

## Press Information

Tried and tested over 7 million times: The Hansgrohe iBox universal celebrates its 15th anniversary

### **Concealed renovations made easy:**

#### **A 15-year success story**

*Esher, October 2016.* Concealed installation made easy, fast, reliable and versatile: this year the Hansgrohe iBox universal is celebrating its fifteenth anniversary. A true all-rounder, it facilitates the concealed installation of more than 200 pre-fab mixer sets and shower systems from Hansgrohe's wide range of products. This is an advantage for new construction projects, but it also makes renovating incredibly easy. The clever basic unit is a huge help when bathrooms have to be updated to meet the needs of young and old as we move through different stages of life. Existing bathrooms already equipped with an iBox universal unit can be modernised neatly and easily.

#### **Fifteen years of installation freedom**

Heating and plumbing professionals were able reap the benefits of the many advantages the iBox universal had to offer following its launch at the bathroom trade fair ISH in 2001. "The idea was simple and practical: an installation unit built into the wall, allowing plumbers to connect any type of fixture without the need for major construction work each time," remembers Alois Schönweger, inventor of the iBox universal and Head of the Technical Service Center at Hansgrohe. The Hansgrohe iBox universal is ideally suited to meet every-day professional bathroom installation requirements. Designed for use with all common installation systems, connection types and fittings, the rotationally symmetric box can be built into the wall, installed on or in front of the wall, mounted on a

support system, on pre-fabricated housing panels or onto a mounting rail set. The patented, flexible adjustment ring makes it possible to adjust the depth of the unit to fit walls of varying thickness. In addition, the Hansgrohe iBox universal is absolutely watertight and soundproof. A variety of accessories are available for problematic installation conditions, for example, where the installation depth of the unit is too deep or not deep enough, or when cold and hot water connections have been inverted.

### **Discover the possibilities**

In keeping with the “One fits all” motto, a variety of pre-fab sets and applications are available for use with the iBox universal. Thanks to the modular principle, professional plumbers today are able to use the same base unit for more than 200 Axor and Hansgrohe fittings. In addition to thermostats, and shower and bathtub mixers, the practical multi-functional box is also the basic installation component for the multi-spray overhead showers of the Hansgrohe shower collection. “Sixteen functional fixtures and fittings can now be connected to the iBox base unit,” explains Alois Schönweger.

### **Greater planning security for plumbing professionals**

Planning security is another great advantage: mixers, thermostats and shower systems can be connected to the base unit once construction work has been completed, so plumbing professionals can give their customers time until the very last minute to choose from a wide range of designs and functions. This is because the base unit and the fixtures can be bought and installed independently of each other. Yet another advantage is that pre-fab sets are not delivered until needed for installation so the risk of theft or damage during the construction phase is eliminated, as is costly storage.

In the photographs below, bathroom specialist Hansgrohe shows how easy it is to renovate a 15-year old shower area. Customers welcome the

quick and clean modernisation of their bathrooms, and are particularly delighted with the innovative and convenient functions, which – thanks to Hansgrohe Select technology – operate on a purely mechanical basis.

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Within the international Hansgrohe Group, Hansgrohe is the premium brand for bathroom and kitchen fixtures, showers and shower systems as well as thermostat and plumbing technology. Winners of numerous awards throughout the world, the brand's products stand for modern technologies, innovative design and a superlative level of functional quality. This explains the success of the brand as a market leader in the shower segment and as one of the leading manufacturers of fixtures. With inventions such as the shower bar, adjustable spray types, the QuickClean function, the AirPower or the EcoSmart technology as well as the convenient Select technology, Hansgrohe is regarded as one of the leading innovators in the international sanitation industry.



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### **Design Leader in the Sanitation Industry**

In the current ranking of the International Forum Design (iF), Hansgrohe SE ranks in 10th position among 2,000 listed companies. With 860 points, the Schiltach-based bathroom mixers and shower specialist outperforms brands such as Apple, Daimler and Nike and leads the design hit list in the sanitation industry.

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Before and after: the modernisation of a 15-year old shower space. Tried and tested over 7 million times over the past 15 years, the Hansgrohe iBox universal unit enables neat and easy renovation. The new thermostats and shower fixtures equipped with Hansgrohe Select technology can also be connected to the iBox universal. Customers welcome the added convenience: they can control overhead showers and handheld showers at the touch of a button without any electronic components.



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The new Hansgrohe ShowerSelect thermostat with its quality glass surface, sleek design and easy-to-use button control makes the shower area more convenient and attractive.



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First shut off the water and cover the bathtub or shower with a protective tarp. To remove the old concealed thermostat, unscrew the handles and remove the wall flange. Loosen the four screws of the inner flange and remove it.



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Unscrew and take out the old function block. Remove the old gaskets, clean the sealing surface of the iBox universal and wipe away any traces of silicone from the wall.



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Unpack the contents of the new pre-fab Hansgrohe ShowerSelect thermostat set.



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Mount the new function block onto the iBox universal and attach it with the four screws provided.



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Screw in the brass fixing bolt. Apply the template and with a saw blade saw off the lever pin flush and then file. Mount the nut.



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Loosen the brass fixing bolt until it is flush with the template.



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Turn on the water and make sure the function block is sealed tight. Measure the screw length needed for the inner flange and shorten all four screws if necessary.



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Screw on the inner flange.



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Remove the green safety clip from the lever pin.



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Fit the stop sleeve onto the temperature control. Attach the flange and then the thermostat handle.



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Remove the old shower hose and showerhead, pull the cap off the old hose connection and unscrew the hose. Clean the connection.



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Apply sealing material to the new hose connection, screw it in and cover it with the new cap.



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Insert the gaskets and attach the hose and the new handheld shower. Check all functions, and adjust the temperature using the thermostat. To do so, connect the thermometer to the water source and turn the thermostat handle to 40 degrees Celsius. Next, remove the handle, realign it and replace it on the 40 degree mark.

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#### Video: How to install ShowerSelect with Hansgrohe iBox universal

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