

# Topdesigns

## at SABS Design Awards

A TOTAL of 14 of South Africa's top product designs were awarded SABS Design Excellence Awards at a function in Sandton on 30 October. The products ranged from high technology to very basic, each with the distinction that it typifies excellent South African design.

Designs spanned a variety of industrial sectors. The majority of the products came from the engineering, mining and machinery category, but a number of innovative home ware, office ware and information technology products also received awards.

Award winners which made good use of plastics included:

### *'Kiddo' toothbrush*

The Kiddo Safety Finger Toothbrush is made of soft, gum-friendly material that fits snugly over a child's or an adult's finger and has soft protrusions to clean teeth. The brush has a safety handle, made of the same material, that fits into the palm of the hand and can be gripped to prevent it from being swallowed. Designed by Dr MJ Scheepers and Kitemark Product Design.

### *MES 'Butterfly' socket outlet*

The MES Butterfly range single-switch socket outlet is used in a domestic environment. The range is injection moulded and the mould looks like butterfly wings – hence the name. Designed by Robert SA Bardo.

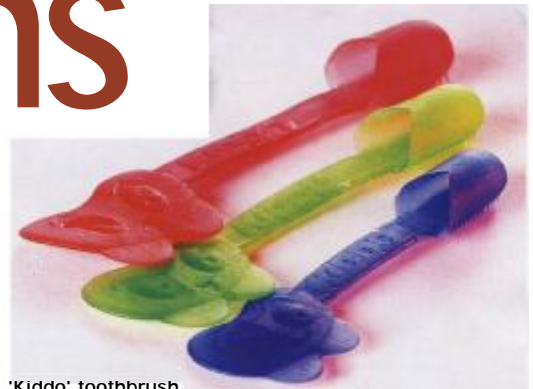
### *Modular traffic light system*

This is a collapsible traffic light that offers very low impact resistance and causes no injuries to motorists and minimal damage to pavements and vehicles on impact. The system requires no maintenance and has a low replacement cost. Designed by Barry Geer and XYZ Design.

### *'Vacuform' truck bunk bed*

The Vacuform truck bunk bed is a moulded unit that fits below the bunk bed mattress in long-distance trucks to provide more than 200 litres of additional packing space. Designed by Geoffrey Tugwell, Peter Hills, Wilfried Schmidt and Solomon Mogale.

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