

Project description

In a → **container**¹, of which the doors are opened at an angle of ca. 45°, there are 13 → **vacuum cleaners**². At the end of the container there is a → **projection screen** (canvas)³, onto which is projected a → **film** (video)⁴ by means of a → **video projector** attached to the container ceiling; for the projection of → **sound**⁵ appropriate → **equipment** for playback is necessary. The vacuum cleaners (↗ see above) are individually supplied with electricity and can individually be turned on and off by using a special → **keyboard**; they are 'looking' towards the container's exit; at regular intervals they will run driven simultaneously, and - in various combinations – successively, by an automatic circuit (→ **switch box**⁶). A **likeness**⁷ is attached to the vacuum cleaners. A → **red carpet** is laid out along the container and extends about 2.5 meters out into the area in front of the latter. Access into the container is blocked on both sides of the red carpet between the carpet and the half-open doors by → **(barbed) wire**⁸ "for mobile barriers". → **Visitors** (f/m) enter and exit the container through a → **metal detector**.⁹ To the right and to the left of the red carpet and behind the metal detector there are 2 other "faceless" vacuum cleaners.¹⁰ Inside the container - along the side walls to the left and right - are standing 2 long → **rows of books**.¹¹ More details and installative elements are imaginable ...

1 Measure of the container — L: 12,0 m x W: 2,4 m x H: 2,5 m.

2 That is 13 Hoover® Vacuum Cleaners representing actually living and ruling "dictators"; # 1-6 on the left and # 7-12 on the right side of a red carpet, # 13 is positioned on the red carpet itself at ca. 2 m to the end of the container (↘ see footnote # 9 below).

3 Alternatively, the playback/replay could take place on a large flat screen.

4 Content: "Land on the horizon", filmed from a boat slightly moved by the waves of the sea; duration: about 30 minutes. - Location: Kobe either itself or Marseilles (twin town of Kobe!).

5 Sound derives from other sources than the film; it consists of sound of waves, which incessantly hit the rocky coast.

6 Into which a kind of "dictator's song" is 'mechanically composed'. Alternatively, the live performance of this kind of "dictator's song" through appropriate "keyboard" is possible.

7 In each case, the "face" of an actually ruling dictator, printed on a round disc of metal (aluminium composite panels / DIBOND®: (#13) معمر القذافي [Muammar al-Gaddafi, Libya], (#12) 김일성 [Kim Il-sung, North Korea], (#11) Fidel Castro [Cuba], (#10) Аляксандр Рыгоравіч Лукашэнка [Alexander Grigoryevich Lukashenko, Belarus], (#9) محمود احمدی نژاد <Mahmoud Ahmadinejad> [Iran], (#8) Than Shwe [Myanmar], (#7) Robert Mugabe [Zimbabwe], (#6) Ислам Абдуғаниевич Қаримов [Islam Karimov, Uzbekistan], (#5) 胡锦涛 [Hu Jintao, China], (#4) عبد الله بن عبد العزيز آل سعود [Abdullah ibn Abd al-Aziz Al Sa'ud, Saudi Arabia], (#3) عمر حسن أحمد البشير [Umar Hasan Ahmad al-Bashir, Sudan], (#2) پرویز مشرف [Pervez Musharraf, Pakistan], (#1) Teodoro Obiang Nguema [Äquatorial-Guinea].

8 Barbed wire of stainless steel, it can also be easily used wire without "spikes", thereby reducing the risk of injury to the visitor (m / f) is minimized.

9 The metal detector may consist of a model with no real function.

10 That is 2 more Hoover® Vacuum Cleaners - # 14 & 15 - as "faceless security guards" with stylized faces (see footnote 7).

11 The rows of books consist of writings of no more ruling or even no more living dictators. There might be (collected) writings by Nicolae Ceaușescu („Conducător“; Romania), იოსებ ბესარიონის ძე ჯუღლაშვილი (Joseph Vissarionovich Stalin; Soviet Union), Francisco Paulino Hermenegildo Teódulo Franco y Bahamonde Salgado Pardo („El Caudillo“; Spain), Adolf Hitler („Der Führer“; German Reich), Erich Honecker („Staatsratsvorsitzender“; GDR), 김일성 (Kim Il-sung; „The Great Leader Comrade“; North Korea), Benito Mussolini („Il Duce“; Italy), Сапармурат Атаевич Ниязов (Saparmurat Atayevich Niyazov; “Turkmenbashi“; Turkmenistan), زين العابدين بن علي (Zine el-Abidine Ben Ali; Tunisia), and many others ...