Aluminium & Soft Pad Group Charles & Ray Eames, 1958, 1969



Aluminium Chair Group





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 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

*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.

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Soft Pad Chair Group

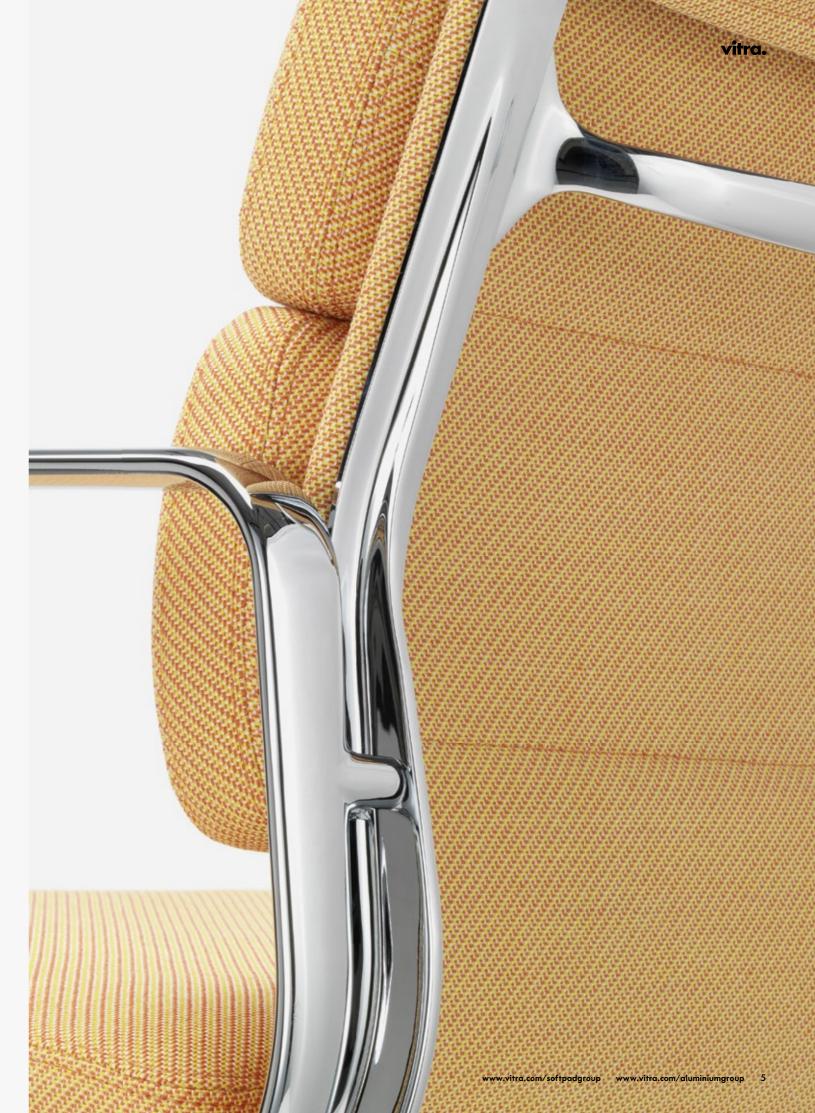
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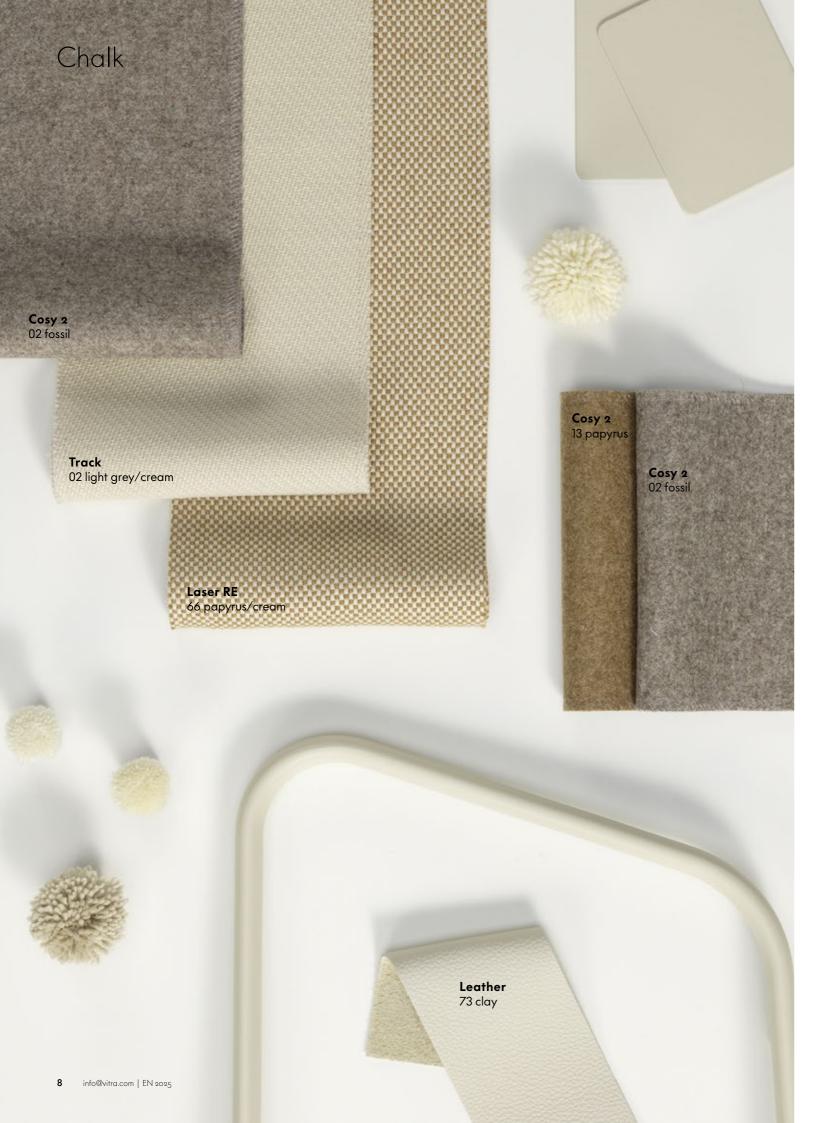
The design of the Soft Pad Group dates from the year 1969. In terms of both construction and shape, the Soft Pad Chairs are similar to the design of the Aluminium Group. However, their sewn-on cushions create a striking contrast to the slender aluminium profiles. The Soft Pad Chairs are softer and more 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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Soft Pad Chair EA 205 – Conference Frame in chalk, Laser RE, 66 papyrus/cream and Cosy 2, 02 fossil

