FRANK AMERICA INC.

# WHAT'S INSIDE THAT COUNTS

CHIC! Mode im 17. Jahrhundert · Hessisches Landesmuseum Darmstadt Photo: Wolfgang Fuhrmannek



# **MEET** FRANK

### A one-of-a-kind connecting system for premium, museum-quality showcases

FRANK showcases feature prominently in the world's premier museums, where they protect the most prized objects history has left humankind to preserve. And with good reason: "It's what's inside that counts." This conviction of ours is reflected in a peerless, purist design that puts the object first, without neglecting function. A FRANK showcase satisfies the highest demands of great museums across the globe. It's unique advantages at a glance:



fully demountable



unrivaled quality



emission-free solutions



award-winning, minimalist design

The perfect solution for permanent and temporary museum exhibitions of any size, FRANK protects what's precious to you.



Washington D.C.



British Museum



Palazzo Ducale



Hôtel National des Invalides



Bundestag

# THE PATENTED FRANK CONNECTING SYSTEM

### **Technology that connects - without glue or fasteners**

The FRANK showcase system features our unrivaled slide-in technology. It requires no screws or gaskets for dustproof and airtight storage and preservation. Simply insert the minimal aluminum strips into the grooves machined in the edges of the panels. No wider than the two eight-millimeter panels connecting joint, these slim extrusions are flush with the surface when installed. Most important of all, they provide a precise-fitting connection with the stability of a permanent joint and the flexibility of a quick-release fixture that enables easy disassembly.

### UNIQUELY FRANK

number one in demountable showcases

### Integrated top panel

made of acrylic or mineral glass; available in frost, clear and opaque

### Top frame

anodized aluminum\* 20 mm insert and mounting fixture built in

### **Acrylic panels**

in various thicknesses colorless, UV filtering, opaque, color satin finish, scratch resistant

### Glass panels

in various thicknesses standard: 8 mm (4.4.2), extra-clear laminated glass all types of glass available on request

#### Door

optionally available as a hinged door

#### **Connecting profile**

anodized aluminium\*, 8 mm

### Integrated base panel

strong, 15 mm aluminum sandwich panel\*

#### **Base frame**

anodized aluminum\* standard heights: 40 mm and 120 mm 120 mm frame optionally available with a desiccant chamber (drawer)

#### Adjustable feet

adaptable in height: 8-18 mm

\* All aluminum components come with a standard anodized color in aluminum-look RAL 9006. All aluminum components can be anodized in any color on request.

## FULLY DEMOUNTABLE

Assembly is an exercise in convenience with the FRANK system's patented no-glue, no-screws design. And with no sealing materials such as silicone or adhesives, there is nothing to give off gasses (no emission). Assembly time is short; service life is long. The prefab FRANK showcase ships "well-protected" in a flat pack. It's simple to assemble a case – quickly, intuitively and without special tools. Disassembly is just as easy. If you wish, our FRANK service team will be happy to do this for you.

This unique connecting system lets you replace panels and components or extend the showcase later.

The same strips serve to join all materials, so you can combine opaque, satin or transparent panels of varying thicknesses as you like.

The showcases readily break down into their constituent parts to allow for space-saving storage, convenient transport and reuse for future projects.





### BENEFITS AT A GLANCE



### demountable

perfect for permanent & temporary installations, easy transportation and space-saving storage



### intuitive assembly and disassembly

fast, effortless setup, no special skills needed



### maintenance-free

for a long service life



### modular

easily exchanged and added components

### **Professional installation service**

The FRANK service team will be pleased to assist you. They are able to install large, complex exhibits, reliably and with remarkable speed. For example, a crew of 6 assembled 92 FRANK cases in just four days.

### **PANELS**

The FRANK showcase system is available in glass, acrylic and other materials. The same profiles serve to connect all types of materials, so clients are free to combine different materials of various thicknesses.



