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### **Smart design in front of and behind the wall: GROHE SmartControl Concealed in combination with the GROHE Rapido SmartBox**

- GROHE SmartControl Concealed in combination with the new GROHE Rapido SmartBox.
- Many advantages in front of and behind the wall
- Elegant ultra slim design for an easy installation

**Düsseldorf, 1<sup>st</sup> of November 2017.** The new freedom of space – that is how we envision our bathroom and in particular our shower. Anyone who as a planner or installer wants to use this typically very limited space as effectively as possible can now rely on an exceptionally "slim" duo: GROHE SmartControl Concealed in combination with the new GROHE Rapido SmartBox. Thanks to the concealed technology behind the wall and elegant ultra slim design with only 43 mm outreach on the wall, GROHE SmartControl Concealed makes for additional space in your shower. The new SmartControl models are controlled with the same self-explanatory push and rotary knob technology and are available in square or round designs as well as in chrome or moon white finishes. By combining the new two-stream Rainshower 310 SmartActive showerheads, the ideal solution is available for every bathroom ambience and every installation situation.

#### **Simply smarter: GROHE SmartControl – all advantages in front of the wall**

The slim, elegant look of the GROHE SmartControl Concealed models is immediately apparent. Only at second glance will the numerous functional features become evident behind the aesthetic design and the elegant knobs. The advantages:

- One for all! Until now, for the operation of a hand spray and a showerhead with two types of spray modes, two rough-ins and two mounting kits were necessary. With the GROHE Rapido SmartBox and the GROHE SmartControl Concealed models these can now be operated simultaneously with only one rough-in and one mounting kit. This allows the control of up to three shower or bath filler functions with only one trim.

- Push, rotate, and take your shower! The SmartControl user interface not only presents a visual statement, it can also be operated intuitively. In addition to the simple control of the different spray modes – by pushing a knob, you can start or stop your desired spray mode – the volume controller integrated in GROHE SmartControl also allows precise control of the water volume. Simply rotate the knob. By the way, the rotary knobs are corrugated and can therefore be used very easily. The SmartControl knobs are supplied with clearly and easily recognizable symbols for the different shower or bath options.
- Ultra slim design and more freedom of design! The GROHE SmartControl Concealed models project only 43 mm from the wall regardless of the installation depth of the rough-in and the GROHE SmartControl wall plate is only 10 mm deep. Thus, they make for a clean and modern appearance and provide comfortable room to move while in your shower. They are available in round or square designs as well as in chrome and moon white finishes. The integrated sealing system completely eliminates any water behind the wall.

### **Simply easier: GROHE Rapido SmartBox – all advantages behind the wall**

The GROHE Rapido SmartBox carries its name not without reason – it is full of innovative, sophisticated details and adapts to all projects. The advantages:

- Less installation effort at lower costs! The GROHE Rapido SmartBox has three outlets for a wider range of showering options, for which previously two rough-ins were necessary. In addition, the GROHE Rapido SmartBox makes adapters practically unnecessary. It has ½ inch outlets to which all standard cables can be connected.
- Inlets from below! The GROHE Rapido SmartBox is equipped with inlets to be connected from below, which allow a direct connection to the hot and cold-water supply. The use of 90-degree fittings is a thing of the past.
- Subsequent adjustment by 6 degrees is possible! Thanks to the long holes in the functional unit, GROHE wall plates can be adjusted by up to 6 degrees and can be aligned perfectly with tiles and joints.
- Fits into every wall! With an installation depth of only 75 mm, the GROHE Rapido SmartBox fits into every kind of wall, even particularly narrow ones.
- Service stops for retrofit! Thanks to the optional service stops for retrofit, the GROHE Rapido SmartBox allows complete control over the water supply in just a few steps.

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During maintenance, each of the building's SmartControl fittings can be closed directly and separately. Service stops are optionally available for the GROHE Rapido SmartBox and can be easily retrofitted.

- Standards compliant! The GROHE Rapido SmartBox can be retrofitted with a safety protection against backflow and meets the EU standard 1717 when installed with a bath filler.
- Easy job-side installation! Thanks to the handy brass outlets, the connection to the pipes can be installed with the help of a pipe wrench so that the mounting on-site can be carried out fast and easily. A bench vice is not necessary.

### **Always the right temperature: Grotherm SmartControl with GROHE TurboStat technology**

The temperature at which the water flow is to be started when a button is pushed can be pre-set on the thermostat handle. The revolutionary GROHE TurboStat technology maintains the desired temperature within a fraction of a second and keeps it constant throughout the entire showering process. The Grotherm thermostats are equipped with a 38 degree Celsius SafeStop button and can be complemented with an additional temperature limit stop at 43 degrees Celsius.

In addition to the TurboStat technology, the GROHE SmartControl Concealed model continues to be available with the proven SmartControl mixers, which combine simple operation with conventional manual mixer technology. They are also available with one, two or three shut-off valves, and also have built-in dirt filters for longer durability and easy maintenance.

For more information, please visit us at [grohe.com](http://grohe.com).

#### **About GROHE**

GROHE is the world's leading provider of sanitary fittings and has a total of over 6,000 employees, 2,400 of which are based in Germany. GROHE has been part of the LIXIL Group Corporation since 2014. As an international brand, GROHE pursues the brand values of technology, quality, design and sustainability, seeking to offer the "Pure joy of water". GROHE has been developing new product categories since its inception. This includes the GROHE Blue and Red water systems and the recently-introduced GROHE Sense water security system, which is an innovative component in the growth market of smart home technology. Innovation, design and development are closely aligned with one another and are enshrined in the German site as an integrated process. As a result, GROHE products carry the seal of quality "Made in Germany". In the past ten years alone, more than 300 design and innovation awards as well as several top rankings at the German Sustainability Award have confirmed GROHE's success. GROHE was the first in its industry to win the German government's CSR prize and was also featured in the renowned Fortune® magazine's ranking of Top 50 that are "Changing the World".

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