided	5/4	2G20B2000	2G20B2000BW	1642 x 690 x 1873	-051	-524/-525	-382	-905

^{*1291}H to be ordered as 1290D -382/-905

^{**}Close distance between cages when filter tops are used

[▲]To be used with bottle type F

7.2/Adjustable Shelf Style Rack

The adjustable shelves have brackets at each corner for a quick change of shelf height by screws. The design of this rack permits the selection of the desired number of shelves and their later addition or removal offers a high density capacity and also flexibility to accommodate changed cage sizes during the years. They can be used as single or double-sided racks (with cage series 1264C).

Rack Configuration:

- Shelves (available in different lengths).
- Set of four uprights (available in two sizes).
- Set of four castors (two unbraked and two braked).

7.3/Demountable Shelf Style Rack

Completely demountable with shelves, easily removable without tools. Solid sheet shelves have side- and back-lips for added security of cage position. Normally used as single-sided racks only. Available in two different sizes.

7.4/Welded Shelf Style Rack

Fully welded for maximum strength and rigidity. Simple design for easier cleaning and significant comparative low cost. Only one size available.

Please note, that the standard castors are coated with Polyurethane. They withstand autoclave cycles at 121°C/250°F, if the racks are not loaded with cages.

Alternatively, whenever frequent autoclaving, higher holding temperatures or when racks are autoclaved fully loaded, select castors with Glass-fibre-reinforced Nylon wheels (Cat. No. ACRL103PNFN unbraked and ACRF103PNFN braked).



Adjustable Shelf Style Rack

	Number of Cages per Shelf							
Cago Pody		Shelf length - mm						
Cage Body	1524	1651	1780					
1144B - 1145T	8	9	10					
1264C	12	14	14					
1284L	6	7	8					
1290D - 1291H	5	5	6					
2150E	5	6	7					
2154F	5	5	6					
1500U	3	4	4					

Adjustable Shelf Style Rack Configuration								
Cat. No.	Description	Dimensions (L x W) - mm						
2UNR0060	Shelf	1524 x 585						
2UNR0065	Shelf	1651 x 585						
2UNR0070	Shelf	1780 x 585						
2UNRPT1676*	Set of 4 uprights	H 1676						
2UNRPT1834*	Set of 4 uprights	H 1834						
ACROTLIB125C**	Polyurethane Coated Unbraked Castor	Ø 125						
ACROTFRE125C**	Polyurethane Coated Braked Castor	Ø 125						

^{*}Does not include the castor height (= 155 mm)

^{**}To be ordered twice



Demountable Shelf Style Rack

Cage Body	Number of Cages per Shelf	of Cages (L x W x H)		Cat. No.
1144B	7			
1145T	6			
1264C 1284L 2150E	5	1220 x 390* x 1800	6	2UN1D500
1290D 1291H	6	1700 v FC0 v 1000	r	211/12/04/04
1500U 1354G	4	1780 x 560 x 1900	5	2UN2D500

^{*}Overall Width Included Wheels = 480



Welded Shelf Style Rack

Cage Body	Number of Cages per Shelf	Dimensions (L x W x H) mm	Number of Shelves	Cat. No.
1144B	7			
1145T	6			
1264C 1284L	5	1290 x 530 x 1710	5 (6*)	2UN5B106
1290D	4			

^{*}The roof can be used as extra shelf

Hereafter you can find a table of Thermal Properties and Chemical Resistance of Tecniplast plastic cage materials:

Thermal Properties:

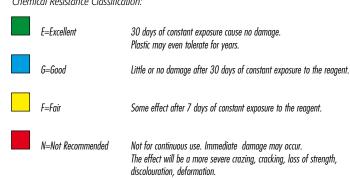
Material Co		Suggested	HDT	Water . Absorption (2)	Transparency	Rigidity	Sterilisation (5)				
	Code	Autoclaving Temp. °C/°F	°C/°F (1)				Autoclave	Radiation	Gas	Dry-Heat	Disinfection
Polycarbonate	PC	121/249	138/280	0.35	Clear	Rigid	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
H-Тетр тм (4)	PSU	121÷134/ 249÷273	165/329	0.30	Clear	Rigid	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
U-Temp ^{TM (5)}	PEI	121÷134/ 249÷273	210/410	0.70	Clear/Amber	Rigid	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
X-Temp ^{TM (5)}	PPSU	121÷134/ 249÷273	210/410	0.70	Clear/Amber	Rigid	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Nylon (6)	PA	121÷134/ 249÷273	215/419	1.50	Opaque	Rigid	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Polypropylene	PP	118÷121/ 224÷249	107/224	0.01	Translucent	Semi	Yes ⁽⁷⁾	No	Yes	No	Yes

- (1) **HDT:** Heat Deflection Temperature is **the temperature at which a bar of the thermoplastic will deflect 0.01" under 66 psi. Due to stress influences, rigid plastics should NOT be** exposed to such heat levels.
- (2) Water absorption: the % of water absorbed by a 3.175 mm (1/8") sample over 24 hours exposure.
- (3) Sterilisation:
 - Radiation: gamma irradiation at 25 kGy (2.5 Mrad) with non-stabilised plastic.
 - Gas: Ethylene Oxide, Formaldehyde, Hydrogen Peroxide, Chlorine Dioxide.
 - Dry Heat: 160°C/320°F for 120 minutes.
 - Disinfectants: Benzalkonium Chloride, Formalin, Formaldehyde, Ethanol.
- (4) H-Temp™ is a TECNIPLAST trademark for Polysulfone. Compared to standard PC (Makrolon) this material can be exposed to autoclaving cycles up to 150°C/302°F max.
- (5) X-Temp™ and U-Temp™ is a TECNIPLAST trademark for Polyetherimide and Polyphenylsulfone. Compared to PSU and PC this material can be exposed to autoclaving cycles up to 160°C/320°F max for a longer time whilst maintaining initial transparency and impact resistance.
- (6) **Nylon** is purposely reinforced with Glass-fibre to improve physical and heat performances.
- (7) Do not stack Polypropylene cages during autoclaving.

Chemical Resistance:

Classes of Substance at 20°C	Polycarbonate PC	H-Temp™ PSU	U-Temp™ PEI	X-Temp™ PPSU	Nylon PA	Polypropylene PP
Acids, diluted or weak	Е	Е	Е	Е	F	Е
Bases	N	Е	Е	Е	F	Е
Esters	N	N	Е	Е	Е	G
Oxidant agents, strong	N	G	E	E	N	F

Chemical Resistance Classification:



IMPORTANT

This Chemical Resistance Summary Chart is a general guide only. It is highly recommended to test cage washing products under specific conditions before using them. For further information contact Tecniplast Technical Service.

HOW TO WASH PLASTIC CAGES

An **alkaline washing cycle** is recommended to remove organic soiling. An **acid washing cycle** is recommended to remove urine or hard water scaling.



SAFETY NOTES

- **DO NOT** use alkaline detergents in case of hand washing, especially if sinking cages in a pre-soak tank.
- **DO NOT** exceed the suggested washing temperature since higher washing temperature could damage the parts.
- **DO NOT** use rinse aid products.
- **DO NOT** use products containing surfactants.
- **DO NOT** use abrasive cleaners, scouring pads or strong oxidizing agents on any part.
- Rinse the parts with soft water after washing to reduce the effect of hard water (milky-grey discolouration).
- Carefully read and follow all safety data sheet instructions before using any chemical product.

IMPORTANT

ALKALINE DETERGENTS CAN DAMAGE POLYCARBONATE PARTS (CORROSION OR HYDROLYSIS) IF NOT THOROUGHLY NEUTRALIZED! TO NEUTRALIZE CARRY OUT A SHORT ACID CYCLE AND RINSE WITH SOFT WATER. SHOULD SOME WATER RESIDUES REMAIN ON THE CAGES, ENSURE THAT THE PH IS EITHER NEUTRAL OR SLIGHTLY ACID BEFORE HANDLING.