### **GLASS OR PLASTICS?**

	GLASS		PLASTICS		
Туре	Laminated glass	Tempered glass	Acrylic	Polycarbonate	HPL
Light	+	+	+++	+++	++
Stable	+++	+++	+++	+++	+++
Transparent	++	++	+++	++	-
Non-reflective	++	-	-	-	-
Anti-static	++	++	+	+	+
UV-protected	++	-	+++	+	++
Abrasion-resistant	++	++	+	++	++
Long life	+++	+++	++	++	+++

### **CONNECTING PROFILES**

The patented, precision-milled aluminum profiles are only 8 millimeters wide. Inserted to join 8-mm acrylic or glass panels, they sit flush with the surface to provide a form-fitting yet readily detachable connection. With the benefit of these profiles, the showcases can be reused as often as requested. All aluminum components – the profiles, top and bottom frames and floor panel – come in a shade of grey, RAL 9006. Other colors are also available.



- > Thickness: 8 mm
- > Flush connection
- > Precision-milled
- > Available in various colors





# UNRIVALED QUALITY

Leading museums and exhibitions worldwide require nothing less than the best quality. FRANK showcases meet those lofty standards. The patented connecting technology and the precision of our workmanship guarantee stable and "vandal proof" showcase construction. Select materials not only contribute to the cases, excellent quality; they also ensure a long service life and the best return on investment.

The FRANK system is versatile and may be augmented as needed with a magnetic track lighting system, an adjustable shelving system and climate control solutions.

### BENEFITS AT A GLANCE



### patented system

fully demountable patented connection technology



### premium materials

to protect your investment, deter vandals & prolong service life



### preservation

emission-free environmental con-trol technology



#### **AER**

< 0,1 available on request



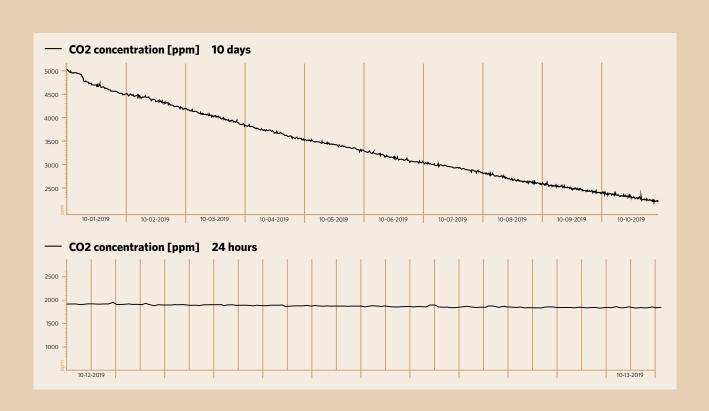
### custom options

such as lighting, shelving, hinged door & climate control solutions

# CLIMATE CONTROL

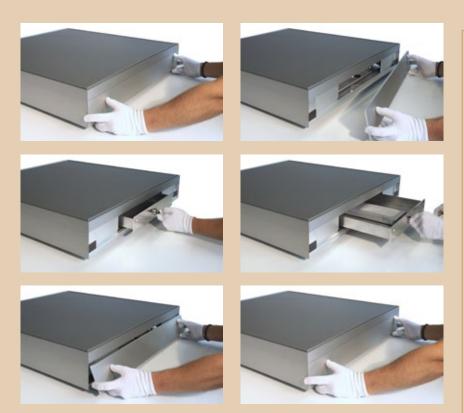


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### **DESICCANT CHAMBER**

A special base frame provides for passive humidity control. Containing a locking drawer concealed by a panel, this base comes with horizontal ventilation ducts to circulate the air inside. The drawer holds a ProSorb or equivalent silicate gel. None of its materials emit gas of any kind.



- > Special floor frame to control moisture
- > Ventilation ducts circulate air through the interior volume
- > Drawer holds ProSorb silicate gel
- > Zero offgassing

# AWARD-WINNING MINIMALIST DESIGN

"Put the object first, it's what's inside that counts." That design principle figures prominently in the elegant appearance that sets FRANK showcases apart.

The connecting strips are so slim as to be all but invisible; the finishing speaks to the precise workmanship. This showcase will meet all your display needs with its elegant design aesthetic.