Soft Pad Chair EA 231 – Home Office Frame in chalk, Leather, 73 clay



Aluminium Chair EA 104 - Dine (at Eames Table Dining) Frame in chalk, Hopsak, 17 nude/ivory, Cosy 2, 13 papyrus, Hopsak, 88 cognac/ivory, Track, 01 parchment/cream



Soft Pad Chair EA 222 & EA 223 – Lounge Frame in chalk, Track, or parchment/cream



Aluminium Chair EA 124 & 125 - Lounge Frame in chalk, Hopsak, 17 nude/ivory





Aluminium Chair EA 104 – Dine (at EM Table)

Frame in chalk, Track, o9 lime/soft mint, Leather, 97 cognac, Laser RE, 62 cream/mustard, Track, 05 soft mint/cream





Aluminium Chair EA 117, 118 and 119 - Work

Framein chalk, Track, 09 lime/soft mint, Track, 05 soft mint/cream, Cosy 2, 02 pale blue



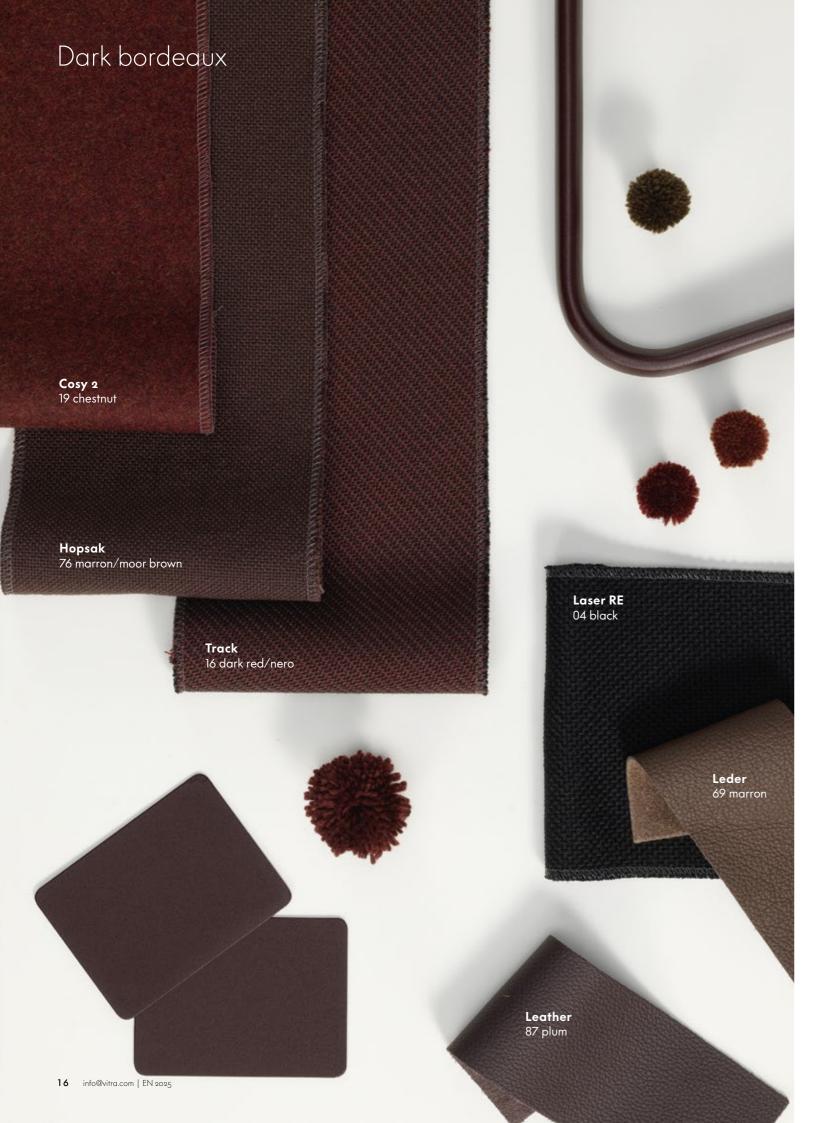


Soft Pad Chair EA 222 & 223 - Lounge

Frame in chalk, Leather, 97 cognac, Laser RE, 62 cream/mustard









Soft Pad Chair EA 217 & 219 – Work Frame in dark bordeaux, Cosy 2, 19 chestnut, Track, 16 dark red/nero



Aluminium Chair EA 132 - Home Office Frame in dark bordeaux, Hopsak, 76 marron/moor



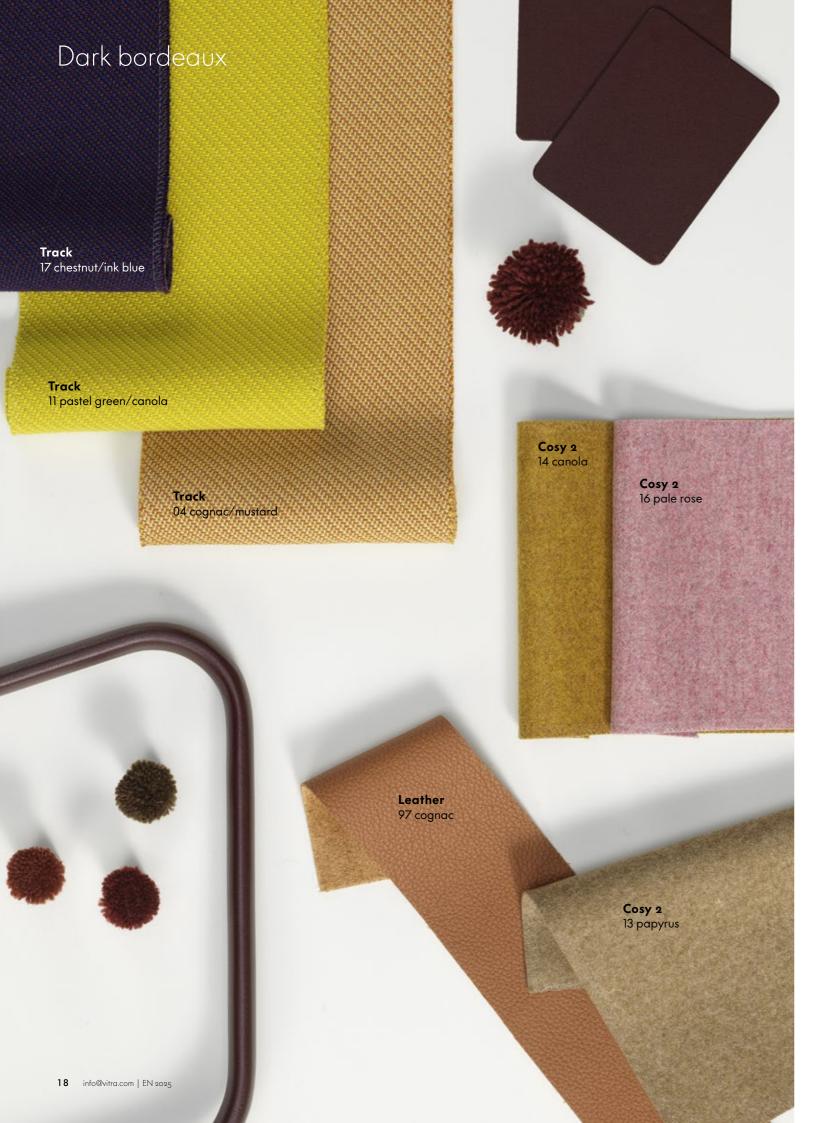
Soft Pad Chair EA 222 & 223 – Lounge Frame in dark bordeaux, Leather, 87 plum



