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HACKING THE CITY

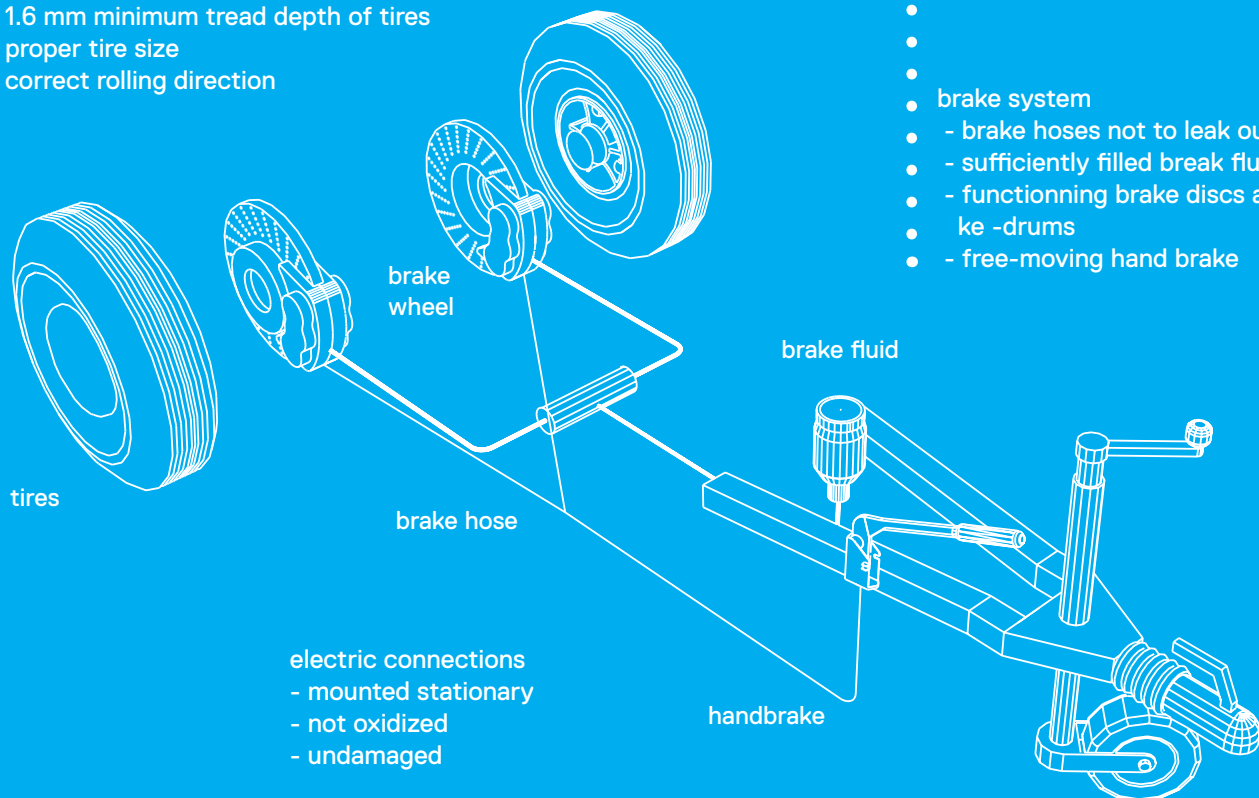
We understand the city itself as an existing network of diverse infrastructures, that everyone can use. Free Wifi, public canteens and sanitary facilities complete the Stadt:Symbiont and connect the small-scale office to the large-scale city. The office has no fixed address. But for small money you can rent a post office box, to receive letters. Stadt:Symbiont offers a series of maps that reveal the resources in the Berlin districts.

Stadt:Symbiont

HANDBOOK

tires

- 1.6 mm minimum tread depth of tires
- proper tire size
- correct rolling direction



- electric connections
- mounted stationary
 - not oxidized
 - undamaged

brake system

- brake hoses not to leak out
- sufficiently filled break fluid
- functioning brake discs and brake drums
- free-moving hand brake

TECHNICAL INSPECTION AGENCY

For showing up at the technical inspection agency you need a valid registration document, which has to match the specification plate on the caravan and its vehicle identification number. Technical requirements to pass the TÜV are the function of electricity, brake system and tires. Up to a weight of 3.5 tons you have to pass the TÜV every 24 months.

