

Starck Barrel: vision and elegance for a timeless design

The success story of the iconic bathroom design classic continues apace

- **30-year anniversary of the Starck Barrel**
- **Visionary and timeless design by Philippe Starck**
- **Successful since 1994**
- **Elegant upgrades open up a wide range of combination options**
- **c-bonded washbasin variant emphasizes the original design identity**
- **Gloss and matt ceramics in White and Black**
- **Ceramic surface HygieneGlaze® Plus combines exacting hygiene standards with outstanding ease of cleaning**
- **Furniture in varied and stylish nuances**
- **Handles are available in five elegant finishes for a fully color-coordinated bathroom**

With its clear and timeless design language, the Starck Barrel rises above short-lived bathroom trends, sets new standards, and has become one of Duravit's best-selling individual furniture pieces. This year, the elegant and visionary Starck Barrel celebrates its 30th anniversary with an upgrade: a large selection of colors for washbasin, furniture, and handles brings the elegant c-bonded variant of this icon right up to date and opens up opportunities for unique and contemporary designs.

"The Starck Barrel collection is less. It goes back to the origins of water in our homes: vertically flowing out of pipes from a well and collected in a bucket. A simple bucket but treated with the utmost technology and rigor. Vision and honesty are the guarantee of the unique longevity of the collection. It was a right product 30 years ago, and it still is today because it is not based on any trends, but on humanity," explained Philippe Starck.

Re-interpretation of what works well: c-bonded washbasin

The innovative c-bonded technology lends the washbasin solution an even more elegant look while maintaining its characteristic design identity.

Washbasin and vanity unit are combined almost seamlessly in a complex process – an elegant option that can now also be selected for the Starck Barrel. The connection between the washbasin and bathroom furniture creates a precise edge that lends the furniture a sophisticated elegance. The updated

shape of the basin is aligned to the shape of the furniture and catches the eye with its sleek, modern design.

In addition to the ceramic in Gloss White, the matching washbasin for the furniture piece is also available in White Satin Matt, underlining the unit's timeless, emotional elegance. Basins in Matt and Gloss Black round off the washbasin range and can be combined with various colors to create different moods.

The ceramics are also finished with HygieneGlaze® Plus, a glaze that combines the most exacting hygiene standards with outstanding ease of cleaning.

Hand-made and attractive individual piece

Each Starck Barrel is a unique piece shaped by a painstaking manual process. Multi-ply bentwood forms the basis of the furniture, which tapers downward in a conical shape. The choice of elegant high-gloss shades and subtle nuances with surfaces in a satin finish opens up a wide range of combination options for a unique bathroom ambience.

The final flourish – the furniture handle – is available in five different finishes, harmoniously rounding off the re-interpretation. Alongside the timeless variants in Chrome and Diamond Black, brushed surfaces in Bronze and Stainless Steel as well as high-gloss Gold are available. Color-matched to selected Duravit faucets and accessories, this produces a unique, harmonious overall picture.

A unique eye-catcher since 1994

The Starck Barrel has long been a design classic that is more than just a place to wash. With optional LED interior illumination, the Starck Barrel brings light into the darkness and provides attractive storage space. It blends effortlessly into the ambience of the bathroom and enables a more individually styled design than ever before.

Everything at a glance:

The Starck barrel:

Vanity unit in barrel form, 560 mm diameter (c-bonded variant)

Ceramic colors: White, White Satin Matt, Black, Matt Black; all washbasins feature the dirt- and bacteria-resistant ceramic glaze HygieneGlaze® Plus. This is fired into the ceramic washbasin as standard and makes cleaning easier.

Furniture lacquers: High Gloss White, White Satin Matt, Nordic White Satin Matt, Taupe Satin Matt, Stone Gray Satin Matt, Graphite Satin Matt, Night Blue Satin Matt, High Gloss Black

Handle finishes: Chrome, Brushed Stainless Steel, Polished Gold, Brushed Bronze, Diamond Black

Philippe Starck

Philippe Starck, world famous creator with a wealth of inventive ideas, is always focused on the essential, his vision: that creation, whatever form it takes, must improve the lives of as many people as possible. This philosophy has made him a pioneer and a central figure of the “democratic design” concept.

By employing his prolific work across all domains, from everyday products (furniture, a citrus squeezer, electric bikes, an individual wind turbine), to architecture (hotels, restaurants that aspire to be stimulating places) and naval and spatial engineering (mega yachts, habitation module for private space tourism), he continually pushes the boundaries and requirements of design, becoming one of the most visionary and renowned creators of the international contemporary scene.

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Captions:

01_Starck_Barrel_by_Philippe_Starck

Re-interpretation: the innovative c-bonded technology lends the washbasin solution an even more modern look while maintaining its characteristic design identity. (Image source: Duravit AG)

02_Starck_Barrel_by_Philippe_Starck

Two generations: the Starck Barrel is celebrating its 30th anniversary with an upgrade. A large selection of colors for washbasin, furniture, and handles brings the elegant c-bonded variant of this icon right up to date and opens up opportunities for unique and contemporary designs. (Image source: Duravit AG)

03_Starck_Barrel_by_Philippe_Starck

Harmonious unity: the innovative c-bonded technology from Duravit almost seamlessly combines the washbasin and vanity unit in a complex process. (Image source: Duravit AG)

04_Starck_Barrel_by_Philippe_Starck

Timeless elegance: washbasins in Matt and Gloss Black complete the range and lend the bathroom an individual note depending on the color combination. (Image source: Duravit AG)

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Finishing touches: The furniture handle, available in five different finishes, provides the final touch to round off the reinterpretation. (Image source: Duravit AG)

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A handle on everything: the furniture handles also come in a range of design variants: in addition to the timeless variants in Chrome and Diamond Black, brushed surfaces in Bronze and Stainless Steel as well as High Gloss Gold are available. (Image source: Duravit AG)

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Individuality: the choice of elegant high-gloss shades and subtle nuances with satin-finish surfaces opens up a wide range of combination options for a unique bathroom ambience. (Image source: Duravit AG)

08_Starck_Barrel_by_Philippe_Starck_Alberto_Zanetti

“The Starck Barrel was already a fitting and contemporary product thirty years ago, and remains so today because it’s not about trends, but rather humanity,” explained Philippe Starck. (Image source: Alberto Zanetti)

09_Starck_Barrel_by_Philippe_Starck

The plus in hygiene: The HygieneGlaze® Plus ceramic surface combines the highest standard of hygiene with outstanding ease of cleaning. (Image source: Duravit AG)

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Enlightenment: with optional LED interior illumination, the Starck Barrel brings light into the darkness and provides attractive storage space. (Image source: Duravit AG)

About Duravit AG

Founded in 1817 in Hornberg in the Black Forest, Duravit AG is today a leading international manufacturer of designer bathrooms and is active in more than 130 countries worldwide. During product development, the complete bathroom supplier’s internal-design team worked hand in hand with a global network of designers such as Cecilie Manz, Philippe Starck, Antonio Citterio, Christian Werner, and Sebastian Herkner. As an energy-intensive company, Duravit AG is aiming to be entirely climate-neutral by 2045 and avoid CO₂ offsetting as far as possible.

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