



1. Who will benefit from a ball machine

Quite simply anyone who is an enthusiastic tennis player wanting to improve their game.

Skilled amateurs

Do you enjoy playing doubles, but keep mishitting volleys at the net? The ball machine will help you perfect precisely this shot. Just go to the net and spend as much time as you like practising cross-court or down-the-line volleys, and you'll find your scores improving in your next match.

Do you rate as a good player, but have problems with a few strokes you don't play so often? Focus your practice on those strokes and you'll see – after only a few weeks you'll have improved your game significantly and will be winning those crucial points.

Major-league players

Are you a major-league player, but with too little opportunity to practise returning really fast, hard-driven balls? Silent Partner ball machines can accelerate balls up to 150 km/h, which – with the sole exception of men's serving speeds – equates to the level of world-class players.

Beginners

As a beginner, are you keen to keep pace with your tennis partners? With the aid of a ball machine, you'll be able to achieve this goal sooner than you can imagine. It's been shown that a ball machine helps you learn 3 times faster than you would with just a coach and your tennis partner.

Coaches

Are you a coach needing to teach your pupils new strokes? The best way to do this is to stand beside your pupils, watch their movements and correct them. The precise placing of the balls you can leave to the ball machine. Alternating this kind of training with practice sessions under match-like conditions will show you how well your pupils can already apply the strokes learned on their "dry runs". After a formal training session, you can let them carry on practising with the ball machine for a while to consolidate what they've learned. They'll reach the goals you've set them faster and enjoy playing tennis that much more!



Clubs

Do you want to make your tennis club more attractive both to current and prospective members? Why not offer a ball machine for rental by the hour? Many clubs have large, heavy machines that can only be used on particular courts and so don't offer much flexibility. Handy ball machines like our Silent Partner models are easy to move, don't need mains power and can be up and running in just a few minutes.

Senior players

A ball machine isn't just for young people and "pros". Older players can also benefit greatly from practising with a ball machine. And the fun factor is in there for sure!

2. How a tennis ball machine helps you improve your game

Many tennis players assume that a ball machine is a substitute for an opponent. They couldn't be more wrong!

A ball machine doesn't play versatile shots, nor does it run after balls. On the contrary, it repeatedly delivers balls at the same speed to the same place for the benefit of the player practising – something no player and no coach can achieve. This evenness of ball delivery enables you to practise the same shot again and again, for it's only by constant repetition that you learn to read the ball right and coordinate your stroke accordingly.

To teach you a new stroke, your coach will usually play the ball to you gently – often straight from the net – so you can concentrate on getting your stroke right. Trying right away to integrate this newly learned stroke into a hard-hitting game would be doomed to failure: you would resort to your "old" technique. Paying a coach just to deliver balls to you so you can repeat a stroke ad infinitum is most certainly a waste of your coach's abilities and your money. This is something that can be done very much better and more consistently by a ball machine. By standing beside you as you work with the ball machine, your coach can pay full attention to you and directly point out your mistakes.

As soon as possible after a training session, you should practise the strokes you've learned with a ball machine.



3. How do I work with a ball machine?

Start with a moderate ball speed and little or no spin. Concentrate on the way you move to play your stroke. Don't hit back hard straightaway. Return the balls alternately down the line and cross-court, aiming at various lengths.

To improve your stamina and practise hitting balls on the run, have the machine play the balls to one corner, run back to the centre of the court after hitting each ball, then run to the ball again. Leave yourself enough time to run to the ball, hit it and run back again. Each time you refill the machine, increase the ball speed, but not so much that you get completely out of breath while playing. You'll find this method of practising very effective.

If you have the Silent Partner PRO or SPORT, use the sweep feature. The machine then distributes the balls around the court from one side to the other. This is more like playing with a partner, and running after the ball also improves your stamina. Before you decide to use this feature, you should be fully confident with your "standing shots".

You'll be surprised how soon you improve your strokes with a ball machine – and you'll enjoy your tennis all the more!

4. Which machine is the right one for you?

TenEquip offers 3 models:

- **Silent Partner LITE**
- **Silent Partner SPORT**
- **Silent Partner PRO**

Features common to all three models:

- All machines are battery powered. For SPORT and PRO mains powered models are optional.
- Balls can be thrown at speeds of up to 150 km/h
- Ball spin can be varied from heavy top spin to no spin at all to heavy back spin
- You can adjust the interval between ball throws from a comfortable 10 seconds down to 1 second
- Up to 200 balls fit into the machine's hopper
- The hopper is very easy to remove for transport
- A 4-level battery charge state indicator can be activated at the press of a button
- Suitable also for use on clay courts
- The machines have a handle and wheels so they can be pulled along easily
- Advanced features are yours to use at a reasonable price



- The compact, lightweight construction makes for ease of transport – in a car boot or on a bicycle trailer

Features of the individual models in the Silent Partner ball machine range:

Silent Partner LITE

Our low-price basic model and – as the name says – particularly light, weighing just 19 kg.

The machine has a retractable handle, making it easy to lift and pull along the court. The LITE is particularly suitable for occasional players, though it offers the full ball speed range of up to 150 km/h and can deliver everything from high-speed top spin to extreme back spin. At a moderate rate of play, you can get up to 3 hours' practice before you need to recharge the battery. And the battery is fully recharged within about 4 hours.

A lever on the side of the machine is used to adjust the throwing height anywhere between low shots and 9m lobs.

Silent Partner SPORT

The ball machine with advanced features.

This model weighs 22.5 kg and has a retractable handle, making it easy to lift and pull along the court. It has a sweep feature (with fast and slow speeds) enabling balls to be distributed around the court. This machine is very well suited to advanced players who want to improve their legwork and practise shots on the run.

You can use this machine for up to 5 hours at a moderate rate of play. But even playing at an extremely brisk pace, you can still get about 2.5 hours of uninterrupted playing time. A discharged battery can be recharged in about 7 hours using the fast charger supplied with the machine.



Silent Partner PRO

The Silent Partner PRO is equipped with a remote control that lets you switch the ball machine on and off conveniently from across the court. The remote control is actually a must for any tennis coach using the machine for teaching. It allows you to stand right next to your pupil while the machine is throwing balls and to stop delivery at any time to give explanations or demonstrations. And demanding players will also find the remote control an important option that proves very useful in any kind of training. The PRO also has an electric elevation motor to control throwing height. This means that all kinds of trajectories can be set quickly and precisely from the control panel.

This model also of course has the sweep feature for distributing balls around the court.

In addition to a handle at the back, the machine has at the front a telescopic handle that can be extended to 4 positions, allowing the machine to be pulled along conveniently like a wheeled suitcase.

As with the SPORT, you can use this machine for up to 5 hours at a moderate rate of play. A discharged battery can be recharged in about 7 hours using the fast charger supplied with the machine.

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