ANNUAL COSTS

TÜV fee (without/with brake) 13,75€/22,00€

insurance (liability/partial cover/comprehensive cover) 18,00€/100,00€/500,00€

taxes 7,46€/200kg

ENERGY SUPPLY

Through the installation of a solar panel on the rooftop of the caravan, a self-sufficient power supply provides enough energy to run all the needed equipment (lighting, laptops, printer, projector etc). The installation requires the following elements: the panel absorbs the solar power and inducts it to the charge controller and to the battery. For machines that run with a voltage of more than 12V, a voltage converter is needed. It transforms the supply voltage to the usual 230V outlet. The type of voltage converter depends on the needed performance (watt).

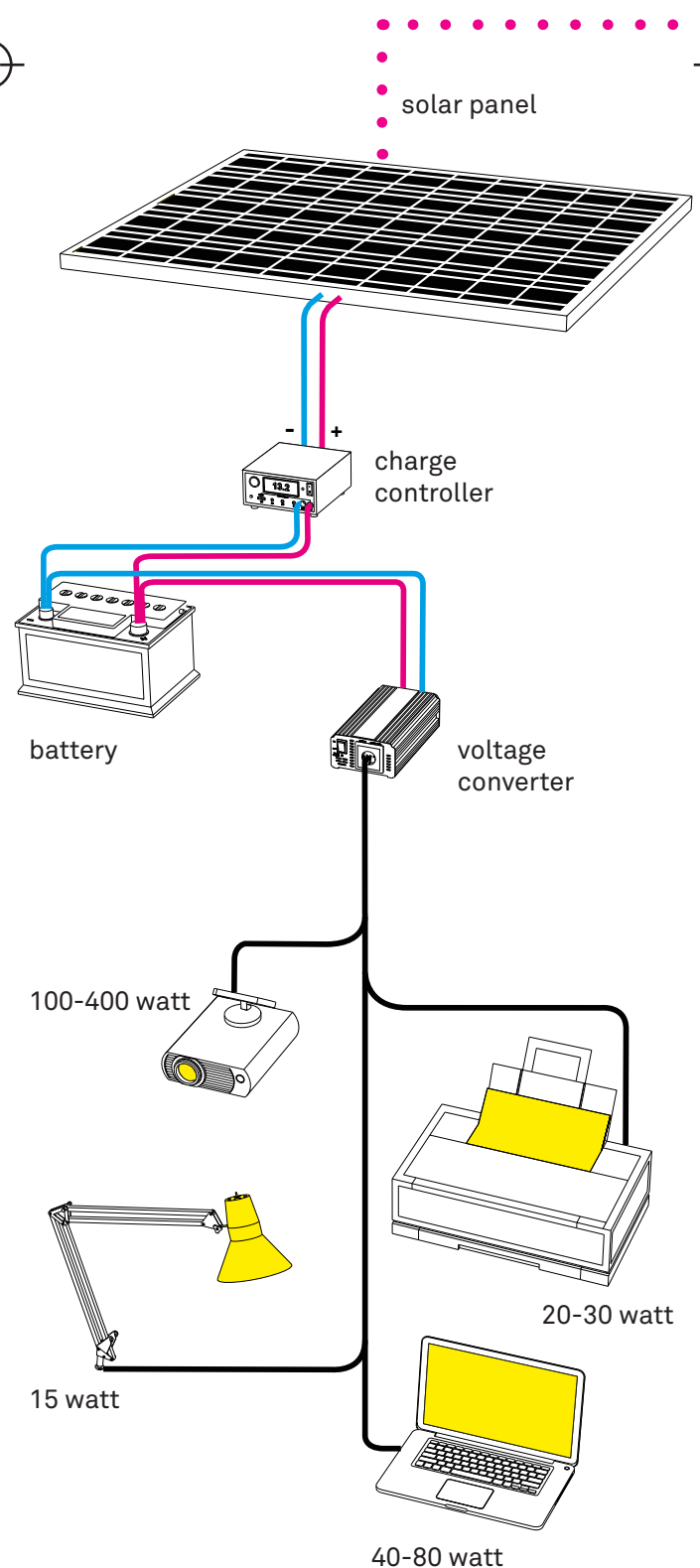
STUDIO SPACES BERLIN

Since the late 90ies Berlin became a creative metropolis of Europe. The city enabled through its free spaces and low living expenses an adequate environment for working and living. But due to the uprising gentrification issue during the last years, local rents rise constantly and media talk already about a „Berlin culture precarity“. The creative industry becomes more and more a flexible working model of neoliberalism. Designer should in consequence be flexible enough to get involved with short-time jobs or precarious freelance work. But for lots of architects the self-employed work means also a dream of an independent and autonomous working, detached from authoritarian management structures. As there is no

