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# Aluminium & Soft Pad Group

Charles & Ray Eames



## Aluminium Chair Group

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The Aluminium Chair is one of the great furniture designs of the twentieth century. Charles and Ray Eames conceived and developed this chair in 1958 for the private residence of an art collector in Columbus, Indiana (USA). For its construction, the designer couple departed from the principle of the seat shell, instead stretching a panel of fabric or leather between two aluminium side members to create a taut but elastic seat. The chair adapts to the body of the sitter and is exceedingly comfortable, even without elaborate upholstery.

The Aluminium Group includes several different models for use in homes, offices and public spaces. Thanks to this wide range of models, a variety of aluminium bases with a polished, chrome-plated or black powder-coated finish, and a large selection of colours for fabric or leather upholstery, the perfect Aluminium Chair can be found for every environment. This outstanding quality allows us to offer a 30-year warranty\* on all the chairs in the Aluminium Group.

\*To benefit from the extended warranty, your product must belong to the Eames Aluminium Group and have been purchased from a certified dealer after 1 September 2003. You have three months to register your product from the date of purchase.



## Soft Pad Chair Group

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The design of the Soft Pad Group dates from the year 1969. In terms of both construction and shape, the Soft Pad Chairs are similar to the design of the Aluminium Group. However, their sewn-on cushions create a striking contrast to the slender aluminium profiles. The Soft Pad Chairs are softer and more voluptuous than the chairs in the Aluminium Group, but without losing the clean clarity of their common silhouette. The chairs adapt to the body of the sitter and provide extraordinary comfort.

Vitra has produced the Soft Pad Chairs in the same superior quality for decades. This outstanding quality allows us to offer a 30-year warranty\* on all the chairs in the Soft Pad Group.

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The Aluminium Chair is a robust and elegant companion for the dining table. The black powder-coated version in particular can be attractively combined with leather or fabric covers in wide selection of colours, giving the distinguished classic a warm, inviting appearance.





## Aluminium Chairs EA 101, 103, 104 - Dine

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The seat geometry of the three models EA 101, 103 and 104 is designed for comfortable dynamic sitting at a table, and the chairs are lighter, narrower and higher than the other models in the Aluminium Group. Thanks to the option of fabric or leather covers in a wide selection of bright or muted colours, it is easy to find the perfect chair for any dining room setting. The models differ with regard to the type of base – fixed or swivel – and whether or not they have armrests.



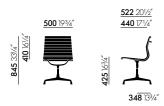
**EA 101** for table sitting non-swivel, without armrests, medium-high backrest

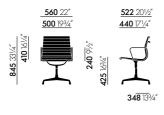


**EA 103** for table sitting non-swivel, with armrests, medium-high backrest



for table sitting swivel, with armrests, medium-high backrest

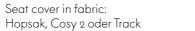






#### Options of configurations







Seat cover in leather: Leather or Leather Premium F



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Seat cover in Netweave

#### Backrest and seat:

chair with medium-height backrest; for table seating. Seat in mesh fabric or upholstered with high-frequency welded horizontal ribbing in fabric or leather. Side profiles and spreaders in die-cast aluminium, with a polished or chrome-plated finish or powder-coated in deep black.

#### Armrests:

Die-cast aluminium, with a polished or chrome-plated finish or powder-coated in deep black.

#### Base

4-star base in die-cast aluminium, with a polished or chrome-plated finish or powder-coated in deep black.



Frame and base Aluminium chromed



Frame and base Aluminium polished



Frame and base Aluminium powder-coated

The lounge versions of the Aluminium and Soft Pad Chairs are all about comfort: the high backrest offers optimum support for even taller-than-average users, while the shell's backward tilt mechanism enhances the sense of relaxation and the optional stool serves as a handy footrest.