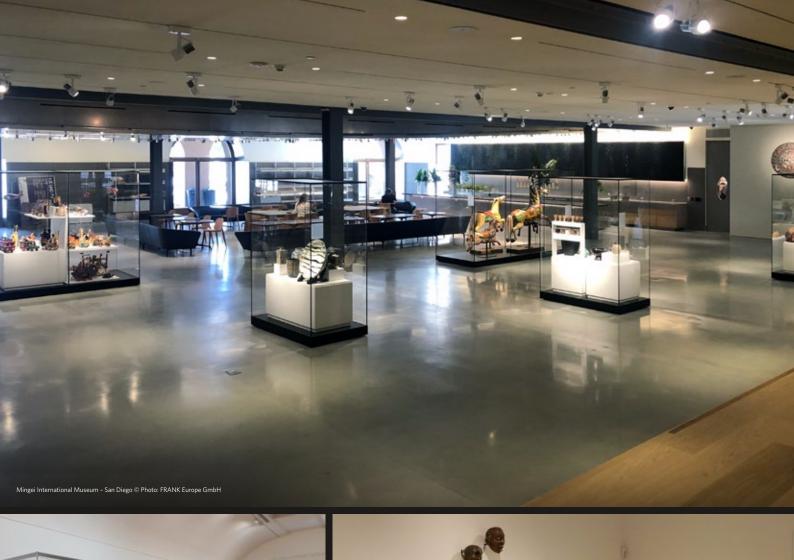
reddot design award



**SITEM** received at the Louvre, Paris



















# SATISFIED CUSTOMERS WORLDWIDE



### LIEUTENANT-COLONEL CHRISTOPHE BERTRAND

Conservateur du département contemporain Musée de l'Armée – Hôtel national des Invalides

Depuis plusieurs années, le musée de l'Armée expose une partie de ses collections dans des vitrines FRANK. Aujourd'hui, il choisit encore les vitrines FRANK pour ses expositions temporaires. Leur fonctionnalité, leur robustesse, leur maniabilité, leur esthétique et leur délicatesse nous séduisent toujours autant car elles répondent parfaitement à nos besoins actuels et futurs.

For several years now, the Musée de l'Armée has exhibited some of its collections in FRANK showcases. Today, the museum still chooses the FRANK cases for his temporary exhibitions. Their functionality, their robustness, their maneuverability, their aesthetics and their delicacy always seduce us, because they perfectly answer our current and future needs.





Maharaja: The Splendour of India's Royal Courts · Victoria & Albert Museum, London Photo: Gareth Gardner, London









LUIS FERREIRO

CEO Musealia

FRANK Europe has provided us with practical and beautiful showcases over the years. We use them for our traveling exhibitions Titanic and Auschwitz.

We won't hesitate to use them again for our new projects in the future, as their showcase systems are, without a doubt, the best demountable showcases.

# AT HOME IN MUSEUMS ACROSS THE GLOBE

Smithsonian Institution Washington • Hôtel National des Invalides, Paris • Germanisches Nationalmuseum, Nürnberg • Henry Ford Museum, Detroit • The J. Paul Getty Museum, LA • The HIGH Museum of Art, ATL • Museum of Fine Arts, Budapest • Hôtel Salomon de Rothschild, Paris • Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York • Aga Kahn Museum, Toronto • Puke Ariki, New Plymouth/NZ • Bayerisches Armeemuseum, Ingolstadt • The British Museum, London • Dresdner Schloss • Cité national de l'histoire de l'immigration, Paris • Ozeaneum Stralsund • Turkish Cammer, Dresden • Europarat, Brüssel • Eintracht Museum, Frankfurt • Palace King Abdullah, Riyadh • University of British Columbia Museum of Anthropology, LA • The National History Museum of Los Angeles • The British Library, London • Museum of London • US Capitol Visitor Center, Washington • Robert Koch Stiftung, Stuttgart • Topkapı-Palast, Istanbul • Musée National Préhistoire, Eyzies • Senckenberg Museum, Frankfurt Canadian War Museum, Ottawa • Grünes Gewölbe, Dresden • Stadt Rheine • Hermitage, St. Petersburg Museum of Ethnology, Budapest
 National Gallery of Australia
 Frankfurt Flughafen
 Alcázar de Toledo • Liverpool Museum • Museum Bozar, Brüssel • Armee Museum Brüssel • Körperwelten / bodyworld The Orient Museum, Fundação Oriente, Lisbon • Bundestag Berlin • Victoria & Albert Museum, London • Armani Store, Stockholm • Palazzo Ducale, Venedig • Collin Barracks National Museum of Ireland, Dublin • Al Musmak Fortress, Riyadh • Kunsthalle Mainz • St. Annen Museum, Lübeck • The White House, Washington • St. Joseph's Seminary and Cathedral, Macao • AlJazeera, Doha, Qatar • Bahrain Military Museum, Riffa, Bahrain • Saruq Al Hadid Archaeological Museum, Dubai Arsenjew Museum, Wladiwostok
 The Art Institute of Chicago
 Stonyhurst College, UK
 Nouveau Musée National de Monaco • National Museum of Lithuania, Vilnius • University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, Penn Museum, Philadelphia • National Museum of Oatar, Doha • Archäologisches Museum Frankfurt • Centre Pompidou, Metz • Historisches Museum der Pfalz, Speyer • Royal Museum for Central Africa, Tervuren, Belgium • Museo Sefardí de Toledo • The Science Museum, London • UNO Headquarter New York • Museum of Cultural History, University of Oslo