ROAD TRAFFIC ACT (RTA)

§12 STOPPING AND PARKING

(2) Leaving your vehicle or stopping for more than 3 minutes means stopping
(3b) Trailers without driving vehicle aren't allowed to park longer than 2 weeks. This applies to all regular marked parking areas.

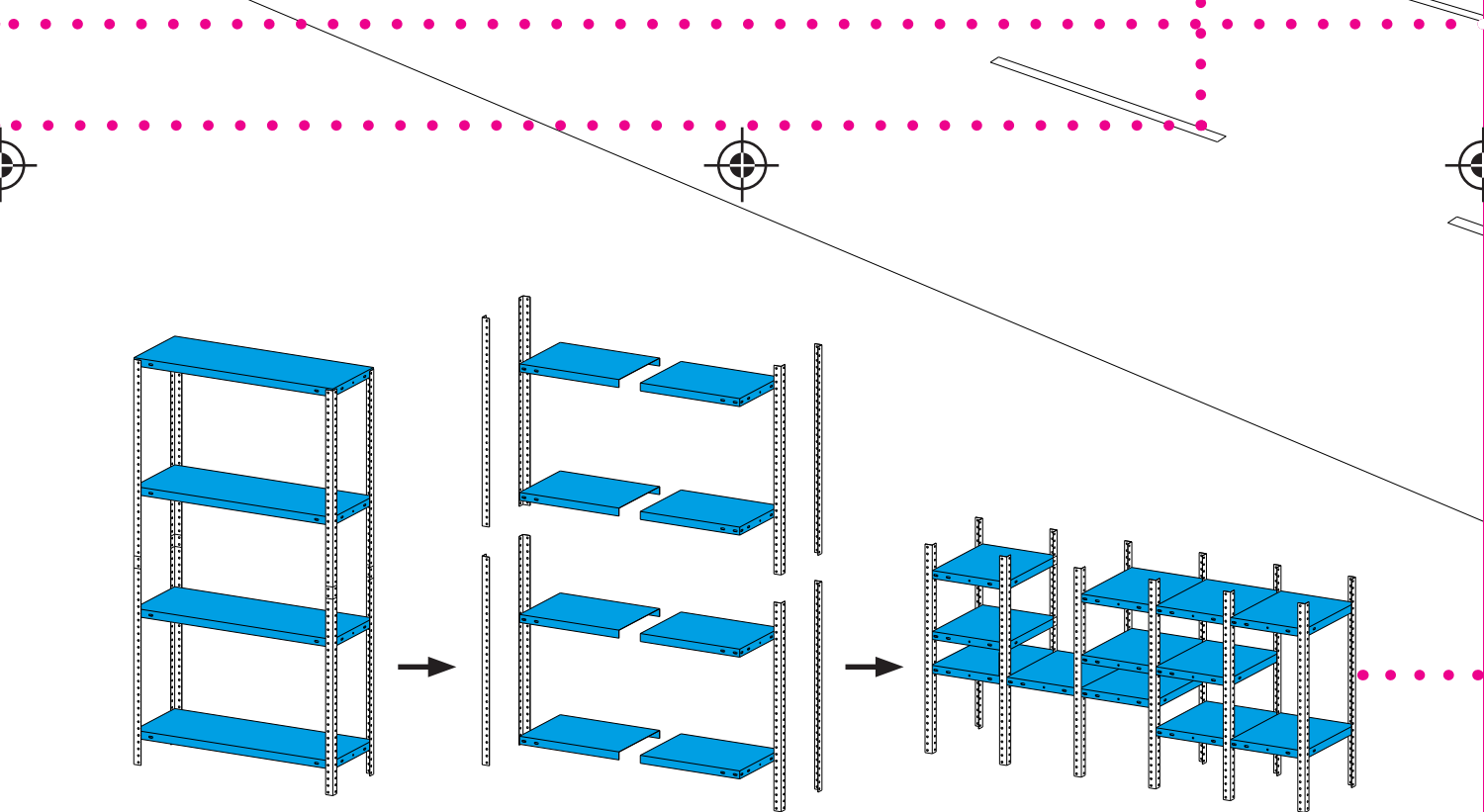
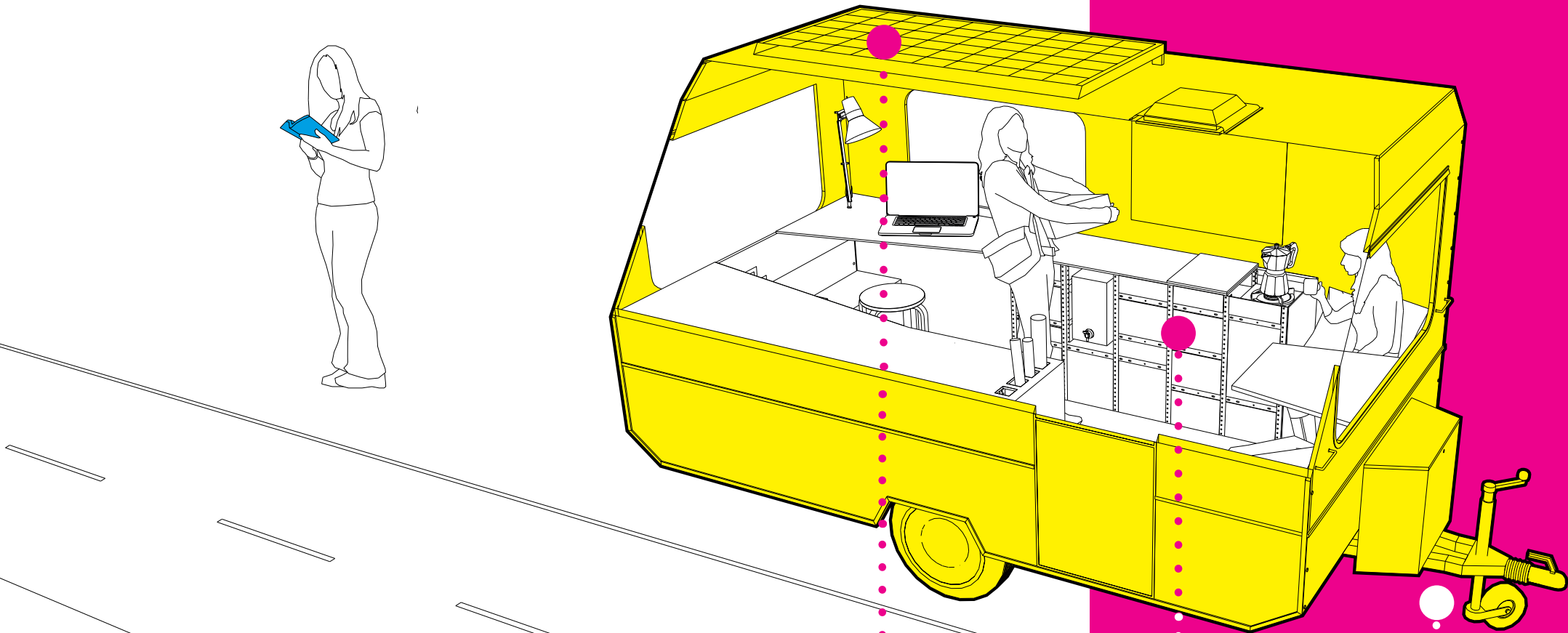


