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Taking its name from the shell of a sea snail, Abalon forms its own architecture for seating circles: with its organically curved shape, the sofa evokes a circle to which people feel drawn. The expansive backrest has two functions: it shields sitters who are engaged in a private conversation and offers a sense of protection to those seeking retreat within an open environment.

Abalon is unusual in appearance: solid yet light, massive yet graceful. It functions as a striking solo piece and when several sofas are used together, the concave and convex surfaces create a state of compelling tension, neither attracting nor repelling one other. The upholstered seat shell of the Abalon Sofa generously accommodates three people, while the curved shape creates a common focal point. The front and back of the seat shells are covered separately with different knitted fabrics, which can be chosen in various combinations. Together with the two available colours of the boldly defined base, this opens up a wide range of configuration options. The fabric covers of the sofa can be removed in full for cleaning or replacement, which further enhances its durability.

The Abalon Sofa can be complemented with Abalon Platform and Abalon Table. Abalon Platform is a round stool that can be used as a flexible seat as well as a footrest. The carefully proportioned, widely splayed legs of the base not only ensure a high degree of stability, but also clearly identify the stool as a member of the Abalon family. The Abalon Table is a circular coffee table, whose tops come in a choice of finishes.



Ronan & Erwan Bouroullec
The brothers Ronan and Erwan Bouroullec live and work in Paris. Their oeuvre ranges from small everyday objects to architectural projects. They have worked with Vitra since 2000 and have contributed numerous designs to both the office and home collections.

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Abalon family

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Materials
Abalon Sofa

- **Body:** metal frame with moulded polyurethane foam and polyester fleece.
- **Seat height:** 400 mm (340 mm with applied load, measured in accordance with EN 1335-1).
- **Covers:** knit fabric, removable. Front and back covers are separate and in different colours.
- **Legs:** die-cast aluminium, powder-coated.
- **Beam:** rectangular tubular steel, powder-coated.
- **Glides:** non-slip plastic glides, suitable for soft and hard floors.

Abalon Platform

- **Seat surface:** plywood panel with recyclable polyurethane foam ‚V-Foam' and polyester fleece.
- **Seat height:** 400 mm (340 mm with applied load, measured in accordance with EN 1335-1).
- **Cover:** knit fabric, removable.
- **Base:** non-swivel four-star base in die-cast aluminium, powder-coated finish, pedestal in steel, powder-coated finish.
- **Glides:** plastic glides for soft floors or felt glides for hard floors.

- Due to British fire safety regulations, V-Foam is not used in the UK. Fire retardants would have to be added to the formula, which would make it impossible to recycle V-Foam separately.

Abalon Table

- **Table top:** base material MDF (medium-density fibreboard) in real oak veneer or textured powder-coated finish; table thickness 25 mm with 15° bevelled edge.
- **Base:** non-swivel four-star base in die-cast aluminium, powder-coated finish, pedestal in steel, powder-coated finish.
- **Glides:** plastic glides for soft floors or felt glides for hard floors.

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Pre-configured models



06 light grey/cream (121)

01 silver grey (111)

Cover

17 oak, light, lacquer finish

Table top in veneer

91 mint powder-coated (smooth)

Base



02 dark green/ ochre (951)

02 dark green (971)

Cover

04 oak, dark, lacquer finish

Table top in veneer

12 deep black powder-coated (smooth)

Base



01 dark green/ green (961)

03 black (1191)

Cover

04 oak, dark, lacquer finish

Table top in veneer

12 deep black powder-coated (smooth)

Base



08 mauve/beige (221)

03 black (1191)

Cover

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New covers, spare parts, care and cleaning

The covers are fully removable. For optimal results, we recommend using a professional service to remove and replace the covers. Covers should be taken to a specialist dry cleaning facility for treatment.

Replacement covers can be ordered if necessary. Other spare parts may also be ordered at any time to further extend the product's lifespan.