### Aluminium Chair EA 124, Stool EA 125 - Lounge

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The Aluminium Chair EA 124 is the lounge chair model in the Aluminium Group. Equipped with an extra-high backrest and head cushion, as well as a tilt mechanism that adapts to the user's weight, the chair provides exceptional comfort. Thanks to a choice of fabric or leather covers in a wide selection of colours, it is easy to find the right version for every setting. The swivel-mounted lounge chair EA 124 can be paired with the stool EA 125, forming the ideal spot to put your feet up and enjoy a long, cosy evening with a good book.

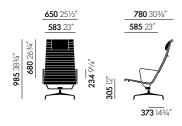


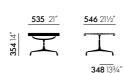
#### **EA 124** Lounge Chair

high backrest with neck cushion, adjustable backward tilt,. with armrests, swivel 4-star base on glides

#### **EA 125** Stool

non-swivel. 4-star base on glides





#### **Options of configurations**



Seat cover in fabric: Hopsak, Cosy 2 oder Track

Seat cover in leather: Leather or Leather Premium F

#### Backrest and seat:

Chair with high backrest. High-frequency welded upholstery with horizontal ribbing; cover in fabric or leather. Side profiles and spreaders in die-cast aluminium, with a polished or chrome-plated finish or powder-coated in deep black.

#### Seat mechanism:

Adjustable backward tilt.

Die-cast aluminium, with a polished or chrome-plated finish or powder-coated in deep black.

#### Base:

4-star base in die-cast aluminium, with a polished or chrome-plated finish or powder-coated in deep black.



Frame and base Aluminium chromed



Frame and base Aluminium polished



Frame and base Aluminium powder-coated

### Soft Pad Chair EA 222, Stool EA 223 - Lounge

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Charles & Ray Eames, 1958

As with the Aluminium Chair, the entire seat shell of the EA 222 Soft Pad Chair with its high backrest can be tilted backwards, and the resistance of the mechanism can be adjusted to the weight of the user. Designed with a more luxurious upholstery than the Aluminium Chair, the Soft Pad Chair offers a softer and cosier sitting experience, which can be even further enhanced through a choice of fabric covers. The matching stool EA 223 can be paired with the lounge chair for ultimate relaxation with your feet up.

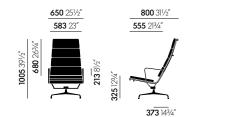


#### **EA 222** Lounge Chair

high backrest with neck cushion, adjustable backward tilt,. with armrests, swivel 4-star base on glides

#### **EA 223** Stool

non-swivel. 4-star base on glides





#### **Options of configurations**





Seat cover in fabric: Laser RE, Cosy 2 or Track

Seat cover in leather: Leather or Leather Premium F

#### Backrest and seat:

Chair with high backrest. Five sewn-on cushions with polyurethane foam upholstery in fabric or leather. Side profiles and spreaders in die-cast aluminium, with a polished or chrome-plated finish or powder-coated in deep black.

#### Seat mechanism:

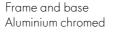
Adjustable backward tilt

Die-cast aluminium, with a polished or chrome-plated finish or powder-coated in deep black.

#### Base:

4-star base in die-cast aluminium, with a polished or chrome-plated finish or powder-coated in deep black.







Frame and base Aluminium polished



Frame and base Aluminium powder-coated

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The Aluminium Chairs and Soft Pad Chairs rank among the most important furniture designs of the twentieth century. Vitra is now expanding both chair families with models that are ideally suited for the home office: the Aluminium Chair EA 131, the somewhat narrower EA 132 and the Soft Pad Chair EA 231 are equipped with an adjustable tilt mechanism and an upright seat angle adapted to desk work. Designed without castors, they have an understated, relaxed appearance.





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### Aluminium Chair EA 131, EA 132 - Home Office

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The Aluminium Chairs EA 131 and EA 132 are equipped with an adjustable tilt mechanism and an upright seat adapted to desk work. Due to the absence of castors, they do not have the appearance of task chairs and their relaxed inviting look makes a perfect addition to any home office. The two models vary only in their width: EA 132 is slightly narrower than EA 131.