regular income it is often not possible to rent a proper office space for longer periods, cause the costs can't be covered permanently. This circumstance leads to a permanent working from home. In Germany there are around 300.000 architects struggling for new orders every day. Especially the numerous small offices with one to four members (over 80% of the german architectural offices) work hard to sustain their position on the market. Unpaid work on competitions is part of everyday practice of especially young offices. To solve this problem, we have to develop new models, test them and project them into a future use.

STADT:SYMBIONT

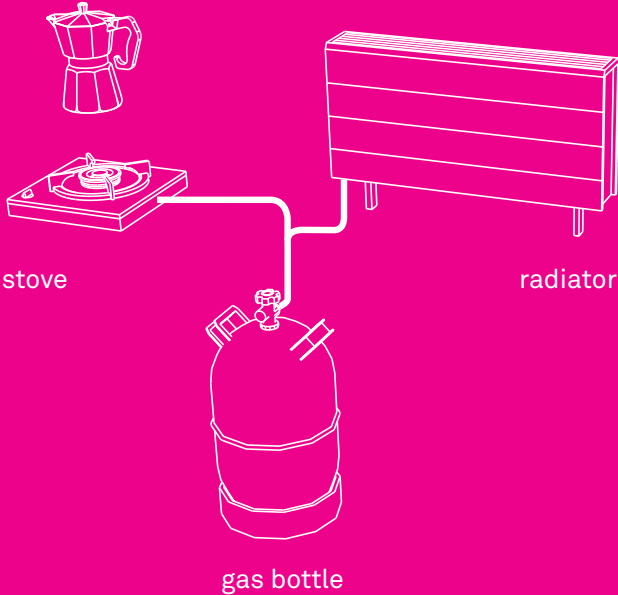
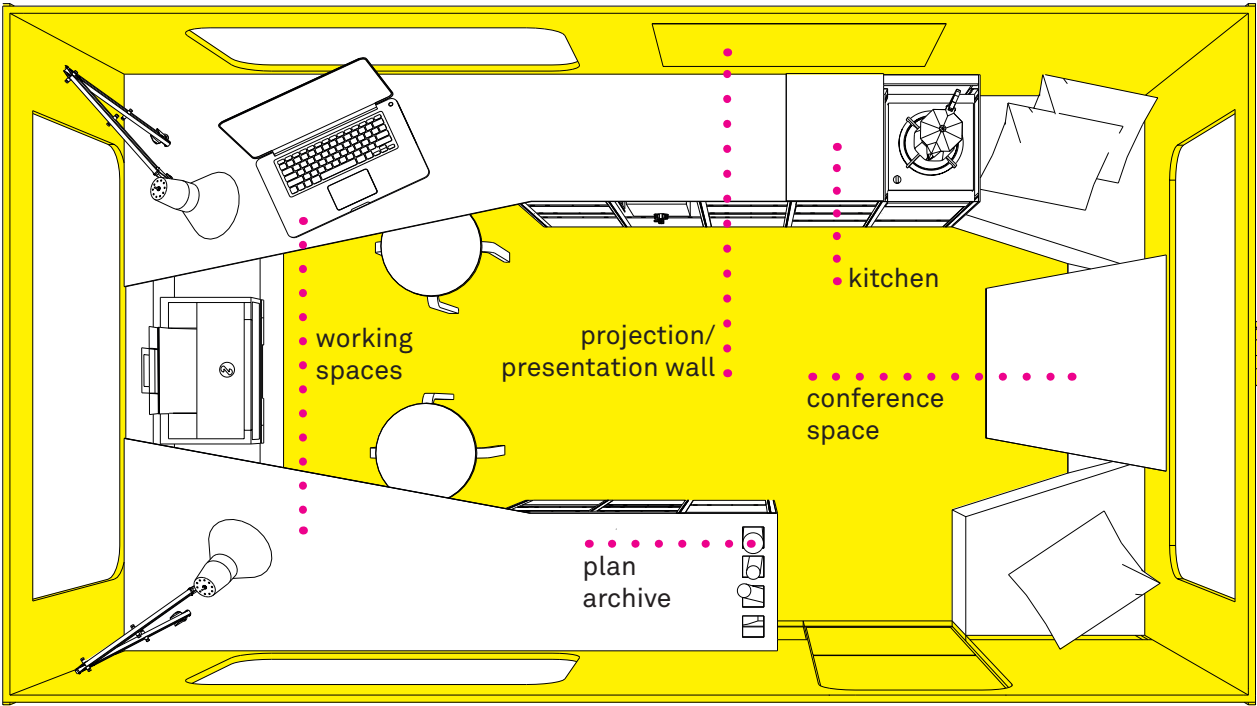
Stadt:Symbiont is a guideline for the autonomous creation of a central, durable and cost-effective working space in the city. Through re-interpretation of the parking regulations we adapt the space and reuse it as building site for our office. According to german law, the parking of caravans is possible for a period of 2 weeks. In the course of rising demands of carsharing models, we can assume, that the ownership of cars in cities will decrease in the future and massive parking lots become free available spaces. But what will happen to these spaces? With the flexible office it is possible to tap this potential and to activate the public space.

