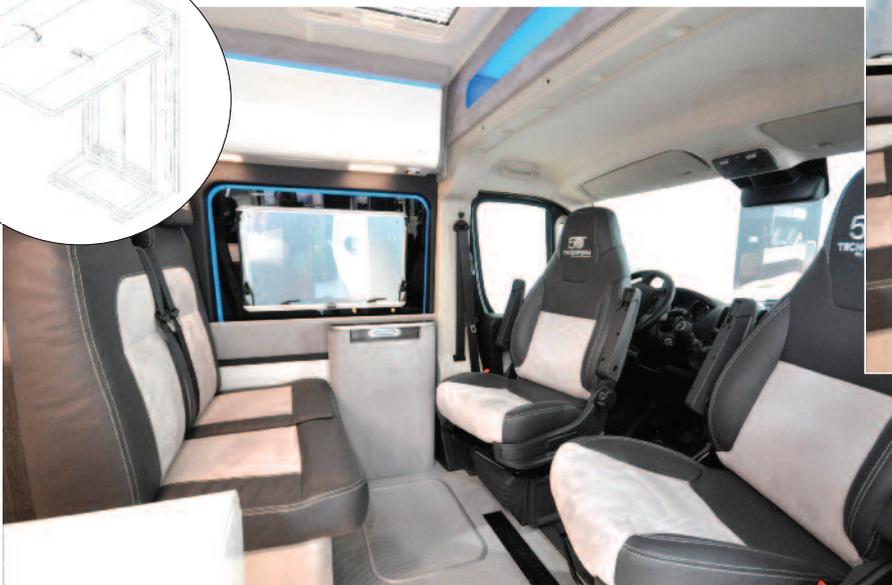


With a move, the table disappears

Project 2000 realized an innovative dinette foldable table that disappears into the wall. The official presentation occurred at the Caravan Salon 2015, on the special vehicles Fiat Van Ducato 4x4 Expedition.

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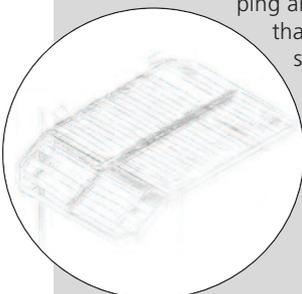
the shell is balanced by the lack of a proper table leg. The shell has a thickness of just 140 mm, is realized in boxed aluminum and can be covered with the ennoblements used for the other details of the vehicle. The table can get to important dimensions and is applicable on any type of RV, including caravans. The version developed has two foldable portions that further enlarge the surface, creating a wide and easily enjoyable table. "We have developed this table together with Tecnoform and are very satisfied with this partnership - continues Davide Nardini - The possibility to free, with a single movement, the dinette from the obstruction of the table opens new scenarios in the research for space onboard. When not needed, in fact, the table limits the habitability and represents an obstruction, both in movement and not. This is clear to the British, that have the habit to remove the table and put it in the wardrobe. Now, even them will have a more simple solution for this purpose».

Once again, Project 2000 cooperates with Tecnoform, the Bologna-based company specialized in the realization of furniture components for caravan and motorhomes. This happened already in 2012 with Tecnoform Design Lab, a caravan built by the American OEM Airstream with interiors realized by Tecnoform and for which Project 2000 had developed an inedited remotely-controlled mechanism to lift the central bed in the bedroom. At the Caravan Salon 2015, the news is a table mechanism for the dinette that disappears into the wall. This solution was developed for the two "Show Camper Van Ducato 4x4 Expedition" built by Fiat with the cooperation

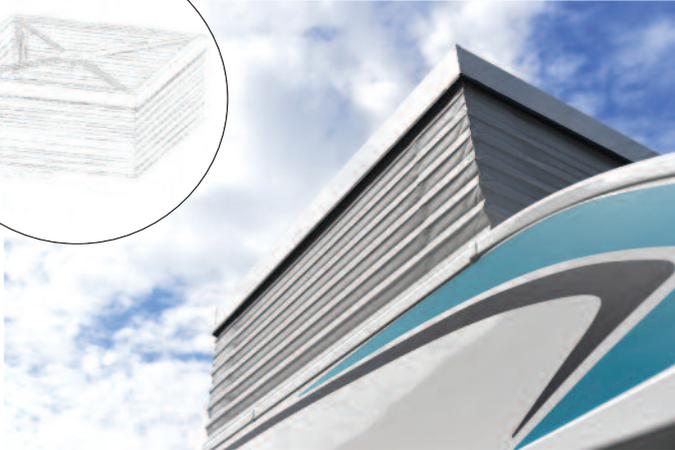
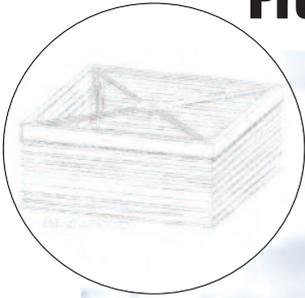
of Tecnoform and presented at the Caravan Salon in Düsseldorf and at the Salone del Camper in Parma. Project 2000 supplied the TV Brackets, the Bed Frames and designed, in cooperation with Tecnoform, this new table leg. "The system is formed by a shell anchored on to the wall that contains the table and the mechanism to open it - says Davide Nardini, CEO of Project 2000 srl - It is sufficient to lift the table in vertical and then flip it over horizontally by 90 degrees. There are not table legs, and this provides considerable comfort to the occupants". The system has a similar weight to the one of a standard dinette table, since the supplementary weight of

