SATAI switchboard: What were the first office switchboards like?

The telephone was adapted to the workplace with the SATAI range of switchboards, a Spanish acronym for Automatic Subscriber Telephone Systems with Intercom. It was a Spanish-made device that allowed external calls to be received and internal connections to be made. The model shown here could handle up to 4 calls, distribute them to 10 connected devices and hold 5 simultaneous conversations. The first SATAI PBXs to be marketed were the so-called boss-secretary PBXs, which allowed two telephones to be intercommunicated.