Eames Aluminum Group
Designed by Charles and Ray Eames

The Eames Aluminum Group, originally introduced in 1958 as indoor/outdoor seating, still manages to look both classic and contemporary in 21st century spaces. The clean, trim lines of this design in each of its versions—executive, management, side, and lounge—make it appropriate for all kinds of places, from classic and contemporary homes to elegant offices to hip start-ups.

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Sophisticated, refined, with a graceful silhouette, Eames Soft Pad Group chairs are welcome anywhere that comfort and style are required, satisfying a range of contemporary needs, from meeting to working to dining. Timeless elegance is evident in each version of the design, from adjustable management chairs to executive chairs with extended backs to side chairs with or without arms to relaxing lounge chairs.
Performance

Eames Aluminum Group represents a major technical achievement by Charles and Ray Eames. They departed from the concept of chair as a solid shell and stretched a continuous piece of upholstery tautly between two aluminum side ribs. The resulting seat-back suspension provides a firm, flexible "sitting pocket" that conforms subtly to the body’s shape. The one-piece curved aluminum side ribs and die-cast aluminum base make for a strong yet lightweight chair.

More than a decade after the launch of the Eames Aluminum Group, the Eameses—in another example of their iterative process—added individually upholstered, two-inch-thick cushions to the design. Known as the Eames Soft Pad Group, it offers a level of plush luxury to the line, complementing the original 1958 design.

Design

Originally commissioned as outdoor seating for industrialist J. Irwin Miller’s home, the Eames Aluminum Group has been in constant demand ever since. A minimal profile and sculptural lines make this family of seating appropriate for both formal and casual settings.

The Aluminum Group design and its later incarnation, the Eames Soft Pad Group, include adjustable management chairs, executive chairs with extended backs, and side chairs with or without arms—most with an optional tilt swivel, a relaxing plus. Lounge chairs, with a 4-star base, are especially suited for living rooms and lobbies.

About Charles and Ray Eames

The fertile, curious minds of Charles and Ray Eames invented the modern American furniture vocabulary. Along with other visionaries such as George Nelson, the Eameses brought new materials, new processes, and a new attitude to interior design. And they often did it by playing with form and structure in an inventive, childlike way. Their unique synergy led to a whole new look in furniture: lean and modern, playful and functional, sleek, sophisticated, and beautifully simple.
Materials

A wide range of finishes and materials allows Eames Aluminum Group to grace settings indoors and out. While solely intended for indoor use, Eames Soft Pad Group also offers innumerable finish options. The materials represented here reflect only a portion of your choices. Visit hermanmiller.com/materials to see our complete textile and material offering.

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