

## ESD Bags Are Generally Reusable

The user must determine the suitability of ESD bags for particular applications and after one year from purchase date.

All ESD Shielding Bags that are ripped, torn, or scratched should be discarded. The Bag's protection is lost if there is an electrical path from the charge on the outside of the Bag to the inside layer and ESDS parts within. Scratching may compromise the Faraday Cage shielding protection of shielding bags so they will not perform their function of protecting stored or transported ESD susceptible devices from electrostatic charges and discharges.

From ANSI/ESD S20.20 paragraph 6.2.4.2. Packaging Guidance: "The objective of ESD protective packaging is to prevent a direct electrostatic discharge to the ESDS item contained within and allow for dissipation of charge from the exterior surface. In addition, the packaging should minimize charging of the ESDS item in response to an external electrostatic field and triboelectrification. They may also lose static shielding properties by crumpling, puncturing and folding."

Some end users reuse a Statshield® Transparent Metal In ESD Shielding Bag up to six times and then discard.

Ideally, the user should test, auditing some percentage of the re-used ESD Bags using test procedures outlined in ANSI EOS/ESD-DS11.11 - 1993 Surface Resistivity Standard, ESD-DS11.12 - 1996 Volume Resistance Measurements of Static Dissipative Planar Materials, and Shielding Materials EOS/ESD DS11.31 -1994.