











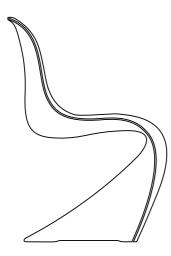
Panton Chair

"One day, Rolf was visiting us and spotted a model of the Panton Chair. The model was not stable enough to sit on. 'Why isn't this chair in production?' asked Rolf.

My answer: '15 to 20 manufacturers have tried but have decided not to produce it for various reasons'. A very well-known American designer – not Eames – said you shouldn't call something like this a 'chair', as it's not suitable for sitting on. Rolf immediately called Manfred Diebold, an engineer from Vitra. [...] Without Rolf, there would be no Panton Chair" Verner Panton on Rolf Fehlbaum

The Danish designer Verner Panton developed the idea of a cantilevered plastic chair in the late 1950s, but no manufacturers were interested in his daring design. Willi Fehlbaum, the founder of Vitra, was interested in the idea but only agreed to it when Rolf Fehlbaum and the Product Development Manager Manfred Diebold paid a visit to Panton and returned with glowing reports. 1963 marked the start of collaboration between Vitra and Verner Panton with the development of one of the most iconic chair designs of the twentieth century. For the plastics technology of the time, this was pioneering work.

In 1967, the first 150 Panton Chairs were produced. However, the costly and complex procedure made it impossible to keep up with the ensuing demand. After further tests, series production began in 1968 using a moulding-based process. This allowed the chair to be produced in greater numbers, but still required a great deal of manual finishing work. Verner Panton and Vitra continued their research and thought they had found a solution in the form of a new plastic, but this led to fractures in the chairs and risked damaging Vitra's reputation. Production was therefore discontinued in 1979. Interest in the Panton Chair lived on, however, and Vitra has been producing it in rigid polyurethane foam since 1990, as well as in polypropylene since 1999.



The original comes from

vitra.

















From left to right:

Verner Panton, Rolf Fehlbaum, Manfred Diebold and Josef Stürmlinger, around 1966 | Design sketches, between 1957 and 1960 | Untitled | Graphic | Photograph for the Danish design magazine Mobilia, 1967. The ladies demonstrate the stability of the Panton Chairs | Testcenter | Carin Panton, daughter of Verner Panton on a Panton Chair, during a recording for the Danish design magazine Mobilia, 1967 | Panton Chair production, deburring, 1971





Accessories Collection

The work of Charles and Ray Eames not only encompassed product design, architecture, exhibition design, photography and film, but also a large number of graphic designs, most of which were created by Ray Eames. Several of these motifs have been selected by Vitra in cooperation with the Eames Office for the Greeting Cards, Classic Trays, Paper Napkins and Cover Prints. Along with the LTR table in solid wood and the Plywood Mobiles, they make attractive additions to the Vitra Accessories Collection.





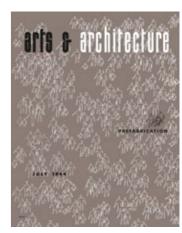












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1. Classic Tray, Charles & Ray Eames, 1947 from £ 55.00 2. Plywood Mobile, Model B, Charles & Ray Eames, 1941 £ 89.00 3. Plywood Mobile, Model A, Charles & Ray Eames, 1941 £ 89.00 4. Paper Napkins, Charles & Ray Eames, 1947-1961 from £ 4.00 5. Occasional Table LTR, Charles & Ray Eames, 1950 from £ 219.00 6. Greeting Cards, Charles & Ray Eames, 1955 £ 5.00

7. Cover Prints, Charles & Ray Eames, 1944 £ 39.00

Accessories Collection

Inspired by the principle of the collage, the Vitra Accessories
Collection includes timeless creations by Charles and Ray Eames,
George Nelson and Alexander Girard as well as the newest
products by Ronan and Erwan Bouroullec, Hella Jongerius and
other contemporary designers.



- 1. L'Oiseau, Ronan & Erwan Bouroullec, 2011 from £ 79.00 2. Wall Clocks, George Nelson, 1948-1960 from £ 195.00
 3. O-Tidy, Michel Charlot, 2016 £ 26.00 4. Classic Trays, Various Designers, 1947-1974 from £ 45.00
 5. Coffee Mugs, Alexander Girard, 1971 £ 14.00 6. Seat Dots, Hella Jongerius, 2016 £ 30.00
- 7. Graphic Print Pillows, Alexander Girard, 1961 from £ 60.00 8. Wooden Dolls Mother Fish & Child, Alexander Girard, 1952 £ 109.00 9. Wooden Doll Little Devil, Alexander Girard, 1952 £ 85.00 10. Wooden Doll Cat & Dog, Alexander Girard, 1963 from £ 89.00



11. Eames House Bird £ 135.00 12. Rotary Tray, Jasper Morrison, 2014 £ 36.00

13. Hang it all, Charles & Ray Eames, 1953 £ 205.00 14. Wooden Dolls, Alexander Girard, 1952 £ 85.00

15. Graphic Bags, Alexander Girard, 1961-1971 £ 26.00 16. Matchboxes, Alexander Girard, 1967-1972 £ 5.00

17. Toolbox, Arik Levy, 2010 £ 22.00 18. Nuage, Ronan & Erwan Bouroullec, 2016 from £ 115.00

19. Eames Elephant, Charles & Ray Eames, 1945 £ 165.00