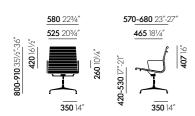


#### EA 131

adjustable backward tilt height adjustment, swivel, with armrests, medium-height backrest, wide version

#### **EA 132**

adjustable backward tilt height adjustment, swivel, with armrests, medium-height backrest, narrow version





#### **Options of configurations**





Seat cover in fabric: Hopsak, Cosy 2 oder Track

Seat cover in leather: Leather or Leather Premium F

#### Backrest and seat

wide (EA 131) or narrow (EA 132), medium-height backrest, desk-oriented sitting. High-frequency welded horizontal ribbing in fabric or leather. Side profiles and spreaders in die-cast aluminium, with a polished or chrome-plated finish or powder-coated in deep black.

#### Seat mechanism

Adjustable backward tilt, lockable in the forward position. Continuous seat height adjustment with gas spring

Die-cast aluminium, with a polished or chrome-plated finish or powder-coated in deep black.

four-star base in die-cast aluminium, with a polished or chrome-plated finish or powder-coated in deep black. Fitted with plastic glides for carpet or felt glides for hard floors.



Frame and base Aluminium chromed



Frame and base Aluminium polished



Frame and base Aluminium powder-coated

## Soft Pad Chair EA 231 - Home Office

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The Soft Pad Chair EA 231 is equipped with an adjustable tilt mechanism and an upright seat angle adapted to desk work. Designed without castors, it does not resemble a typical task chair and its casual inviting appearance makes a perfect addition to any well-appointed home office.

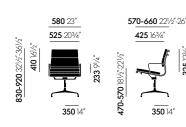






**EA 231** 

adjustable backward tilt seat height adjustment, swivel, with armrests, medium-height backrest



#### Options of configurations



Seat cover in fabric: Laser RE, Cosy 2 or Track

Seat cover in leather: Leather or Leather Premium F

#### Backrest and seat

Sewn-on cushions with polyurethane foam padding and fabric or leather covers. Side profiles and spreaders in die-cast aluminium, with a polished or chrome-plated finish or powder-coated in deep black.

#### Seat mechanism

Adjustable backward tilt, lockable in the forward position. Continuous seat height adjustment with gas spring.

#### Armrests

Die-cast aluminium, with a polished or chrome-plated finish or powder-coated in deep black.

#### Base

Four-star base in die-cast aluminium, with a polished or chrome-plated finish or powder-coated in deep black. Fitted with plastic glides for carpet or felt glides for hard floors.



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The office swivel chairs of the Aluminium Group and Soft Pad Group have been essential components of any distinguished work environment or home office for decades. They not only cut a fine figure with their iconic design, but also deliver unbeatable durability.





### Aluminium Chair EA 117, EA 118, EA 119 - Work

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Charles & Ray Eames, 195

The models EA 117, 118 and 119 are the office swivel chairs of the Aluminium Group. They are equipped with a tilt mechanism that adapts to the user's weight, ensuring excellent comfort. Thanks to a choice of fabric or leather covers in a host of colours, the right chair can be found for any office. The EA 117 and 118 can be distinguished from the EA 119 by their lower backrest. EA 118 has a somewhat narrower seat, and the sitting position of this model is more specifically suited for table-oriented activities.



EA 117 adjustable backward tilt height-adjustable, swivel with armrests,

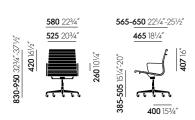
medium-height backrest

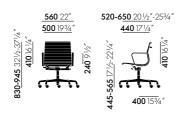


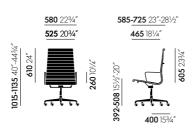
specifically suited for table-oriented activity adjustable backward tilt height-adjustable, swivel with armrests, medium-height backrest



adjustable backward tilt height-adjustable, swivel with armrests, higher backrest







#### **Options of configurations**





Seat cover in fabric: Hopsak, Cosy 2 oder Track

Seat cover in leather: Leather or Leather Premium F

#### Backrest and seat:

EA 117 with medium-height backrest; EA 118 with medium-height backrest and table-oriented sitting position; EA 119 with high backrest. High-frequency welded horizontal ribbing in fabric or leather. Side profiles and spreaders in die-cast aluminium, with a polished or chrome-plated finish or powder-coated in deep black.

