

Press release

Watersports

Communal washing can have a certain ritual character – or might just be a case of necessity. This conceived combination of functionality and aesthetics is fully demonstrated in the elegant stainless-steel communal washbasins offered by the Franke Company.

Footballers troop into the washroom in their sweat-soaked team strips, factory workers congregate at whistle time to scrub the ingrained dirt off their hands, and miners wash away the grime of another exhausting shift.

Who doesn't have one of these memories, from school sports days or summer camps, perhaps? The memory might not be a fond one of course – with little or no place to leave your kit and normal clothes, pock-marked mirrors that had long since lost their silvering, dirt and grime, or worn-out and broken fittings.

Washrooms designed with wellness in mind

It is not just the bathrooms in private homes that have evolved in the meantime – communal places can also have a designer bathroom. Even communal bathrooms can contribute to a sense of wellness while performing their basic personal-hygiene function – without one thing impeding the other. Clean designer lines, silky-matt stainless steel and the generous dimensions of these freestanding Franke hand washbasins turn communal washing into something you can enjoy.

Freestanding washing facilities obtain their water supply from the floor, leaving the walls free for lockers, cupboards or doors. The flat, austere geometric design of these Franke hand washbasins fulfils several needs simultaneously. The support pillars are wider at the bottom, which provides stability while ensuring that there is adequate maintenance access to the pipes behind. We can also provide support pillars – with just ten days' notice – that are perfectly matched to the slope of the

washroom floor. Made-to-measure work thus presents absolutely no problem for stainless-steel specialists Franke, with individual configuration available even for standard hand washbasins. The German Liebherr Company, for example, uses models fitted with an enclosed partition.

Precision-made

The fitting conduit above the washing area permits plenty of room for pipework, and also provides maintenance access, while providing a pleasant-looking small shelf. The dimensions of the stainless-steel shaft ensure that Franke soap dispensers from the Chronos or Stratos ranges can be fitted without trouble. Screw-mounted towel holders can be added to complete this picture of total convenience.

Need a mirror? The robust stainless steel tubes stretched across the fitting conduit are equipped with ready-fitted mirror elements made of highly polished chrome-nickel steel. The advantages of stainless-steel mirrors are that they are vandal resistant, rust-free and do not suppose any injury hazard due to broken glass.

The smooth surfaces of the support pillars help prevent stubbed toes and other foot injuries, with all pipework fully enclosed and no sharp edges on the outside. Franke takes it for granted that the overall design of each hand washbasin or communal sink must be of the highest precision. Laser-cutting machines are used to ensure that components fit perfectly, and our many decades of experience in the manufacture of stainless-steel items are you guarantee of a harmonious whole.

A sense of esteem

An elegant finish is what gives Franke stainless-steel washroom fittings their indisputable air of class. The use of robust materials helps prevent vandalism, while studies show that pleasantly designed and clean washrooms engender a sense of esteem in their users. Facilities showing these qualities are demonstrably less likely to be vandalised than their dank or dirty counterparts.

Communal washing is both a ritual and a necessity. All individuals share an innate sense of the aesthetic, along with an instinctive feel for when the concept is being handled with respect, for example when using facilities designed to enhance self-esteem. Functional washroom facilities can also fulfil the most demanding aesthetic considerations in this respect. Franke hand washbasins are visible proof of this.

With numbers in mind

Length: from 1400 millimetres for four persons up to 2800 millimetres for eight users, configured as individual hand washbasins for the use of each person, or as a single communal sink.

Depth: a space-saving 600 mm for communal sinks or a generous 700 mm for hand washbasins.

Top edge of hand washbasin: 840 mm

Top edge of fitting conduit: 1200 mm

Mirror: bottom edge at 1300 mm, top edge at 1850 mm, each mirror element is 400mm wide

Pipework options:

Without pipework fittings

With mixer-tap pipework (certified, in stainless steel)

With pipework for separate hot and cold taps (certified, in stainless steel)

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