

# The new bed that enlarges comfort on campervans

Project 2000, the brand under American multinational Lippert Components, is attending the Caravan Salon in Düsseldorf with a healthy dose of new products, ranging from the new variable-height bed with electric extension designed for campervans, to the new flush TV brackets and the brand-new three-tread steps

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**P**roject 2000, a leader in developing and producing fixed and variable-height beds, presents a new product that's sure to interest, dedicated to the campervan type, which is continuously on the rise. This particular product segment is attracting ever greater attention and therefore requires a constant search for innovative, high-performance solutions on the part of manufacturers.

The revolutionary Smart Extension bed system is the result of the desire to assist manufacturers in this search.

This bed is variable not only in height, but also in length.

When the transverse bed comes down from the ceiling and arrives at the pre-set height, it extends its outermost parts thanks to an electronic control system that allows the external parts of the bed structure to open. Conversely, when the bed is returned to the ceiling, the extensions re-enter automatically, allowing the bed to adhere perfectly to the ceiling despite any side wall units and overcoming the limitations of campervans, notorious for having a roof narrower than

the rest of the passenger compartment, which has convex walls.

With the bed in retracted position, there's extraordinary internal comfort and there's a wide range of possibilities for installation.

The key to its success is using a dynamic bed system with electronic control positioned transversely on the vehicle. This allows more space to be obtained for front dinette and bathroom compartment, and a great surface for resting at the same time.

Thanks to this solution, it is also possible to create a genuine bedroom for sleeping undi-

sturbed as if you were at home, thanks to combination with "Smart Bench". This fold-out bench that transforms into a genuine double bed with slatted base can be joined to the fixed opposite bench. This creates a multifunctional space that offers an additional dinette in the rear with benches matched by day and no fewer than two "bunk" double beds in the night-time version. The bed, which may be from 100 to 140 cm wide has a truly considerable lengthwise travel, passing from a minimum of 100 cm to 185 cm. The system operates through guides that run inside the bed structure and which, operated electronically by motorised pinions, extract the extending part of the bed. The slats, connected to one another, operate in the same way.

It is also possible to program 2 stop points on different height levels with dedicated opening travel routes.

This solution is very functional, and allows the bed to

## Flush guide TV brackets

An interesting new feature offered by Project 2000 to enhance the aesthetic effect of TV brackets is the ability to recess the guide in which the support travels. With P/N 12653/E000/10/000, a special guide profile has been developed, specifically designed to become flush. Through milling in the furniture or walls of the vehicle, the aluminium guide can be made to disappear, creating a more harmonious effect between the TV bracket and fittings on the vehicle.



be used both as a "bunk" double bed in intermediate position and by exploiting the width of the vehicle to the full, bringing the bed to end of travel. A great part of Project 2000's development of this design involved study of all the possibilities for application on the platforms most widely used at the moment such as Fiat Ducato Euro 6 and Renault Master.

At the Caravan Salon in Düsseldorf, it will be possible to see the bed installed on some vehicles offered by major international brands, as well as at the Project 2000 stand of course.

### New products for steps

There are various new products in the steps range starting with the three-tread steps developed with an important Motorhome producer which offer increased width (640 mm) and are intended for motorhomes in key segments. Once again, Project 2000 confirms its position as

the undisputed leader in this market segment, making continuous developments and working in synergy with its customers in order to offer state-of-the-art solutions. All the components have been designed to achieve maximum lightness using controlled and certified materials, to maintain the characteristics of the steps over time.

Among the new products are the 10856 electric steps with width of 1000 mm intended for campervans and vehicles for special uses, where the demand is for use of the steps with the greatest surface possible by the opening of the door. These extra-large steps too maintain the characteristics of the 10856 series, that is, quality components, robustness, reliable motors and emergency manual release. The 10856 steps in 440 mm, 550 mm and as much as 700 mm measurements have also been developed in a completely manual version. An interesting solution for the after-market also for caravans.



## Company Profile

Project 2000 was founded in 1995 as a sole proprietorship, experiencing constant growth that has led to a market leadership position in the recreational vehicle sector, for the manufacturing of retractable steps (electric, electronic and manual), LCD television bracket mounts and height adjustment solutions for beds. All metal workmanship processes are carried out in-house, and all step design prototypes undergo a battery of operating tests and structural stress tests using equipment and instrumentation that is specifically designed for this purpose. Project 2000 obtained its Certificate of Suitability for mass production in 2010. In 2013 the company initiated a partnership deal with Lippert Components in the U.S. market, and in 2016 Lippert Components acquired Project 2000.