Aluminium Chair EA 124 & 124 - Lounge Frame in dark bordeaux, Cosy 2, 11 merino black



Aluminium Chair Chair EA 108 - Conference Frame in dark bordeaux, Cosy 2, 19 chestnut, Leather, 87 plum, Hopsak, 16 dark red/nero





Aluminium Chair EA 104 - Dine (at Eames Dining Table)

Frame in dark bordeaux, Track, 11 pastel green/canola, 17 chestnut/ink blue, 04 cognac/mustard, Cosy 2, 16 pale rose

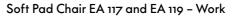




Aluminium Chair EA 124 - Lounge

Frame in dark bordeaux, Leather, 97 cognac, Track 04, cognac/mustard, Cosy 2, 13 papyrus





Frame in dark bordeaux, Cosy 2, 16 pale rose and 14 canola



Aluminium Chair EA 132 - Home Office

Frame in dark bordeaux, Track, 17 chestnut/ink blue





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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.



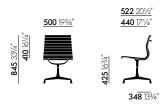
EA 101 for table sitting non-swivel, without armrests, medium-high backrest

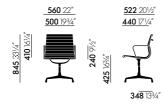


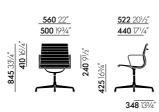
EA 103 for table sitting non-swivel, with armrests, medium-high backrest



EA 104 for table sitting swivel, with armrests, medium-high backrest

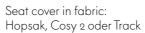






Options of configurations







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 powdercoated.