#### Seat mechanism:

Adjustable backward tilt, lockable in the forward position. Continuous seat height adjustment with gas spring.

#### Armrests:

Die-cast aluminium, with a polished or chrome-plated finish or powder-coated in deep black.

#### Base

5-star base in die-cast aluminium, with a polished or chrome-plated finish or powder-coated in deep black. Equipped with hard castors for carpet or soft castors for hard floors. Castor covers in black for polished and black base, with chrome-plated finish for chrome base.



Frame and base Aluminium chromed



Frame and base Aluminium polished



Frame and base Aluminium powder-coated

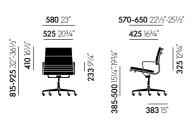
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Charles & Ray Eames, 1958

The models EA 217 and EA 219 are the office swivel chairs of the Soft Pad Group. Elegant in appearance, they are particularly suited to management areas and the well-appointed home office. Their tilt mechanism adapts to the user's weight and is paired with softly upholstered cushions with fabric or leather covers in a plethora of colours for excellent comfort. The Soft Pad Chair EA 219 is distinguishable from EA 217 by its higher backrest.

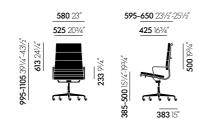


EA 217 adjustable backward tilt height-adjustable, swivel with armrests, medium-height backrest





EA 219 adjustable backward tilt height-adjustable, swivel with armrests, higher backrest



#### **Options of configurations**







Seat cover in leather: Leather or Leather Premium F

#### Backrest and seat:

EA 217 with medium-high backrest, EA 219 with high backrest. Sewn-on cushions with polyurethane foam upholstery in fabric or leather. Side profiles and spreaders in die-cast aluminium, with a polished or chrome-plated finish or powder-coated in deep black.

#### Seat mechanism:

Adjustable backward tilt, lockable in the forward position. Continuous seat height adjustment with gas spring.

#### Armrests:

Die-cast aluminium, with a polished or chrome-plated finish or powder-coated in deep black.

#### Base:

5-star base in die-cast aluminium, with a polished or chrome-plated finish or powder-coated in deep black. Equipped with hard castors for carpet or soft castors for hard floors. Castor covers in black for polished and black powder-coated base, with chromeplated finish for chrome base.



Frame and base Aluminium chromed



Frame and base Aluminium polished



Frame and base Aluminium powder-coated

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The Aluminium Chairs and Soft Pad Chairs by Charles and Ray Eames have established themselves as the quintessential solution for meeting venues, even if the designers did not set out with this explicit goal. These twentieth-century design icons can be found in countless finely furnished offices, conference spaces and meeting rooms around the globe.

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## Aluminium Chair EA 105, EA 107, EA 108 - Conference

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Charles & Ray Eames, 1958

Thanks to their generous proportions and resilient sling seat – a panel of leather, fabric or mesh stretched between two aluminium ribs – the Aluminium Chairs EA 105, 107 and 108 offer superb comfort. And with such a wide selection of upholstery colours, it is easy to find the perfect chair for every purpose. The EA 108 with armrests has a swivel mechanism, while the EA 105 without armrests and the EA 107 with armrests feature a fixed base.



**EA 105**non-swivel
no armrests
medium-height backrest

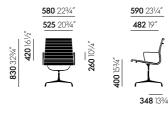


EA 107 non-swivel with armrests medium-height backrest



**EA 108** swivel with armrests medium-height backrest







### **Options of configurations**



Seat cover in fabric: Hopsak, Cosy 2 oder Track



Seat cover in leather: Leather or Leather Premium F



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Seat cover in Netweave

#### Backrest and seat:

Chair with medium-high backrest. Seat in mesh fabric or upholstered with high-frequency welded horizontal ribbing in fabric or leather. Side profiles and spreaders in die-cast aluminium, with a polished or chrome-plated finish or powder-coated in deep black

#### Armrests:

Die-cast aluminium, with a polished or chrome-plated finish or powder-coated in deep black.