## **VERSIONS & MORE**

### **TABLE CASE**

Our table-leg showcases come in any size to afford your artifacts the proper protection.

### **TOWER CASE**

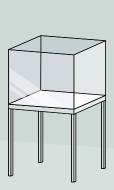
Configure your tower showcase with or without shelving to suit your display needs.

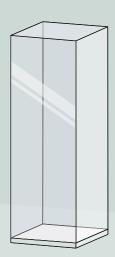
### **WALL CASE**

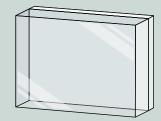
Perfect for an eye-level encounter, our wall case casts your works in the proper light.

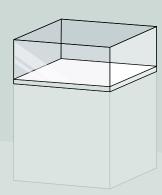
### **TABLE TOP CASE**

Table top showcases are a superb choice for presenting books, medals and exhibits small and large.





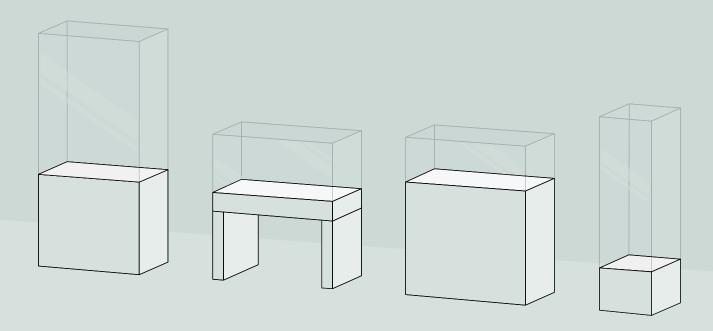




# UNLIMITED POSSIBILITIES

### **BASES**

FRANK showcases may be combined with any type of base. We will be delighted to build a base in any size, shape, height and color you wish. If you prefer to draw on the services of your trusted designer or fabricator, we are always available to collaborate with other service providers.















### **VERSIONS & MORE**

### **SPECIAL SHOWCASES**

Do you need a custom-made solution for your project? Any design, any size – anything from a freestanding case to custom displays. Contact us, and we will work out a concept with you according your design expectations and technical specifications.

### **DIFFERENT ANGLES**

Parallelogram and Trapezoid showcases (e.g. 60° or 120°) – laminated glass 44.2 – designed by Trimonis Architects, Hamburg.

National Museum of Lithuania - Vilniusprotection.





### **EXTRA LARGE**

Wedding Dress Case – Laminated Glass 66.2 L|D|H:  $27' \times 8' \times 8.5'$ 

### **EXTRAORDINARY CONSTRUCTION**

Walk-in Cabinet - Art Installation by MILLIØNS Architects, Los Angeles. Acrylic panels with tinted, mirror effect and dichroic adhesive films. Exhibition at the Centre Pompidou Metz.









