
Vaguely Amusing Company Names

Posted by hobbes - 04-05-2008 18:19

So I was staying in this apartment block in Gran Canaria and the first day I was there, P and I were in the elevator when I noticed the name of the manufacturer.

I shit you not, it was "Schindler"

Their website is here...

http://www.schindlerlifts.co.uk/ukc_index/ukc_pass_entry.htm

Any other inappropriate company names?

Re:Vaguely Amusing Company Names

Posted by Inca - 04-05-2008 18:34

I don't get it.

Re:Vaguely Amusing Company Names

Posted by hobbes - 04-05-2008 18:36

We don't call elevators, elevators over here.

Re:Vaguely Amusing Company Names

Posted by nefertiti - 04-05-2008 19:23

On the same theme but rather more disturbing is this Bavarian company-who I believe come from the same family as their famous namesake

you can even get a coffee cup or a souvenir jacket from the fanshop

Re:Vaguely Amusing Company Names

Posted by The Purple Cow - 04-05-2008 20:17

"I don't get it."

Schindler's Lift = Schindler's List

Jasper Carrot did a skit about it about 15 years ago.

Pretty much every lift in the Benelux is a Schindler.

The Mengele owners are relatives of the famous concentration camp doctor. About 20 years ago in Austria there was a famous court case where an Auschwitz survivor took the company to court in an attempt to get them to switch off their neon sign that she could see from her bedroom window. She lost.

When my brother was a lecturer at an agricultural college in Cheshire, he got many visits from the local Mengele sales rep called John Vassall who had previously been sentenced to 35 years in prison for selling UK submarine secrets to the Soviets.

He went freelance later, and did very well.

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Re:Vaguely Amusing Company Names

Posted by Inca - 04-05-2008 21:05

I got the Schindler's lift, I just didn't see why it was inappropriate.

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Re:Vaguely Amusing Company Names

Posted by linus - 04-05-2008 21:15

We don't call elevators, elevators over here.

So what do you do then, do you just stand there hoping they'll stop on your floor by themselves?

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Re:Vaguely Amusing Company Names

Posted by dglh - 04-05-2008 21:17

Schindler's are way better than Otis.

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Re:Vaguely Amusing Company Names

Posted by Bryan - 04-05-2008 21:23

Funnily enough I have to go to the Pathe Cinema offices everyday to deliver packages, and the lifts in that building are also made by Schindler.

A woman who works at Pathe Cinema was once in the lift as well, so I pointed to the name on the lift and remarked that we were in "Schindler's Lift". She didn't get it.

Sometimes I wonder how people end up in certain jobs.

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Re:Vaguely Amusing Company Names

Posted by Crusoe - 04-05-2008 22:30

On the elevators/lifts topic I was so disappointed to learn that, contrary to popular legend, Otis' UK head office is not in fact in Reading, so no, they did not answer the phone with "Otis Reading".

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Re:Vaguely Amusing Company Names

Posted by Crusoe - 04-05-2008 22:32

Oh, and inappropriate:

Powergen Italia (put them together)

(contrary to some reports, it is a real company, but not affiliated with the bigger Powergen company)

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Re:Vaguely Amusing Company Names

Posted by Alderman Barnes - 05-05-2008 05:46

They're refurbishing the lifts in our office block at the moment (Otis, not Schindler, though there are plenty of those around too) and I've just been in the new one for the first time.

It's outrageous: it's got high-gloss gold-coloured wall panels with mirrors on three sides and on the ceiling. It's like being in Roman Abramovich's bathroom.

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Re:Vaguely Amusing Company Names

Posted by ad hoc - 05-05-2008 07:54

There's a soft-drinks company based near me called "Gyno drinks". This never fails to amuse me and put me in mind of Vegina (For life. not death).

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Re:Vaguely Amusing Company Names

Posted by ian.64 - 05-05-2008 08:54

There was a company called Nutter Engineering not far from me not so long ago. There must have been a gaggle of temps lining up to get jobs there so they could have the joy of answering phones with the line 'Hello, Nutter?'

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Re:Vaguely Amusing Company Names

Posted by The Purple Cow - 05-05-2008 09:37

<http://www.kjochimsen.de/Bilder/Products/bus-side.jpg>

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Re:Vaguely Amusing Company Names

Posted by Cavalry Trouser Tips - 05-05-2008 12:35

This site used to use the domain without the hyphen.

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Re:Vaguely Amusing Company Names

Posted by tratorello - 05-05-2008 14:09

Surely nothing beats this domain name?

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