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

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



Frame and base Aluminium chromed



Frame and base Aluminium polished



Frame and base Aluminium powder-coated

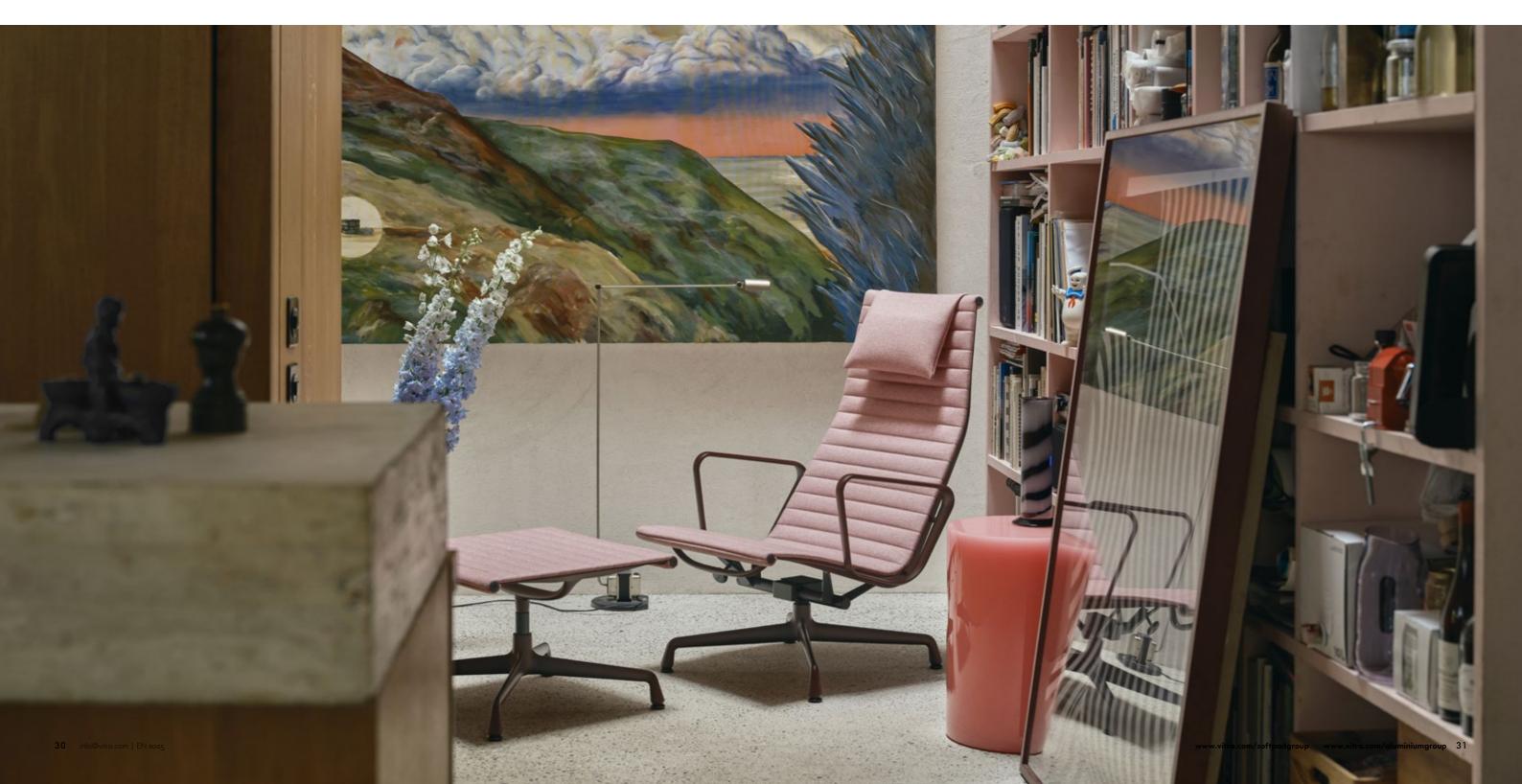


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The lounge versions of the Aluminium and Soft Pad Chairs are all about comfort: the high backrest offers optimum support for even taller-than-average users, while the shell's backward tilt mechanism enhances the sense of relaxation and the optional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









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.

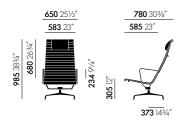


EA 124 Lounge Chair

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









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.

Seat mechanism:

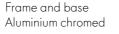
Adjustable backward tilt.

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

Base:

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







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

Featuring a high backrest and a low seat, the Soft Pad Chair EA 222 by Charles and Ray Eames offers ultimate comfort. 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 223

EA 222 Lounge Chair high backrest with neck cushion, adjustable back tilt mechanism, with armrests, swivel, 4-star base on glides

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 padding and fabric or leather covers. Side profiles and spreaders in die-cast aluminium, with a polished or chrome-plated finish or powder-coated.

Seat mechanism:

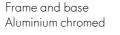
djustable backward tilt.

die-cast aluminium with polished or chrome-plated finish or powder-coated.

Base

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







Frame and base Aluminium polished



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Frame and base Aluminium powder-coated

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 homeoffice: 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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Charles & Ray Eames, 1958

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.

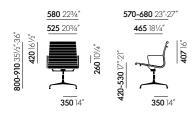


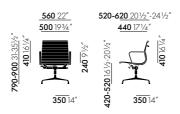
EA 131

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.

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.

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



Frame and base Aluminium chromed



Frame and base Aluminium polished



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Frame and base Aluminium powder-coated

Soft Pad Chair EA 231 - Home Office

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Options of configurations

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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.

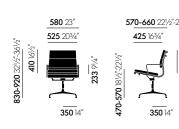






EA 231

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







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.

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.

Base

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





Work vitra.

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.