#### Base:

4-star base in die-cast aluminium, with a polished or chrome-plated finish or powder-coated in deep black.



Frame and base Aluminium chromed

Frame and base Aluminium polished

Frame and base Aluminium powder-coated

### Soft Pad Chair EA 205, EA 207, EA 208 - Conference

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Charles & Ray Eames, 1958

The luxuriant upholstery of the Soft Pad Chairs EA 205, 207 and 208 provides soft seating comfort. The padded cushions are available with covers in leather or fabric and thanks to the large selection of colours, the right configuration can be found for every taste and requirement. The three models are easily distinguishable. EA 208 has armrests and is the only chair in the trio to have a swivel base. The EA 207 is also equipped with armrests, while the EA 205 is without.



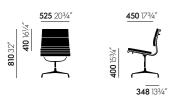
**EA 205** non-swivel, no armrests, medium-height backrest



**EA 207** non-swivel, with armrests, medium-height backrest



**EA 208** swivel, with armrests, medium-height backrest











### Seat height

In the early years of production, down feathers were used for the Soft Pad Chair upholstery. Around three decades ago, Vitra changed the filling to foam for an enhanced 'sink-in' effect and longer-lasting cushioning. This raised the sitting position compared to the down feathers and the chair was deemed 'too high', leading Vitra to introduce a 'new height' in 2015 that is two centimetres lower.

When ordering additional Soft Pad Chairs EA 205-208, note the year of manufacture of those already in place and order the classic (higher) or the new (lower) seat height to match.

### **Options of configurations**



Seat cover in fabric: Laser RE, Cosy 2 or Track

Seat cover in leather: Leather or Leather Premium F

#### Backrest and seat:

Chair with medium-high backrest. Three sewn-on cushions with polyurethane foam padding and fabric or leather covers. Side profiles and spreaders in die-cast aluminium, with a polished or chrome-plated finish or powder-coated in deep black.

#### Armrests:

Die-cast aluminium, with a polished or chrome-plated finish or powder-coated in deep black.

#### Base

4-star base in die-cast aluminium, with a polished or chrome-plated finish or powder-coated in deep black. Available in two different heights.



Frame and base Aluminium chromed

Frame and base Aluminium polished

Frame and base Aluminium powder-coated

The Aluminium Chairs are available in leather, with mesh fabric or in the textiles Hopsak, Track and Cosy 2, while the Soft Pad Chairs come in leather, Track, Cosy 2 or the recycled fabric Laser RE. Available in a wide selection of colours, these different weave fabrics give the various models in both chair groups a modern and inviting appearance – particularly when combined with metal parts in a black powder-coated finish.



# The classic: Hopsak

Hopsak is an expressive, flat plain-weave fabric made of polyamide. The duotone colours offer a multitude of design possibilities in high-contrast, brightly hued or subtle combinations of warp and weft threads. Highly durable and robust, Hopsak can be used in private interiors as well as public areas. Hopsak is available in 35 colours.





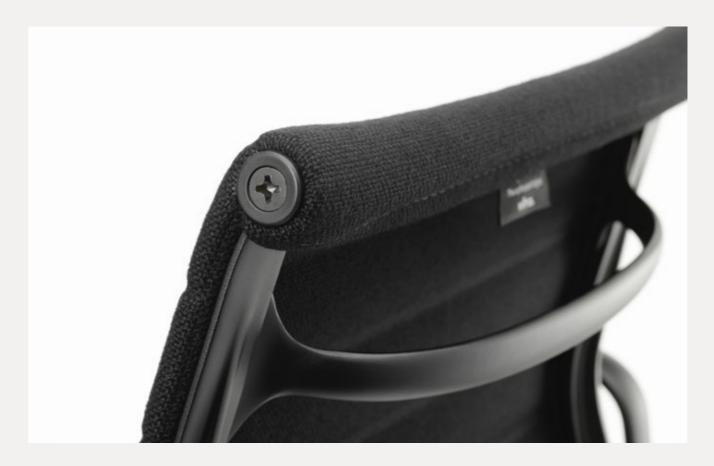
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### Hopsak Medium Use, F60





