

## press release

## Opac hard-top: custom-made roofs for large yachts

The Turin-based company produces roofing systems designed and manufactured according to the specific technical and stylistic requirements of shipyards. This is something that makes its solutions similar to tailormade products.

Rivalta di Torino, 16 December 2020 - With a first-class technological background, a long-established tradition as well as craftsmanship, today Opac is a highly flexible company which is able to respond in real time to every market demand. Above all, it is a company that is constantly evolving: its first products for the nautical sector were in fact derived from 20 years' experience in another industrial field - the automotive sector.

The design and manufacturing of car tops led to the development of solutions for boat covers. Engineering applied in the processing of materials such as steel, aluminium, light alloys, resins and carbon fibres has contributed to the development of all forms of sunroof as well as custom solutions for open pleasure boats and large yachts.

The roofs are built using high-quality materials to ensure geometric precision, smooth operation and longterm reliability. Whether on its own premises or at the customer's production site, the company is also able to produce very large structures for mega yachts, with roof arches measuring up to 9.70 metres long and 6.40 metres wide.

At the last Genoa Boat Show, the Sanlorenzo shipyard presented the world premiere of the new flagship of the SX crossover line: the SX112 yacht. A true "giant of luxury", it is enhanced by a large hard-top designed and produced by Opac: almost four metres long and over three metres wide, the roof consists of 15 aluminium slats that rotate to allow the desired amount of light through. To offer the highest quality of life on board, an integrated system of gaskets and ducts provides an excellent seal against water and air when the hard-top is closed.

Opac's hard-top is also available in a glazed version, i.e. with aluminium-framed slats and tempered glass panelling to allow natural light to filter through and illuminate the area below even when it is closed.

The latest development of the hard-top installed on the Sanlorenzo is called **Multifunctional hard-top**. This version opens by means of a dual handling system: the first, in the form of a fan, allows the slats to be lifted upwards; the second consists of a translation aft of the slats themselves which are "packed" in a rest position, leaving the deck below open. The top can be opened completely or only partially, depending on the owner's needs. Rotation, opening and closing operations take very little time.

These solutions allow the upper decks of the yacht to be illuminated as desired, adjusting the brightness according to need and preference.



All Opac products can be adapted to the specific needs of boatyards and yacht designers, both in terms of size and choice of materials. This is yet a further strength for a company that has been combining high-level know-how with true craftsmanship for almost thirty-five years.

**Opac** (<u>www.opacgroup.com</u>) is a company specialising in the study, design and construction of automotive prototypes and soft- and hard-top roofs both for cars and the nautical sector.