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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,

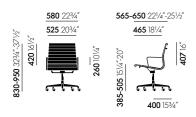
medium-height backrest

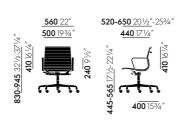


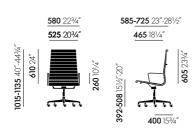
specifically suited for table-oriented activity adjustable backward tilt height-adjustable, swivel with armrests, medium-height backrest



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.

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.

Base

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

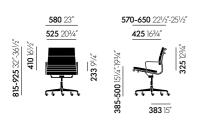
The models EA 217 and EA 219 are the office swivel chairs of the Soft Pad Group. Elegant in appearance, they are particularly suited to management areas and the well-appointed home office. Their tilt mechanism adapts to the user's weight and is paired with softly upholstered cushions with fabric or leather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

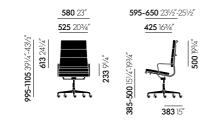






EA 219 adjustable backward tilt height-adjustable, swivel with armrests, higher backrest





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.

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.

Base:

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



Frame and base Aluminium chromed



Frame and base Aluminium polished



Frame and base Aluminium powder-coated



Conference vitra.

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.

Aluminium Chair Group





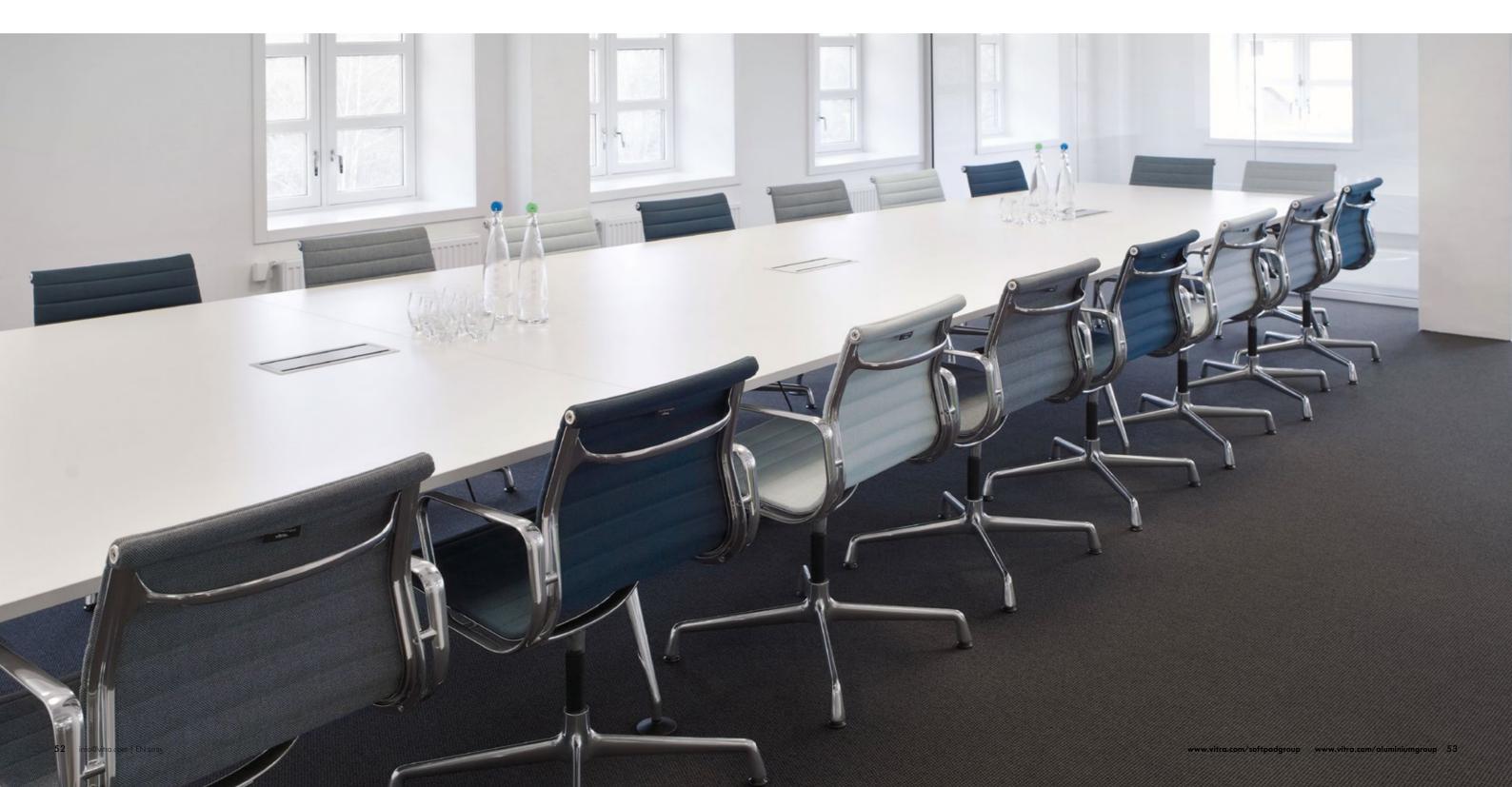












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Charles & Ray Eames, 1958

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

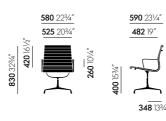


EA 107 non-swivel with armrests medium-height backrest



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



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.

Armrests:

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

Base:

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



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.

Armrests:

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

Base

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



Frame and base Aluminium chromed

Frame and base Aluminium polished

Frame and base Aluminium powder-coated









Sustainable materials vitra.

Recycled aluminium



Alongside steel, aluminium is the metal most frequently used in Vitra's product portfolio. The production of recycled aluminium consumes only around 5% of the energy required for the extraction and processing of primary aluminium. All Vitra products that contain aluminium therefore include a substantial proportion of recycled material, which is being continually increased wherever technically feasible. The La Fonda base, for instance, contains 95% recycled aluminium. More than 90% of Vitra's aluminium components are sourced from suppliers in Europe.

Vegetable-tanned leather



Vegetable-tanned leather is produced in a tanning process that involves treating animal hides with plant extracts instead of heavy metals. This is the oldest and most environmentally friendly way to preserve leather.