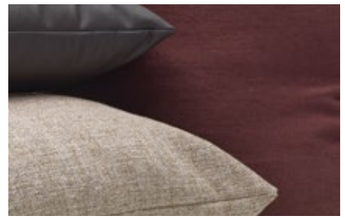
Spare parts

For new covers or other spare parts, please contact the Vitra Service team or a local Vitra dealer.
Link to website



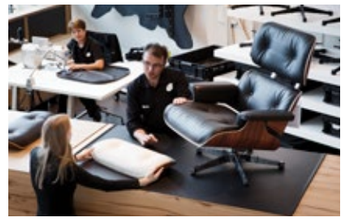
Care instructions

Here you will find care instructions for cover fabrics, leather, plastics and metals.
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Maintenance

For matters relating to maintenance and repair or general enquiries, contact our Service Team using the following form.
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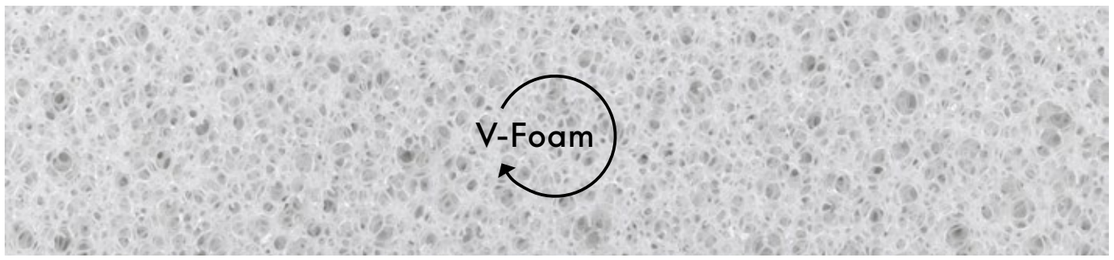
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V-Foam - meltable PU foam



Developed jointly by Vitra and BASF, V-Foam is the world's first economically recyclable polyurethane foam.



Standard polyurethane foam (PU foam) is derived from fossil fuels and utilised extensively worldwide. Its recycling process is very energy-intensive and uneconomical.

V-Foam, on the other hand, can be melted, reprocessed and returned to the material cycle in its entirety for use in new products. Vitra will gradually incorporate V-Foam for all its upholstered furniture containing moulded foam from 2025.

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Certificates

To offer transparency with regard to a product's most important environmental factors, Vitra provides certificates from external testing institutes. For this purpose, Vitra focuses on a selection of certificates that explicitly cover key elements of the respective product.

Greenguard Gold

The GREENGUARD GOLD label for indoor air quality recognises products that contribute to the creation of healthier indoor environments.

GS

With the GS seal for tested safety, a state-authorised inspection institute certifies the suitability and safety of the construction and monitors production at regular intervals.

BIFMA

Abalon fulfils the ANSI/BIFMA standard X5.1-2011, thus meeting the stringent safety requirements for the US market.

Vitra product warranty

Designed and manufactured for longevity, Vitra products are backed by a quality promise guiding every aspect of their development and production. Registered products qualify for either a 10- or 30-year warranty, unlocking various benefits including product identification, origin tracing, and access to designer information and care instructions. This warranty reflects Vitra's commitment to sustainability.

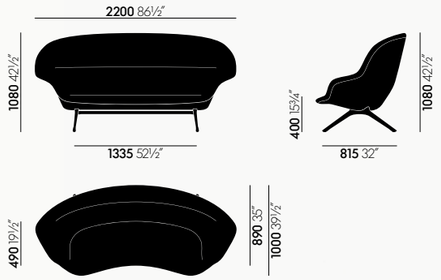
Full terms and conditions and further information are available here for review. For USA & Canada, specific conditions apply.

Abalon is eligible for the 10-year Vitra Product Warranty when registered through https://my.vitra.com for private use.

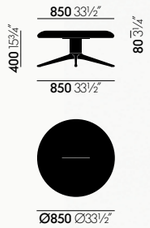
Dimensions

(in accordance with EN 1335-1:2000)

Abalon Sofa



Abalon Platform



Abalon Table

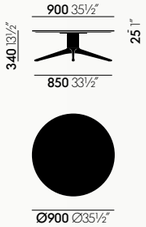
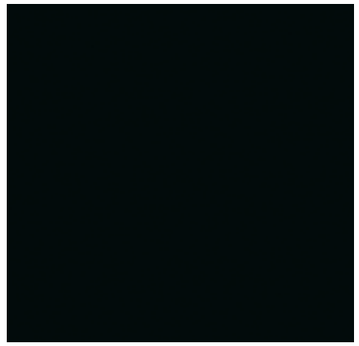


Table top MDF

52
soft light powder-coated (textured)



30
basic dark powder-coated (textured)

