

Press release

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Topcon Europe Medical a winner in the Red Dot Award 2014: Wall mounted instrument column IC-1 is awarded for high design quality.

Capelle aan den IJssel, Topcon Europe Medical convinced the 40-member expert panel for the Red Dot Award: Product Design 2014 with the high design quality of its Wall mounted instrument column IC-1. In the current competition, the international experts discussed and evaluated 4,815 entries from 53 countries. But only designs which won over the jury with quality and innovative strength won an award. The Wall mounted instrument column IC-1 by Topcon Europe Medical was successful and received the coveted Red Dot quality seal as its deserved reward.

On 7 July 2014, the highlight of the internationally renowned product competition will be celebrated in Essen, Germany: the presentation of the acclaimed Red Dot during the traditional Red Dot Gala and subsequent Designers' Night. On that evening, roughly 1,200 guests from around the world gather in Essen in order to experience the awards ceremony. In the course of the party in the Red Dot Design Museum Essen, the winners' exhibition will also be opened, presenting the award-winning product Wall mounted instrument column IC-1 to a wide audience for four weeks before it enters the museum's permanent exhibition.

The IC-1 is a new innovative concept and an efficient solution for presenting instruments in your consulting room or optician store. This IC-1 instrument Column is wall mounted, resulting in a very small footprint, saving you valuable floor space and making it easy access for cleaning the floor. The IC-1 is available in two colours and can be set up for one or even two instruments. The adjusted elevation with a large stroke of the table top allows for seated or standing operation of your instruments. With the additional option of a monitor and keyboard support, this IC-1 instrument Column will turn into a complete flexible workstation, which is also easily accessible for wheelchair patients. The IC-1 in combination with Topcon's Auto-Refractometer KR-1 along with Topcon's Tono-Pachymeter CT-1P or Topcon's new 3D OCT-1 Maestro, is the perfect solution to provide complete refractive eye care on a single square meter.

Prof. Dr. Peter Zec, initiator and CEO of Red Dot, on the decision process in the Red Dot Award: "The 40 experts assessed the quality of the entries with the utmost care and attention. Due to their backgrounds, they also assessed the special cultural aspects of the designs from 53 countries. But only the best products receive an award from the jury. This is especially reflected in the percentage of successful entries in the Red Dot Award, which is much smaller in contrast to other international design competitions. Therefore, the winners can be proud of their achievements – with their entries, they stood out from the rest and were able to pass the test in front of the critical eyes of the experts. This success will be perceptible during the Red Dot Gala, when the laureates will receive the recognition of the international audience."

The award-winning products in the Red Dot Design Museum Essen

With around 2,000 exhibits spread over an area of more than 4,000 square metres, the Red Dot Design Museum houses the largest exhibition of contemporary design worldwide. The award-winning products from the Red Dot Award: Product Design 2014 will be presented in an impressive special exhibition from 8 July to 3 August 2014. Since touching and testing is expressly encouraged in the hands-on exhibition, visitors experience the current best achievements at close quarters in "Design on Stage". This way, design enthusiasts can find out about the trends in international product design and assure themselves of the good quality of Wall mounted instrument column IC-1 by Topcon Europe Medical.

The Red Dot Design Award

With the Red Dot Design Award, the Design Zentrum Nordrhein Westfalen created an internationally renowned product competition. Its prize, the Red Dot, has established itself worldwide as one of the most sought-after quality marks for excellent design. The Design Zentrum Nordrhein Westfalen displays the award-winning products in the Red Dot Design Museum Essen for at least one year.

In order to appraise the diversity in the field of design in a professional manner, the Red Dot Design Award breaks down into the three disciplines Red Dot Award: Product Design, Red Dot Award: Communication Design and Red Dot Award: Design Concept.

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