At Vitra, leathers marked with an 'F' (for 'free') are tanned using a tanning agent made from olive tree leaves – a waste product of the olive harvest. Throughout the entire process, the use of chemicals is kept to a minimum and only non-hazardous substances are applied. The olive leaf extract is a vegetable-based syrup whose production helps to reduce CO2-emissions, as the leaves are no longer burned after the harvest but collected and processed at the place of origin.

Laser RE



Synthetic fibres (also called artificial or man-made fibres) are chemically and industrially manufactured from natural polymers (e.g. cellulose, latex, algae, protein) or from synthetic polymers and inorganic substances. The properties and performance of synthetic fibres can be determined to a large degree by their selection and processing. They are typically easy to maintain and robust, making them considerably more hard-wearing than partially natural fibres when subjected to constant use.

Their dependence on non-renewable resources can be reduced by utilising recycled materials. Although their adaptability and performance offers significant benefits, they tend to have a very different feel to that of a natural fibre. They are often chemically optimised to meet specific performance requirements, while natural fibres come with inherent benefits such as breathability or skin-friendliness, without the need for chemical additives or a technical construction. In the last years, Vitra has expanded its portfolio of fabrics made of recycled synthetic fibres and has launched new textiles stemming from recycled sources, such as Reflect or Laser RE.

The high-quality recycling material is produced from PET bottles sourced in Thailand due to the wide availability and superior quality of the raw material. In Europe, a closed cycle for PET is already in operation – if the plastic was sourced from Europe, the cycle would be disrupted. The used bottles are gathered by private individuals, hotels, hospitals and shopping centres who sell them at an agreed price per kilo to small collection companies. The raw material is cleaned and sorted. Afterwards the bottles are shredded into flakes. The flakes are melted together to form PET chips. The recycled PET chips are processed in the same way as new PET. Dyes for textiles come from India or China – there are virtually no such companies left in Europe, and if a manufacturer produces natural dyes here, they do not achieve the necessary level of fastness currently demanded by the market.



Vitra products are designed and constructed to last as long as possible and this quality promise guides every decision in Vitra's product development and manufacturing processes.

Vitra guarantees the longevity of selected products with a limited manufacturer warranty of ten- to thirty-years as per warranty terms listed below. The Vitra Product Warranty is part of the company's commitment to sustainability.

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Product was purchased from Vitra or its authorised dealers/retailers by a private customer*
Product is listed in section 1.b of the full warranty terms and conditions
Registration within six months of purchase at my.vitra.com

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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



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