Pull-down bed lengthwise

In the low profile Dethleffs 4-travel, the pull-down bed realized by Project 2000 is positioned lengthwise and not across the way. It can now be pulled down far enough so that everyone can get into bed as easily as in a fixed double bed. The sleeping area of 200 x 140 cm is significantly bigger than any classical pull-down bed. By dispensing with another fixed bed, it is possible to create an inside space which is open and spacious and features a luxurious ensuite bathroom across the entire width of the vehicle.



Project 2000 is partner of Trigano in Triaca project



Project 2000 has participated in the Triaca project of Trigano SPA, an innovative, lightweight concept camper, where particular attention was paid to the interiors, energy savings and functionality. The project, started in 2012, was financed by Regione Toscana and was implemented with the participation of the Department of Architecture of the University of Florence and other major partners including the department of Communication Sciences of the University of Siena. Triaca has the goal of reducing the campers' fuel and energy consumption through the application of innovative materials and technologies. A true concentrate of innovations, it features, for example, the eco resin-made floor, and the walls covered with a basalt-composite laminated panels, the walled inner structure, the roof made of foamed PVC, the control unit with measuring functions for the energy consumed. Project 2000 participated in the project by providing a fold-down bed, a telescopic leg featuring automatic lift and translation of the base of the dinette table and an innovative system that allows a portion of the roof to be raised and increase livability and comfort without

invading the side space surrounding the vehicle. "We received this assignment in 2013, says David Nardini, Project 2000 CEO "and from the very beginning this challenge thrilled us. We concentrated on some essential characteristics of the roof lifting system: system reliability, low electrical absorption, thermal comfort of the passenger compartment and maximum internal comfort. The critical factors for the development of this vertically-oriented, "slide out"-type system, were many, but we found suitable solutions for each technical and aesthetic requirement and we are very satisfied with the final result". Obviously, this is still a prototype that needs to be adequately developed, but the basic lines are drawn. Project 2000 had to take into account the aerodynamic impact that this portion of the roof would have had, when closed, during the ride, minimizing the outside thickness. Similarly, it limited the inner thickness, which is only 90 mm, when the roof is closed, to achieve the maximum comfort possible. The vertical lift occurs through 4 parallelograms simultaneously operated by electric actuators with a final height of 850 mm. All the volume created by the raised roof is completely free and avail-



able and creates a great feeling of spaciousness. With the roof open you can even sleep on the fold-down bed, leaving it all up, providing maximum comfort for the passenger compartment below. Thanks to the use of parallelograms, when the roof is open, an incredible rigidity of the system was obtained. In addition, the coating is designed to be compacted into a small space, to be totally water-proof, allowing you to create a internal counter wall where the hot air can be channeled to allow for the use of the roof in the raised position even when the climate is colder. The focus was on the limitation of the power consumption: the entire system is operated by a small 5 A geared motor, which provides a very low consumption if you consider weights and masses involved.



Supex products

Effective January 2015, Super Products has been appointed official agent and distributor of Project 2000 for Australia and New Zealand. Supex products provides high quality products to Camping, Outdoor and Hardware retailers, as well as RV Manufacturers. It is a family owned business operating from Goulburn, New South Wales. "We are very pleased to be associated with PROJECT 2000 - said Gavin Kennard, Supex Product's sales manager - and we actively presenting our products to the OEM and retail markets in Australia and NZ. If it is quality components that your customers demand, then PROJECT 2000 range of RV Accessories are the option to select". "We are happy to having established this relationship with Supex Products as they are knowledgeable of the Australian market and have shown a proactive attitude towards the customer and our products - said Lorenzo Manni, Project 2000 sales manager - We look forward to boost our sales and reputation in the market thanks to their effort and services".