Hopsak, 67 poppy red/ivory



Hopsak, 66 nero

## Robust: Leather

The standard grade leather used by Vitra is a robust cowhide leather, dyed-through, pigmented and embossed with an even grain pattern. Since it is hard-wearing and easy to maintain, it can also be used in office environments. Leather is available in 16 colours.





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### Leather Heavy use, L20





#### Leather version with back panel in Plano:

With Aluminium or Soft Pad Chairs in leather, the rear panel is covered as standard with Plano fabric in a colour that matches the leather. The back panel can also be ordered in leather at an additional charge. Please contact your Vitra partner for more details.



Leather, 87 plum - back in Plano, 54 brown



Leder, 97 cognac - back in Plano, 67 cognac

## Leather Premium F

Leather Premium F is a relatively smooth cowhide leather with a flat grain and fine top sheen. It is dyed-through and lightly pigmented. Leather Premium F is processed with a tanning agent extracted from olive tree leaves (a waste product of the olive harvest), and the entire production process is carried out with the least hazardous chemicals in the smallest possible amounts. This pleasantly soft, sustainably produced semi-aniline leather is available in a selection of 22 colours.





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### Leather Premium F Medium Use, L50



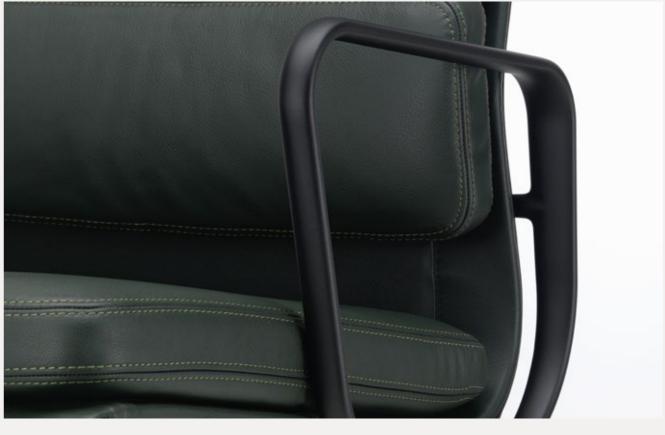


#### Leather version with back panel in Plano:

With Aluminium or Soft Pad Chairs in leather, the rear panel is covered as standard with Plano fabric in a colour that matches the leather. The back panel can also be ordered in leather at an additional charge. Please contact your Vitra partner for more details.



Leather Premium F, 63 cashew - back in Plano, 80 coffee



Leather Premium F, 59 jade - back in Plano, 40 coconut/forest

# High End: Track

Track is a medium-weight woollen fabric with a subtle pattern of fine diagonal stripes, which gives it a sporty, fresh appearance. Track comes in a large selection of colours – from natural pastel shades or neutral tones to strong, bright hues. This makes it easy to find the right colour for any setting. Thanks to its high quality, the fabric is suited for office environments, but also adds a beautiful touch to home interiors. Track is available in 25 colours.





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## Track Heavy use, F120



10% polyamide, 90% new wool Material

480 g/m² (14.2 oz/y²) Weight 143 cm +/- 2 cm (56") Width

100,000 Martindale Abrasion resistance

Type 6 Fastness to light

Grade 4-5 Pilling

Fastness to rubbing Grade 4-5 dry and





Track, 18 royal blue/chestnut



Track, 04 cognac/mustard

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# Home-like: Cosy 2

Cosy 2 is a high-quality milled woollen cloth with a warm character. The lively melange yarn emphasises the fabric's natural colours – from delicate shades to vibrant hues – and gains added elegance with colour-coordinated stitching.
The fabric offers thermal comfort and excellent durability, making it suited for upholstered furniture in office settings as well as residential applications. Cosy 2 is available in 15 colours.





