

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF TOUGHNESS

A TIMELINE



2003

Start of project "alternative material canopy"



2004

Development of Series 7 HardHat



2005

Start of serial production



reddot design award

2006

Atlas Copco wins Red Dot Award in category Product Design



2007

Development of the US HardHat First HardHat generator



2011

Design update



2014

Largest single customer order of HardHats



2015

10 year anniversary of the HardHat Sales in more than 140 countries HardHat added to QLTV light tower

2016

To be continued...

Interview with
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Q: Why did we start?

A: We thought there was a better way, and our customers agreed. We then started looking for an alternative material for the canopy of our portable compressors. The material needed to be **corrosion proof, light weight, modern & rugged in design and ecological.**

Q: What were our concerns?

A: I think our biggest **concern** was the **perception**. Back in the day, plastic was perceived as something cheap and low quality. But our tests totally proved the opposite. **The PE canopy was tough, really tough.**

Q: How do you feel about the result?

A: I feel that **we changed the market** for sure. We proved that **compressors can look nice** and don't have to look like square metal boxes anymore.

Q: Why should you believe us?

A: Don't take our word for it! We won the Red Dot award. Products are given the **Red Dot Quality Award** if they **stand out**. And that's exactly what our HardHat did – stand out! In performance as well as in design.