

An innovation-filled September

Project 2000 has attended the Düsseldorf Caravan Salon and the Salone del Camper in Parma. In Germany, they unveiled as many as 13 brand-new products to the public and trade visitors. At the Italian fair, they won a major award and held two public technical meetings at the Agorà della Tecnica technical forum

Project 2000 has concluded the demanding domestic and international fair season in style. With its own stands at both the Düsseldorf Caravan Salon and Parma's Salone del Camper, this year Project 2000 presented a whole host of innovations, the fruits of a long and painstaking R&D effort. The new catalogue contains a full 13 new items, all on public display during the



autumn fairs. One of them won Project 2000 the "Salone del Camper Award" in the Accessories & Components category at the Parma event, namely the innovative multipurpose bed, model no. 12658. During the Italian fair, Project 2000 had the opportunity to meet visitors in the technical forum, where sales manager Lorenzo Manni gave two seminars all about the company's technical innovations for greater comfort on recreational vehicles. Indeed, many of the solutions used on campers bear the Project 2000 hallmark: from the electric bike carrier and the vertical storage area in the rear compartment to the automatic system for lifting gas cylinders, from the panoramic door to the retractable electric TV holder, and from the system for loading rubber dinghies and small boats onto the camper's roof to the famous electrical and electronic steps. Not to mention the bed-height adjusters, which have changed camper enthusiasts' way of living and introduced new trends to the sector.



From single bed to double in a trice

The 12672 is a variable-height bed for more compact vehicles. The bed base retracts when not in use, courtesy of an asymmetric slat arrangement, virtually halving its width. The bed-base extension movement is manual, while the lifting system is electric, based on technology proven on Project 2000's other beds. The 12672 has two lateral runners to ensure stability and also needs a means of supporting the portion of the base when extended. The maximum load capacity is 300 kg static and 60 kg when lifting. The descending motion is vertical and fully adjustable. Manual operation is also possible.



The new 12671, specially for compact vehicles



Project 2000 presents its new electrical bed-lifting system, with a bed base that folds into a "cranked" position. It is ideal for compact vehicles without the room for a standard drop-down bed. Part of the 12671's base is not fixed, to adapt to the curvature of the vehicle ceiling, thus using less space.

The lifting system has a motor anchored under the base to wind and unwind four belts. The "cranked" section opens in synchrony with the lowering movement, through two specially designed tensioning belts. The maximum load capacity is 300 kg static and 60 kg when lifting. The descending motion is vertical and fully adjustable. Manual operation is also possible.



Notin the first to put its faith in the 12658



French firm Notin, famed for its high-end products, is the first manufacturer to fit the new multipurpose bed from Project 2000. The vehicle in question is one of Notin's entry-level models, the Progress Almeria, a low-profile coachbuilt motorhome on a Fiat Ducato chassis. 749 cm long, its layout features a Project 2000 adjustable-height foldaway bed (the 12600 model) in the front area, an "L"-shaped kitchen in the center, and a large rear bedroom with central bed and independent services, with shower cubicle opposite the WC. The spacious bedroom's centerpiece is the 12658 bed by Project 2000. Besides allowing easy access to the space underneath (simply by folding the base up),

the bed offers adjustable raising backrests for a comfy bedtime read, while freeing up space in the bedroom. But the most useful feature is undoubtedly the ability to alter its height, bringing into play a garage / storage compartment with external access and variable volume. During journeys, the bed is in the raised position, leaving enough space in the garage to carry a motorcycle. When the camper is parked, the bed can be lowered again for easy, convenient access.



The Salone del Camper Award



Project 2000 has won the "Salone del Camper Award" at the Parma fair in the Accessories & Components category for its innovative multipurpose bed, model no. 12658. In a private ceremony, the chairman of the Associazione Produttori Camper (Camper producers' association), Paolo Bicci, presented the sought-after prize to the company. Catching the judges' eye were not only the quality and features of its entry but also the firm's ability to tackle and solve the problems of camper life. "As the culmination of a long process of research and development on this type of product, our bed certainly is innovative," commented Davide Nardini, the owner of Project 2000 Srl. "But we are especially proud that, in making their choice, the technical jury recognized our company's wider commitment to creating solutions that enhance the comfort of life on recreational vehicles, which is precisely what we have been doing for the last

20 years." The Salone del Camper Award is now in its second year, this time attracting 51 product entries from 27 companies. The only winner in the Accessories & Components category was Project 2000's bed, the first central bed in the industry to combine as many as three mechanisms in a single structure. Being the result of the Tuscan firm's long experience in developing bed-lifting mechanisms, the 12658 bed features a self-supporting structure of adjustable height. The lower part can be lifted, allowing access to the storage compartment, while the upper part raises to act as a backrest. The new model makes it possible to:

- adjust the bed's height off the floor by around 305 mm via a manual or electric mechanism, thus offering an ample storage

compartment under the bed during transit, without compromising on the comfort and accessibility of a low bed when the vehicle is parked;

- fold open the lower part of the bed base to an angle of 114 degrees, allowing quick and easy access to the storage area beneath;
- raise the backrest into one of five set positions and move the bed base back along an approximately 220-mm run. Thus, users can adjust their position to read or watch television in comfort, while moving back the bed creates space in the bedroom.