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## Cosy 2 Heavy use, F8o



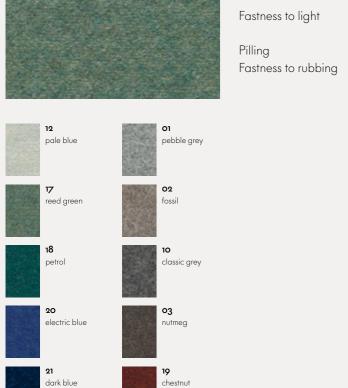
20% polyamide, Material 80% new wool

Weight Width Abrasion resistance

590 g/m² (17.4 oz/y²) 154 cm +/- 2 cm (60") 50,000 Martindale

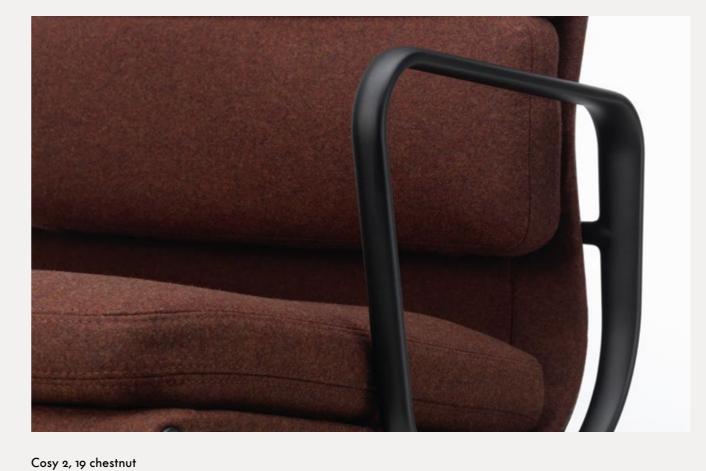
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Grade 4-5 Fastness to rubbing Grade 4-5 dry and





Cosy 2, 13 papyrus



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RE: Laser RE

The environmentally friendly fabric Laser RE is made from recycled polyester. It has a distinctive woven appearance, which is particularly accentuated by contrasting duotones in a varied palette of 25 colours. Practical and easy to care for, as well as durable and highly abrasion-resistant, Laser RE is also well suited for office environments.

Laser RE is available in 25 colours.





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## Laser RE Heavy use, F40







Laser RE, 61 nude/cream



Laser RE, 65 ice blue/cream

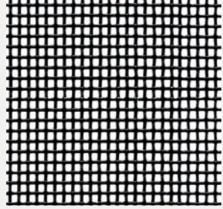
## Transparent: Netweave

The semi-transparent, self-supporting netweave fabric combines a robust structure with an elegant, airy appearance. It is available in 2 colours.



Netweave nero

### Netweave Heavy use,



29% polyester  $630 \text{ g/m}^2 (18.6 \text{ oz/y}^2)$ Width 138 cm (54") Fastness to light

Fastness to rubbing

Material

Grade 4-5 dry and

71% polyurethane,

### Polished:



Polished aluminium acquires an attractive patina over time, giving it an understated and authentic look.





Chrome-plated aluminium keeps its shine for many years and has an elegant, high-quality appearance.

**03** aluminium polished



chrome-plated

### Powder-coated:



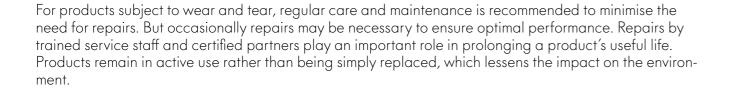
Powder coating is scratch-resistant; it softens the aluminium's 'technical' aesthetic and conveys a contemporary feel.



deep black powder-coated (textured)

## Repair

Selected spare parts that you can easily replace yourself are available in our online shop. These include castors and glides for a broad number of our task chairs and chairs, suited for different floor types. The spare parts finder (below) allows for effortless identification of the correct parts for your product.





