Press release

# A new toilet can completely transform your bathroom

**Prague, 21 November 2017 – Although toilets are not a frequent topic of discussion, they are something we all need. The purchase of a new toilet is usually prompted either by reconstruction of the bathroom or a non-functioning toilet. When selecting a new toilet, we have a choice of three types. Wall-mounted toilets are very popular, but we can also opt for a combination toilet, where the lower part of the toilet is connected to the water tank or a stand-alone toilet with the water tank located in a concealed module. However, choice may be limited by certain technical parameters, to which you should pay close attention.**

****If you are reconstructing the entire bathroom, you first must think about what products you would like to use – and consult with an experienced craftsman. Depending on the type of toilet and its dimensions, it may be necessary to modify the construction work itself.

**A free-standing or wall-mounted toilet?**

Before installing a wall-mounted type of WC, you need to consider whether you have a wall in the bathroom that is sufficiently load-bearing. This can be an issue mainly in prefab apartment buildings. *“In this case, we recommend installing reinforcing elements for attaching the concealed module frame to the side walls. This reinforcement was developed especially for reconstructions in prefab buildings. The lateral attachment is adjustable and is intended to be used primarily when there are other pipes (water, sewerage, gas lines, etc.) behind the concealed module”,* explains Petr Štěpánek, a service technician for the JIKA brand. For new constructions, it is ideal to insert the concealed water tank directly into a niche in a massive wall and save on precious space.

When installing a wall-mounted toilet, the waste water outlet must be properly configured. It should be set to the right slope so that it does not become clogged or return excrement back into the bowl. *“When installing a wall-mounted toilet in a prefab building, it is important to keep in mind that instead of a 90-degree gradient, an angle of 45 or 60 degrees is necessary”, advises Štěpánek.*

A wall-mounted toilet is installed on a front-of-wall module, for which we can choose its height above the floor. *“The usually recommended height for a hanging toilet bowl is 40 centimetres from the floor. If someone with a disability or an elderly individual is living in the home, it is advisable to add a few centimetres to the height or choose a special toilet”,* says the JIKA expert.

**Solving waste drainage with free-standing and combination WCs**

An essential step in selecting a toilet is the connection with the waste outlet. *“A rear horizontal, diagonal or vertical waste outlet is used, leading into the floor, or a vario waste outlet can be used. A vario waste outlet allows for any type of connection, and the connection to the waste pipe is concealed directly in the toilet bowl, which prevents dust from adhering and eases maintenance. However, it is not possible, for example, to fix a hanging module to a vertical pipe”,* says the JIKA service technician.

**A modern bathroom should have a bidet**

**Developments are also taking place in the area of sanitary technology, and modern bathrooms and toilets are often equipped with a bidet. This is normally placed next to the toilet*. “If you don’t have the space for a bidet, a bidet seat can be installed on almost any toilet. In this case, it is necessary to make adaptions to the waste outlet and water and electric supply before modifying the toilet”,* says Petr Štěpánek. A new type of product being purchased by an increasing number of households – and not just to save on space, but also for reasons of aesthetics and time – is a toilet and bidet combined in one.

**Final points to remember**

To make your bathroom and toilet a unified whole, choose products with the same design and contours. Toilets are most often made of glazed ceramic, and can have squared or rounded edges and the deep or flat flushing. Also popular are toilets without a rinse ring, making it easier to maintain a clean toilet. Toilets with a water-saving flushing mechanism allow you to economize on water while helping the environment.

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