



VICTORIAN BATHROOMS

The Story of Vipp

The story of the Vipp Pedal Bin goes back to 1939 when a young Danish metal turner, Holger Nielsen (1914 – 1992) was asked by his new wife to manufacture a waste bin that she could use in her hairdressing salon. Maria needed a bin which she could open with a pedal in order to keep her hands free.

Having only recently married, Holger wanted to show her what he was capable of and made a bin which was durable, functional and aesthetically pleasing, with a rubber seal in the lid to keep in odours and dust.

As time passed, the local doctors' and dentists' wives visited the salon for their haircut. They found the bin to be perfect for their husbands' practices, and bought the Vipp from Holger Nielsen. Slowly the story of Holger Nielsen's bin spread and for 65 years Vipp was sold to hospitals, clinics and dentists.

However, over the past 10 years, the Vipp bin has been discovered by interior designers the world over, and Victorian Bathrooms is now introducing this "cult" status pedal bin to the South African market.

Today Vipp, Denmark, is owned by the daughter of Holger Nielsen and her two children. The Vipp bins are still hand made, from stainless steel, and are designed to last a lifetime. In a world of daily changes the timeless and classical design of Vipp represents a constant. As commented by Mari Lea Randsborg of Vipp "If need be, we also have spare parts for the Vipp. It's such a pleasure when somebody comes through our door with a 25 year old Vipp under the arm which just needs new ears (handles) – and then it's as good as new".



Maria & Holger Nielsen, 1960



Today's Vipp family

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