sold, either through certified and trained partners or own service teams. In Belgium and the Netherlands, Vitra also operates Circle Stores, where products can be brought in for local repair. Inherently designed to accommodate potential repairs, Vitra products can typically remain in continued use even if an individual part should become broken and require repair or replacement. This supports Vitra's ambition to design long-lasting products that reduce the environmental impact. Vitra offers spare parts for all products, even five years after a phase-out. Spare parts that can be easily replaced by everyone such as castors and glides are available in the company's online shop. For more complicated replacements, authorised dealers can be contacted and will initiate the replacements by trained professionals.

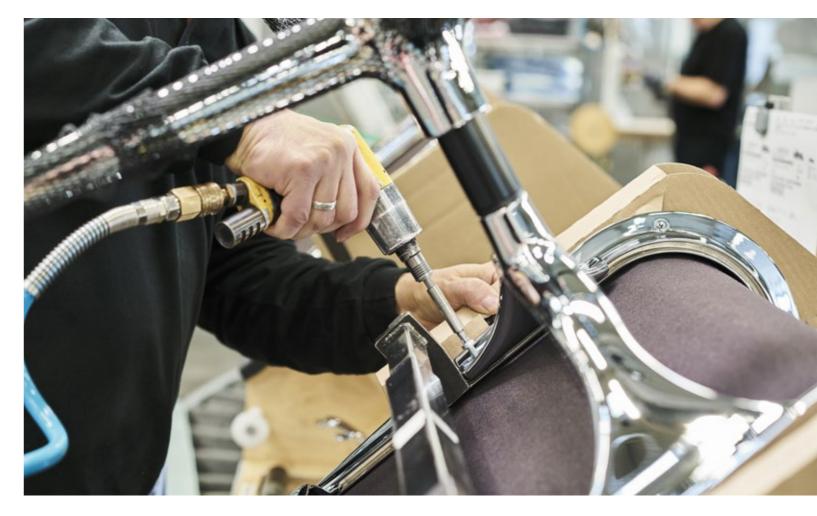












For all other replacement parts, please use Find Vitra to locate an authorized dealer near you or contact us directly using the contact form. Please be aware that for safety reasons we cannot offer all available spare parts for direct purchase and delivery to end customers, as some require replacement by trained professionals.

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For the Aluminium Chair and Soft Pad Chair Groupe there is a 30 year guarantee. Read through the warranty conditions for more details and register your product.

In 1953 the Swiss entrepreneur Willi Fehlbaum travelled to New York, where he discovered a chair by the American designers Charles and Ray Eames. His fascination with the Eameses' work led to the decision to become a furniture manufacturer. Since then, Charles and Ray Eames have had a profound and lasting influence on Vitra – both as a point of departure and as a guiding force. The Eames design philosophy still has a deep impact on the company's values, orientation and goals, often prompting the question: 'What would Charles and Ray say?'



Willi Fehlbaum (2nd from right) during his first visit to the Eames House, 1957. © Eames Office, LLC



Preparations in front of the Eames Office at 901 Washington Boulevard during the photoshoot for an Aluminium Chair advertisement. © Eames Office, LLC

# Lobby Chair

The structural design of the Lobby Chair makes it comparable to the Lounge Chair in terms of comfort. It consists of three individual cushions joined together by aluminium side frames. The armchair was originally conceived to furnish lobby areas in New York's Time Life Building. In the following years, different versions were created that all have one fundamental thing in common: exceptional comfort.

The Lobby Chair is available in three versions: the ES 104 office swivel chair, the ES 108 conference chair on glides, and the wider and lower ES 105 armchair for lounges and waiting areas.



The idea for the design of the Soft Pad Chaise came from a longtime friend of Charles and Ray Eames, the film director Billy Wilder, who was in search of a recliner for taking short naps or for resting on during breaks between film shoots. Six cushions joined with zippers are attached to the aluminium frame, and two loose cushions provide extra comfort.



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