



In 1964/65, the architect Fritz Haller (1924–2012) and the mechanical engineer Paul Schärer (1933–2011) designed a prefabricated office pavilion for USM complete with furnishings. They discovered in their planning that all the files seemed to “flow” through the open-plan office just like materials making their way through factory halls. The files were to be placed on pallets and then stored either in open stands or lockable boxes. The tubular steel frames made to hold identically sized file trays then gave rise in a second step to the universally applicable USM Haller Modular Furniture System with its characteristic ball joints. The system can be configured to reflect flat hierarchies in open-plan offices or used as minimalist container furniture in the home.

Behältermöbel, Möbelbausystem USM  
Fritz Haller, Paul Schärer jr., 1964  
USM Möbelbausysteme, CH

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