

All Plastic Chair

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At first glance, the All Plastic Chair is reminiscent of the simple, classic wooden chairs that have been familiar in Europe for many decades. Utilising a new material, the chair represents a significant advancement in the appearance and functionality of this typology.

The flattened frame elements of the All Plastic Chair are cast in a single piece, while the thin seat surface is organically shaped and the backrest more finely modelled than the back support of conventional wooden chairs. As a result, the All Plastic Chair is strikingly compact and graceful, yet the combination of plastic components also makes it extraordinarily comfortable. Whereas the frame consists of a more rigid, high-strength polypropylene, the seat and backrest adapt to the contours of the sitter's body. For even greater comfort, the backrest is connected to the frame by means of axial shafts with rubber buffers that enable the construction to gently flex in response to the sitter's movements.

The combination of two types of plastic also offers new possibilities for the colour scheme: the All Plastic Chair is exclusively available with a 'two-tone' palette pairing frames in a slightly darker shade with seats and backrests in a lighter nuance of the same hue. This interplay lends the chair a distinctive look and transports its classic shape into a contemporary context. The All Plastic Chair will initially be available for interior applications in the colours white, dark grey and ice grey. A larger selection of colours will be available for this indoor-outdoor chair in spring 2017.

Thanks to the employment of high-performance plastics, the All Plastic Chair is a robust, durable chair suited for use in home dining rooms as well as cafés, restaurants and other public venues.