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VS TOP® Down: Welcome to a New Level

The award-winning lowering mechanism for wall units comes in ESSENTIO® design, Vauth-Sagel's newest design line – and is now delivered as a space-saving flatpack

Pordenone, 20 October 2026 – **At SICAM 2026, Vauth-Sagel presents the latest evolution of its award-winning VS TOP® Down lowering mechanism. With a gentle pull, the mechanism brings the contents of the wall unit down to a comfortable height. Its design now follows the design language of the ESSENTIO® collection; it is available in the three Vauth-Sagel standard colours *silver, lava* and *white* and is delivered as a flatpack. In this way, the VS TOP® Down once again embodies Vauth-Sagel's brand promise: 'Comfort makes the difference.'**

In many kitchens, wall units are mounted so high that the upper shelves are no longer comfortably within reach for anyone under 1.70 m. Shorter people, older people with limited mobility, people with disabilities, children and comfort-minded design customers all face the same challenge in everyday life – and this is exactly where the VS TOP® Down comes in.

'The VS TOP® Down finally makes design and function barrier-free – for more comfortable handling in everyday life,' says Claus Sagel, Managing Partner of Vauth-Sagel.

New: ESSENTIO® design

ESSENTIO® is Vauth-Sagel's newest shelf design, made of folded sheet steel: reduced to the essentials, timeless in design and yet entirely contemporary. The look of the VS TOP® Down has been further developed and aligned with this design language. The characteristic open gap detail visually connects the products in the collection and creates a coherent overall look. The VS TOP® Down is available as a one- or two-tier solution for cabinet widths of 600, 800 and 900 mm in the standard colours *silver, lava* and *white*.

New: flatpack packaging concept

The VS TOP® Down is now delivered as a space-saving flatpack instead of fully assembled. This gives customers the option of ordering the fitting and shelf separately. This will become particularly interesting once further design variants are available, allowing customers to optimise their logistics and storage costs.

A movement that inspires

A gentle pull on the handle element is all it takes: the elegant steel shelf glides smoothly out of the wall unit, bringing its contents within easy reach. The handle element is discreetly integrated into the design and invisible from the outside. The shelf returns just as effortlessly: without any force or additional unlocking, it glides back to its starting position, supported by spring force and damping. The tool-free spring force adjustment

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offers five settings that optimally match load and movement – with a load capacity of up to 8 kg. Thanks to the intelligent extension movement, the space below the shelf remains fully usable and collisions with kitchen utensils standing underneath are prevented – fully in line with the principles of Universal Design.

For every wall unit

Whether with a hinged door or a flap fitting – the VS TOP® Down is designed for every installation situation. If required, spacers ensure perfect compensation for different hinges. For easy installation, form-fitting lugs click securely into pre-drilled holes, and the fitting itself has matching recesses. The result is a precise plug-in system – flush, stable and slip-proof. As the spacers are self-retaining, no manual fixing is necessary. This makes installation particularly quick and easy.

Individuality for everyone

Those who prefer a completely individual solution can also purchase the fitting set separately and combine it with a shelf of their choice. This leaves plenty of scope for individual design in terms of material, colour and width – making the VS TOP® Down just as attractive for kitchen manufacturers as for joiners and cabinetmakers.

The VS TOP® Down can be experienced live at SICAM 2026 in Pordenone from 20 to 23 October 2026 on the Vauth-Sagel stand: Hall 2, Stand B10/C11.

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Development, production and sales focus their entire expertise on this aim – day in, day out. What began as a core competence in the kitchen and furniture industry has evolved into advanced storage solutions for modern living spaces.

This shared commitment motivates more than 850 employees to manufacture over 85 million products every year – all to the highest 'Made in Germany' quality standards. Combined with decades of cross-material experience, this gives Vauth-Sagel's customers around the world clear advantages.

Guided by its promise 'Creating high-quality system solutions for living spaces. For everyone.', Vauth-Sagel develops forward-looking concepts for product design and interior functionality that noticeably enhance order, comfort and quality of life in everyday use. ***Because: Comfort makes the difference.***

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