The periodic relocation enables a permanent examination with the own urban space. Small-scale working space and large-scale city merge. The mobility enables to settle project-related at different locations. The strong visibility in the city and the hacking of its given infrastructure leads to a growing social network.



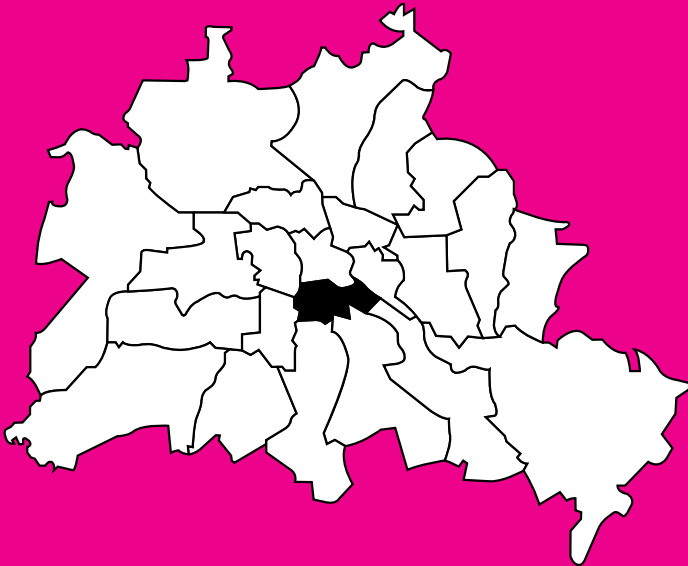
STANDARDISED STORAGE RACK SYSTEM

A standard low cost storage system is converted in the needed way. The pre-fabricated metal rack is a lightweight modular and flexible solution to produce diverse furniture configurations.



INTERIOR

Due to the limited gross vehicle weight of caravans, one should use light weight constructions and materials like frameworks of lightweight wood (pine, poplar and birch), aluminium profiles or sandwich constructions with a core out of cardboard.



Get your

Stadt:Symbiont
MAP



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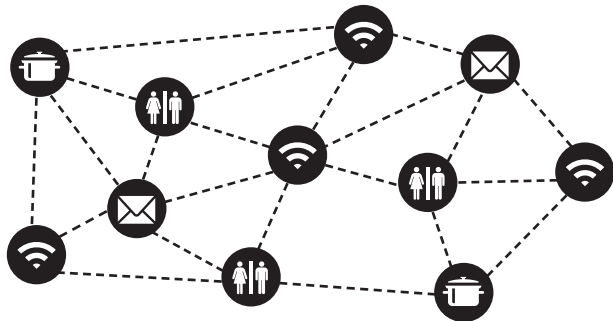
Stadt:Symbiont
MAP

Stadt:Symbiont maps are available for all Berlin districts:

Charlottenburg · Friedrichshain · Hellersdorf · Hohen-
schönhausen · Köpenick · Kreuzberg · Lichtenberg · Mitte
· Wilmersdorf · Marzahn · Pankow · Prenzlauer Berg ·
Spandau · Steglitz · Schöneberg · Tempelhof · Tiergarten ·
Treptow · Reinickendorf · Wedding · Weissensee ·
Wilmersdorf · Zehlendorf

HACKING THE CITY

For an self-sufficient working in the office, a grid of infra-
structure is needed. In the city centre there are different
kind of areas, some are more dense and offer more oppor-
tunities than others, but at the end it is possible to find all
needed nearly everywhere in the city.



POST WITHOUT ADRESS

As the office is flexible and has no constant adress, it is
possible to use the post office box that is offered by all the
bigger post offices. It costs 15€ for installing and there are
no monthly rental costs.

WIFI

Internet access becomes more and more important for our
daily work. There are different opportunities for getting
free access:
- wifi access of a nearby café or restaurant
- wifi access of an institute, like library, citizen centre etc.
- through a hotspot of your mobile phone
- open source systems like Freifunk or comparable
Lots of cities already discuss about the idea of free wifi for
everyone. With this innovation the wifi problem would be
solved immediately.

CANTEENS

There are plenty of affordable canteens in the cities. Places
to go could be institutes like city libraries or citizen centres.
Also most of the bigger companies and universities have
there own canteens where it is possible to get an effordable
and quick lunch.