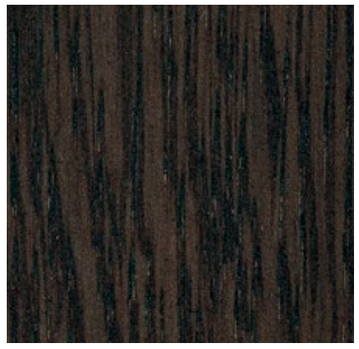
MDF

Medium-density fibreboard, also known as MDF board, consists primarily of debarked coniferous wood broken down into fine fibres. MDF is a wood-based material with a uniform structure both lengthwise and crosswise. Its edges are hard and smooth, making it possible to cut clean profiles. Vitra is an industry leader in the development and application of powder coating methods for MDF. Powder coating produces an even, robust surface finish with seamless edges, making it ideal for constructions with cut-outs or for complex corner joints.

Table top in veneer



17
oak, light, lacquer finish



04
oak, dark, lacquer finish

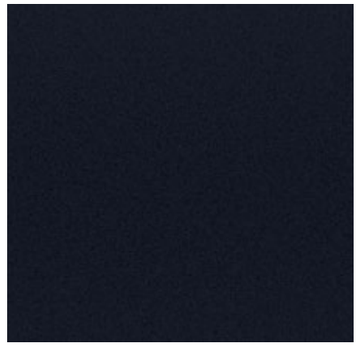
Veneer

Complex industrial methods are used to produce sheets of wood veneer, which are further processed by hand. In most cases, wood from a single tree is utilised for a piece of furniture to ensure the uniform appearance of all surfaces.
With only two exceptions, Vitra exclusively purchases veneers with a certificate of sustainability from European producers. Vitra's veneers are finished with a protective lacquer; exposure to light will alter the colour over time.

Base



91
mint powder-coated (smooth)



12
deep black powder-coated (smooth)

Metal

Vitra most frequently uses aluminium and steel for metal components. Since 94% less energy is required to produce recycled aluminium in comparison to primary aluminium, Vitra utilises aluminium consisting of 95% recycled material whenever possible.
Depending on the product, metal surfaces are either powder-coated, chrome-plated, polished, galvanised, lacquered or blasted. A smooth or textured powder-coated finish provides colour and surface protection.

Drop Medium use



Drop is a knitted upholstery fabric with a lively three-dimensional look. Designed with colour compositions of up to three different hues, Drop exhibits a pattern reminiscent of a string of coloured pearls in a interplay of light and shadow. The robust knit fabric is suited for home settings, as well as public spaces.

Drop is available in 10 colours.

Material	20% nylon, 60% new wool, 20% polyester
Weight	520 g/m² (15.3 oz/y²)
Width	157 cm +/- 2 cm (62″)
Abrasion resistance	80,000 Martindale
Fastness to light	Type 6
Pilling	Grade 4–5
Fastness to rubbing	Grade 4–5 dry and wet

Drop

09 beige/cream (101)

06 light grey/cream (121)

08 mauve/beige (221)

07 dark grey/mauve (261)

02 dark green/ochre (951)

01 dark green/green (961)

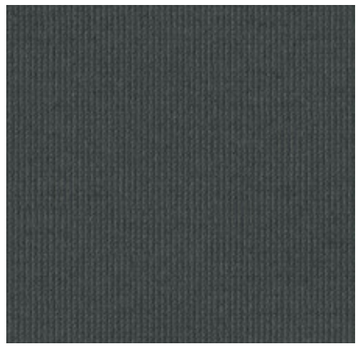
03 dark green/grey (971)

10 black/dark grey (191)

04 dark red/red (691)

05 dark red/mauve (671)

Planum Medium use



Planum is a hard-wearing, knitted upholstery fabric with a light matt sheen, which gives it a soft appearance. Its fine smooth surface has a dry feel. The knit fabric can be optimally combined with the multiple shades of the textile Drop.

Planum is available in 3 colours.

Material	14% nylon, 44% new wool, 42% polyester
Weight	400 g/m² (11.8 oz/y²)
Width	162 cm +/- 2 cm (64″)
Abrasion resistance	100,000 Martindale
Fastness to light	Type 5–6
Pilling	Grade 4
Fastness to rubbing	Grade 4–5 dry and wet

Planum

01 silver grey (111)

02 dark green (971)

03 black (1191)

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