REFERENCES

- · Laboratory SOPs.
- Detergent Technical specifications.
- Cage washer user manual.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Wear adequate personal protective equipment in compliance with your Laboratory SOPs and with laws and regulations in force in the country where the product is installed in terms of personal health and protection.

PROCEDURE

- 1. Wash with a detergent specific for plastic materials (see table above for chemical resistance of each plastic material).
- 2. If an alkaline detergent is used, carry out a neutralization cycle.
- **3•** Rinse with soft water.

Wash cages at 55°C/131°F (60°C/140°F max).

Higher temperatures (80/176°F to 85°C/185°F) may be used for short contact periods to neutralize and rinse cages.

HOW TO DISINFECT PLASTIC CAGES

Use a disinfectant compatible with plastic materials. Read the disinfectant technical specifications before use.



SAFETY NOTES

Never heat parts containing disinfectant residues.

HOW TO STERILIZE PLASTIC CAGES IN AUTOCLAVE

It is possible to autoclave fully assembled cages.



SAFETY NOTES

IMPORTANT

- IF FULLY ASSEMBLED CAGES ARE AUTOCLAVED (INCLUDING FOOD AND BEDDING) ENSURE THAT HIGH QUALITY BEDDING IS USED TO AVOID THE RELEASE OF DAMAGING SUBSTANCES.
- IF THE PARTS ARE AUTOCLAVED INSIDE A PROTECTIVE COVERING (STERILE PACKAGE, COTTON, PLASTIC BAGS), USE PERMEABLE MATERIALS IN ORDER TO AVOID DAMAGE TO THE EQUIPMENT. CONTACT TECNIPLAST FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.



Nylon lock clamp

- **DO NOT** exceed the suggested autoclaving temperature.
- DO NOT stack more than 10 cage bodies. DO NOT stack Polypropylene cages during autoclaving.
- DO NOT autoclave fully assembled plastic cages with lids series -114 and -014 on, since spring clip may cause cage wall warping.



Series -114 lid

- Avoid thermal pulsing cycles.
- Before autoclaving ensure that no detergent residues are left on the parts.
- PC and PP parts may gradually weaken or be damaged after repeated autoclaving (warping, clouding, cracking).
- Clean steam is essential for a proper sterilization. Any residue left by the sterilizing system could damage the cages and poison the animals.
- If fully assembled cages are autoclaved (including food and bedding) ensure that high quality bedding is used to avoid releasing of damaging substances.
- **DO NOT** autoclave plastic label holders on the cages. Remove label holders before autoclaving cages and autoclave them separately at 121°C/250°F.
- If the parts are autoclaved inside a protective covering (sterile package, cotton, plastic bags), use permeable materials in order to avoid damages to the equipment. Contact Tecniplast for further information.



Plastic bag for autoclaving

REFERENCES

- Laboratory SOPs.
- Autoclave user manual.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Wear adequate personal protective equipment in compliance with your Laboratory SOPs and with laws and regulations in force in the country where the product is installed in terms of personal health and protection.

PROCEDURE

1. Place cages in the autoclave.

It is possible to autoclave up to 10 cage bodies stacked one inside the other.

Polypropylene cages cannot be stacked during autoclaving.

It is possible to autoclave fully assembled cages at 121°C/250°F.

Ensure all the parts (wire lid, filter top, etc.) are properly positioned in order to avoid damaging the cage.

DO NOT autoclave plastic label holders on the cages. Remove label holders before autoclaving cages and autoclave them separately at 121°C/250°F.

- **2•** Autoclave at the suggested temperature (see table above for plastic thermal properties).
- **3•** Let the cages cool down on a level surface.

Dispose of the packaging in compliance with norms and regulations in force in the country where the product is being installed. DO NOT dispose of plastic or metal material as unsorted municipal waste.

Any plastic or metal material is to be collected and disposed of separately in compliance with norms and regulations in force in the country where the product is installed.

Related Products

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