TOILETS

Toilets can be found in places like gas stations, public insti-
tutions or simply public city toilets.

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- L3 Anhalt, Vor dem Schlesischen Tor 2



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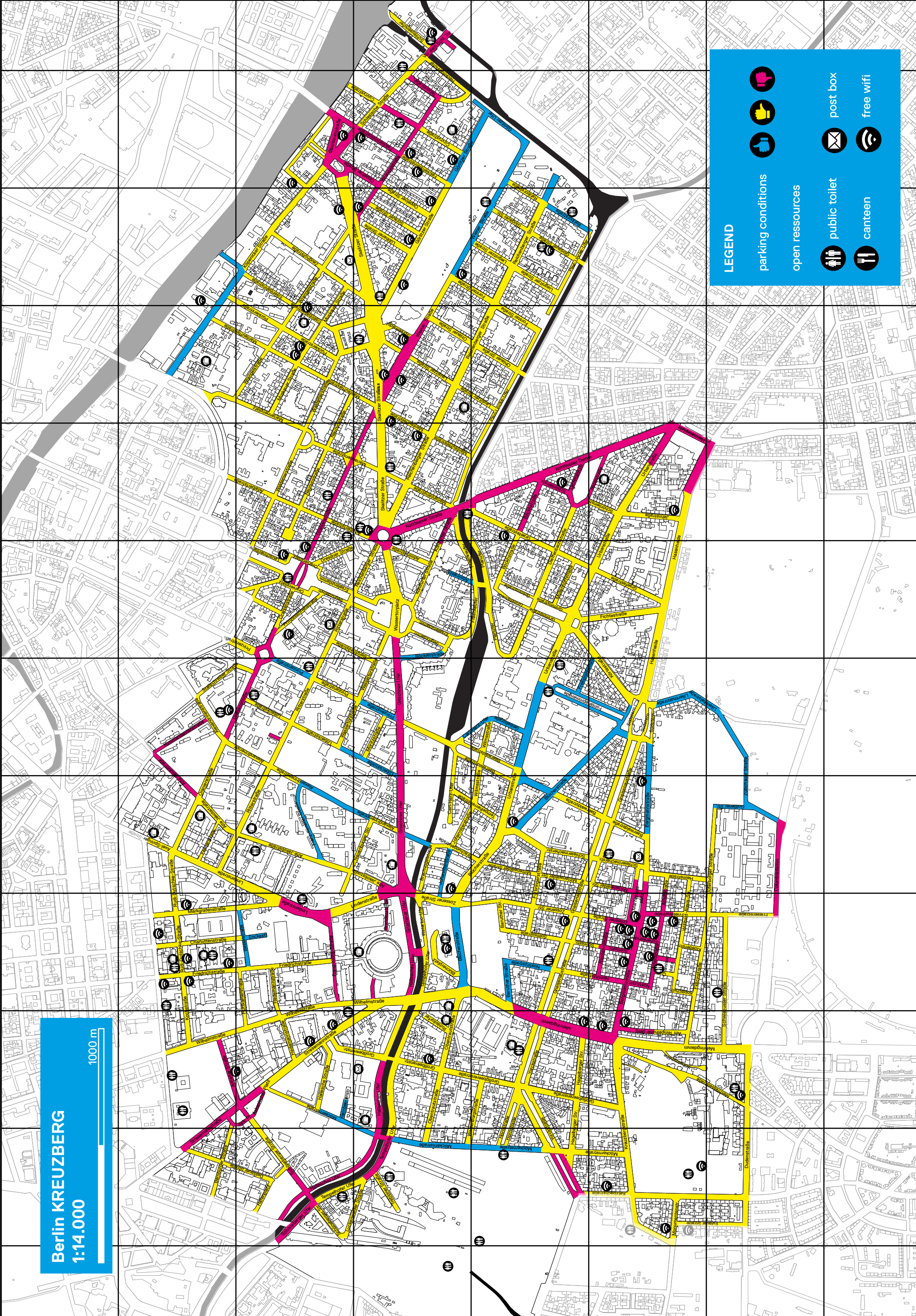
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Berlin KREUZBERG
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LEGEND

parking conditions	thumbs up	thumbs down
open resources	thumbs up	
public toilet	toilet icon	
canteen	fork and knife icon	
post box	envelope icon	
free wifi	wifi icon	