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## **New Vela: the evolution of Lippert's pop-up roof**

**The new Lippert Vela, the second generation of its pop-up roof, will be premiered at the Caravan Salon Düsseldorf 2021. Developed and produced in Europe, Lippert pop-up roofs are built with a twin sheet thermoformed technique. Sturdy and light, they offer a spacious extra, very well equipped bedroom.**

*San Casciano Val di Pesa (FI)* – Exactly one year after the launch of its first development of a pop-up roof, Lippert is presenting an evolved version of Vela at the Caravan Salon Düsseldorf 2021. This folding roof is produced in Europe and uses a thermoforming process called twin sheet. This involves the joining of two thermoformed sheets with an air gap between them. In this way, a very robust, but at the same time light roof is achieved with a weight reduction of 20 or even 30 percent compared to similar fibreglass products. In addition, it is possible to force hot or cold air into the cavity to air-condition this additional room.

Thanks to the twin sheet technology, Lippert was able to create a larger than average folding roof, able to contain a double bed measuring 200 x 130 cm, without increasing its weight. Another advantage of this technology, compared to fibreglass pop-up roofs, is the possibility of industrializing production, so it is possible to mass produce large volumes while maintaining constant quality standards. The lifting system is another original feature. It has a double mechanism, both pantograph and folding, which allows for more space in height even on the lower side of the roof.

*"Compared to the first version, Vela will have greater interior space", says Tommaso Gasparini, aftermarket manager Lippert RV Europe; "We have made sure that, once opened, the roof is much higher at the front and rear. And to date, our analysis shows the pop-up roof for the Fiat Ducato has greater interior space than all its competitors. We have also modified and simplified the roof release system to open it. Now a single lever frees the two safety catches at the same time".*

The new Vela is available for the Fiat Ducato, Citroën Jumper and Peugeot Boxer with H2 roof and lengths L2, L3 and L4 (i.e. 541, 599 and 636 cm). Vela creates a real additional room equipped with autonomous lighting thanks to perimeter lights and spots for reading, sockets for charging smartphones and air conditioning vents. The washable and removable fabric is fireproof and can be combined with a special insulated sheet with a waterproof outer layer and an insulating inner layer.

Vela is also designed for the installation of portholes and photovoltaic modules, and can also accommodate a roof air conditioner.



### **About Lippert**

From over 90 manufacturing and distribution facilities located throughout North America and Europe, Lippert™ supplies a broad array of highly engineered components for the leading manufacturers of RVs and prefab homes. It also operates in adjacent markets, including marine, bus, industrial vehicle and trains. Lippert™ also serves a wide range of aftermarket segments, providing high quality products for the caravanning, automotive and marine industries. With over 14,000 team members, and a diverse portfolio of best-in-class brands, Lippert™ adopts a team-based business philosophy and has proven that, by putting people first, the possibilities for growth and development are truly endless.

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### **About Lippert RV Europe**

In 2018, Lippert™ concentrated its activities in Europe in the recreational vehicle sector by creating the Lippert RV Europe division, based in San Casciano Val di Pesa (FI) in Italy. Here, in addition to the production plants and administrative offices, there is the central commercial division that coordinates all the European offices in the caravanning sector, including the Dutch brand Polyplastic, which joined the group in 2019. Lippert™ produces in Europe, components and accessories for the original equipment on recreational vehicles and for the aftermarket, such as: slide-out systems; pop-up roofs for vans; plastic and aluminum framed and frameless windows; bike racks for motorhomes and vans; variable height bed systems; electric and manual access steps; entrance and locker doors; table legs; blinds and mosquito nets; TV stand brackets.

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