

Aluminium & Soft Pad Group

Charles & Ray Eames, 1958, 1969



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Soft Pad Chair Group

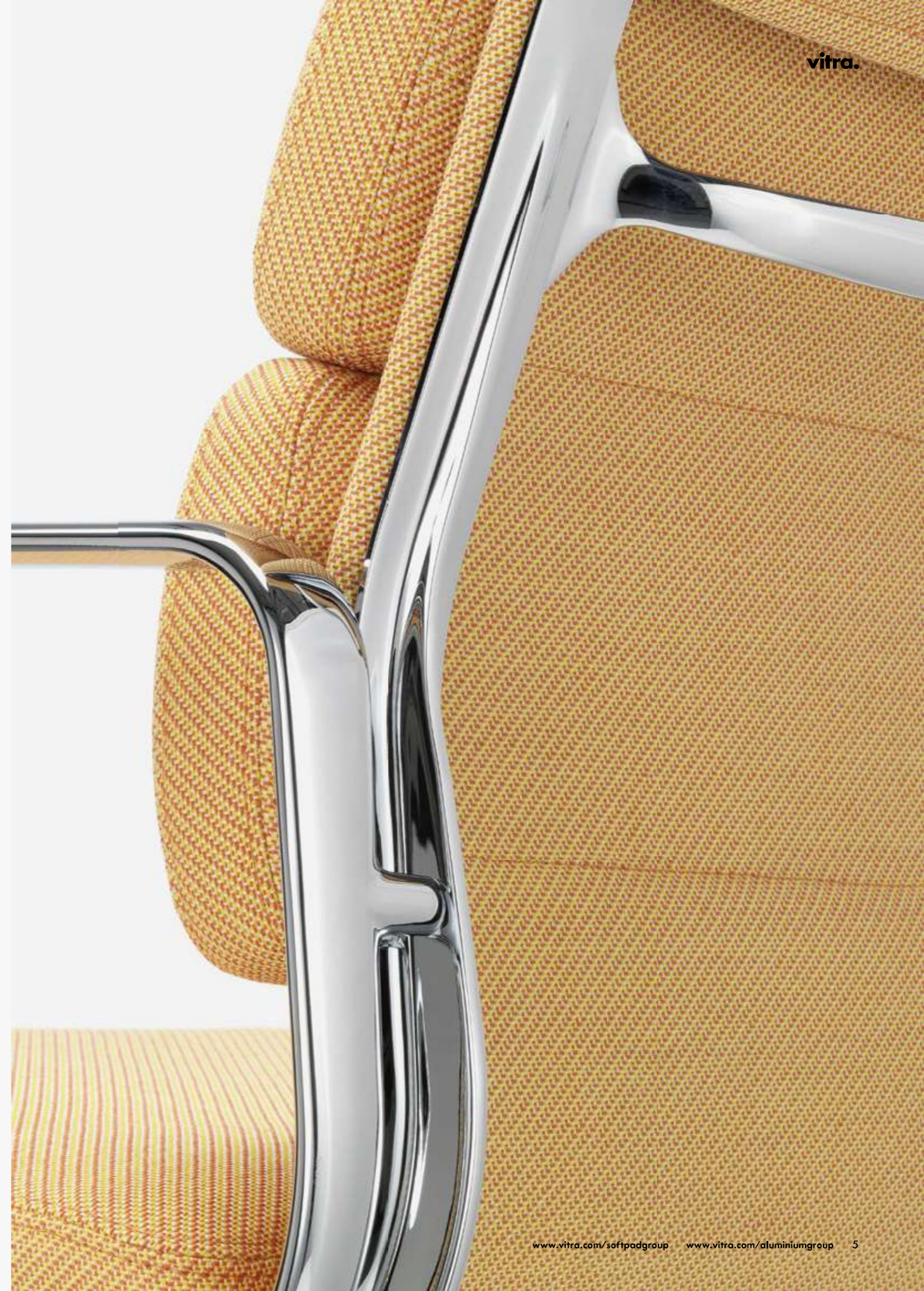
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The design of the Soft Pad Group dates from the year 1969. In terms of both construction and shape, the Soft Pad Chairs are similar to the design of the Aluminium Group. However, their sewn-on cushions create a striking contrast to the slender aluminium 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.

*To benefit from the extended warranty, your product must belong to the Eames Soft Pad 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.



Soft Pad Chair EA 231 – Home Office

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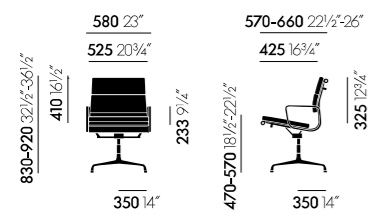
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The Soft Pad Chair EA 231 is equipped with an adjustable tilt mechanism and an upright seat angle adapted to desk work. Designed without castors, it does not resemble a typical task chair and its casual inviting appearance makes a perfect addition to any well-appointed home office.



EA 231

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



Options of configurations

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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.



Frame and base
Aluminium chromed



Frame and base
Aluminium polished



Frame and base
Aluminium powder-coated

Soft Pad Chair EA 217, EA 219 – Work

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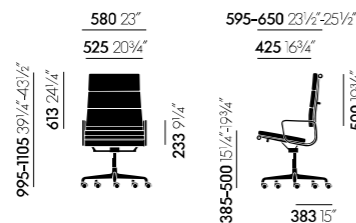
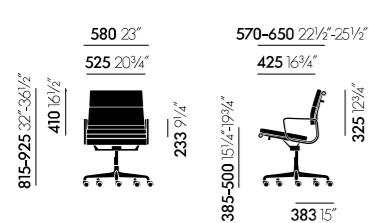
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The models EA 217 and EA 219 are the office swivel chairs of the Soft Pad Group. Elegant in appearance, they are particularly suited to management areas and the well-appointed home office. Their tilt mechanism adapts to the user's weight and is paired 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 217
adjustable backward tilt
height-adjustable, swivel
with armrests,
medium-height backrest

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



Options of configurations

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Seat cover in fabric:
Laser RE, Cosy 2 or Track



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

Soft Pad Chair EA 205, EA 207, EA 208 – Conference **vitra.**

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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.



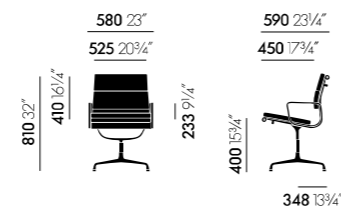
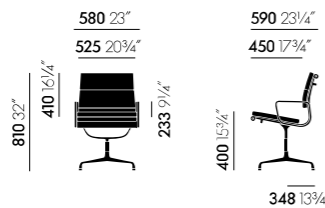
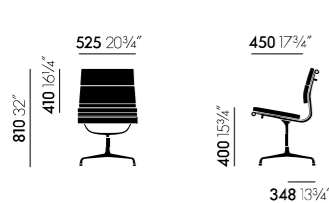
EA 205
non-swivel,
no armrests,
medium-height backrest



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

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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

Material characteristics

Polished:



Polished aluminium acquires an attractive patina over time, giving it an understated and authentic look.



03 aluminium polished

Chrome-plated:



Chrome-plated aluminium keeps its shine for many years and has an elegant, high-quality appearance.



01 chrome-plated

Powder-coated:



Powder coating is scratch-resistant; it softens the aluminium's 'technical' aesthetic and conveys a contemporary feel.



12 deep black powder-coated (textured)



37 chalk powder-coated (textured)



60 dark bordeaux powder-coated (textured)