# FROM AN IDEA TO AN INSPIRED SHOWCASE

Any design, any size - anything is possible - from a freestanding case to a custom display cabinet

It all starts with a vision for your next project. Whatever you wish to doplan a new exhibition or extend a legacy installation, our team of FRANK experts are available to help you find the perfect solution.

FRANK showcases are available in acrylic and laminated glass. The minimalist connecting strips come in various finishes.



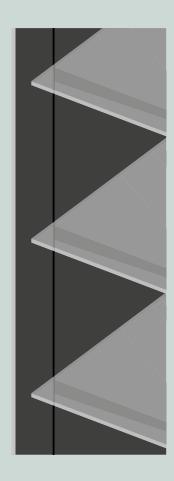


### **SHELVING**

### Flexible, easy to handle and long lasting

The shelving system is infinitely adjustable. All components are made of stainless steel. Shelves are available in LSG or tempered glass. They are manufactured to the extra clear (low-iron) quality standard.





- > Infinitely variable
- SGlass shelves available in LSG or tempered glass
- > Stainless steel components
- > Extra clear (low-iron) quality standard
- > Rod suspended shelving or shelving with brackets





### LIGHTING

### Almost invisible—put your object perfectly in the limelight

FRANK offers a unique magnetic track system designed to provide elegant lighting. LED lamps may be positioned anywhere along the track. Custommade in Germany, these premium miniature luminaires feature the latest generation of highly efficient, high-power LEDs. They are dimmable and available in different sizes and colors (°K).



- > Magnetic track system
- **Dimmable LEDs**
- > Available in various colors (°K)

### LOGISTICS

FRANK showcases come disassembled in a flat pack for convenient delivery and efficient, space-saving storage.

### **WOOD CRATES**

Our wood crates protect your showcases well in transit. Made to measure, they come with the pallet built in.

### **FLIGHT CASES**

FRANK flight cases provide the best protection, easy access and a space-saving means of storage. Every flight case is custom-made and can be configured to hold one or more showcases.







PERFECT FOR PERMANENT, TEMPORARY & TRAVELING EXHIBITIONS

- > Efficient delivery
- > Space-saving storage
- > Optimum protection
- > Flight cases for easy access



# THE EXPERTS AT FRANK

### Innovative solutions are what we're all about.

Word about the FRANK system spread quickly in the museum world, earning us a reputation for excellence in innovation, quality and value. As it stands, we have more than 1,000 successful projects to our credit worldwide. Protecting artifacts to professional standards with a touch of elegance – that is our mission. We are determined to provide solutions to your requirements, even if that means defying the constraints of tight budgets and fast-tracking delivery and setup. Our team of professionals will get the job done with proven methods and state-of-the-art manufacturing tech. With these assets, we are able to plan, build and install exhibition cases on short notice.

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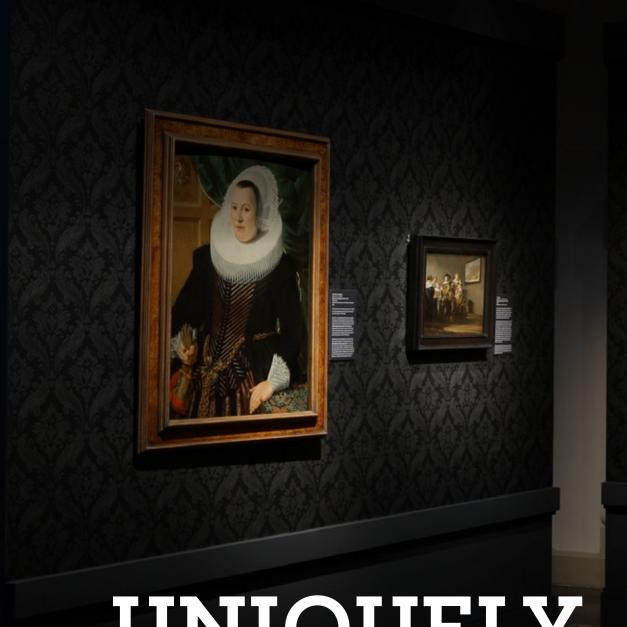
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