

From pioneer to market leader: SORTIMO – organisation with system

From the case to the system

A small red box formed the basis for a success story. From this box and other inset boxes dimensioned to fit into a metal case, an idea was developed which today inspires tradesmen and technicians around Europe: SORTIMO – organisation with system. This system has meanwhile grown beyond the first SORTIment MObil, the tool case. This portable workshop was the first module in a chain of well-devised improvements and enhancements. Today, the workshop is on wheels and comes to the customer as a mobile service.

The birth of the original case

An idea came into being in 1973: it was 44 cm wide, 33 cm deep and about 7 cm high. It was a simple but no less ingenious idea and became an industry standard: a stable metal case for tradesmen, fitters and service technicians. A very special feature is the positive locking system which prevents inadvertent opening. The contents – removable plastic boxes in various sizes for an almost unlimited assortment of small components and spare parts – makes work at the site of operations much easier because everything is well organised and highly visible.

The father of the idea, the Swabian businessman **Herbert Dischinger**, went on to develop his range of tool cases into a universal in-vehicle equipment system for tradesmen, fitters and service technicians that facilitates work on site and guarantees a high level of professionalism.

SORTIMO Mobil – the modular SORTIMO system

Established as a classic in its field, the SORTIMO case with removable plastic inset boxes in different sizes was the starting point for an enormous campaign. This was the basis module from which the customised in-vehicle equipment system SORTIMO Mobil evolved. In time, this branch-specific modular system included a safety-tested assembly floor and more than 1,000 individual components – from the case as the base module, lockers, shelves, drawer cabinets, workbenches, lashing systems and roof racks right up to individual accessories. An endless variety of combinations is thus made possible – optimally suited to the needs of the user, the branch of trade or business and the type of vehicle. SORTIMO Mobil equipping variants have not only won prizes for creativity and space utilisation, but they also come with the TÜV-tested (Association for occupational safety requirements) safety standard for every type of vehicle.

SORTIMO crash tests – we care about your safety

Constant matching to technical standards and improvements already characterised the second generation of SORTIMO Mobil. Since 1998, SORTIMO Mobil has been tested repeatedly **up to 25 times above the norm** by means of practice-oriented crash tests. SORTIMO thus offers the highest safety standard in the world for its in-vehicle equipment systems. In 1995, SORTIMO founded the "**Safety and Vehicle Transport Forum**". An increased level of safety awareness prompted SORTIMO to carry out its crash tests together with TÜV, Dekra, ADAC and experts from the field of accident research with the aim of constantly testing and improving the safety of transporting loads and hazardous goods. The results of these crash tests are channelled into all SORTIMO product lines.

SORTIMO Globelyst – the third generation of SORTIMO in-vehicle equipment

How can you make an excellent system of in-vehicle equipment more comfortable, flexible, lighter and safer? The answer of the innovative market leader based in Zusmarshausen has a name: "Globelyst". This name says it all and stands for a global system and the proverbial universal usability and versatility of the new equipment generation. It is lighter and no longer bound to predefined grid dimensions, it can be matched direct to the vehicle contours and is not even fazed by the wheel arches. The secret is the **Space Frame Concept** with braced light metal elements. With this new "lightness of being", SORTIMO Globelyst thus offers flexible and precision-fitting installation possibilities for every type of vehicle at **weight savings of up to 30%**. Bringing stability, material reduction and weight savings down to a common denominator was an important Globelyst innovation target. The constructions such as honeycombs known from nature were the inspiration for such an intelligent and lightweight design. The SORTIMO developers made use of these bionic principles and transferred them to new technical applications.

With its innovative solutions, SORTIMO has developed over the years into an internationally active company. SORTIMO's ideas factory – **SORTIMO Speedwave** – was founded in 2000 and develops customised automobile solutions (load pull-outs, multi-functional tables and outdoor modules) in close cooperation with leading automobile manufacturers that make driving safer, more comfortable and which simply bring back the joy of being on the road again.

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