

# 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.