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New material, same ethos.

Wilkhahn Enhances the WiChair Family

The WiChair family has a second material language with new seat and backrest shells made partly from recycled plastic. Alongside the existing versions of FSC Mix plywood, it taps into new opportunities for designing workspaces and collaborative environments. The clean-contoured shells look lightweight and natural, while subtle speckles lend the surface a unique look. The WiChair's design principle remains unchanged. A springy curved steel bracket enables three-dimensional dynamic sitting without any complex mechanical parts. The outcome is a design where minimalist aesthetics meet comfort, reparability and material efficiency.

Bad Münden, October 2026. Fewer materials, fewer components, more movement: The WiChair translates understated design into a task chair where design and function are instantly intuitive. The new versions also retain the distinctive silhouette and characteristic curved steel bracket. What changes is the seat and backrest material – redefining the chair's visual language.

Recycled material with a distinct character

Wilkhahn crafts its new seat and backrest shells primarily from recycled post-consumer polypropylene (PCR-PP)*. The recycled material is sourced from consumer plastic packaging. Once collected, sorted and cleaned, it's turned into granules and fed back into the recycling loop. The result is a lightweight, tough and easy-care material. It also allows for a streamlined seat and backrest shell and accentuates the WiChair's contemporary silhouette. Fine, randomly dispersed speckles reveal the recycled material in the surface, giving it a signature look.

The new models come in black and pale gray. To give designers new aesthetic options in a wide range of interiors – ranging from workplaces to informal communication and meeting spaces – both colors are deliberately subtle.

** Recycled post-consumer polypropylene makes up 70% of the plastic in the seat shell and 40% of the backrest shell. The total recycled plastic for the product (seat and backrest shells in the plastic version) is 60%.*

Flexibility through minimalist design

The striking curved steel bracket lies at the heart of the design. It harnesses the material's elasticity to enable three-dimensional dynamic sitting without the need for complex mechanical parts. Designed with the circular economy in mind, the chair's modular with screw-based assembly to enable replacements, repairs and eventual separation of materials by type.

To accommodate comfort and tactile preferences, the new models come in three versions: Without upholstery, with a fully upholstered seat and the sleek, retrofittable Slim-type seat and backrest cushioning. The last one adds extra comfort and potential for redesigns due to a choice of diverse fabric groups. These aspects future-proof interiors earmarked for long-term use. An upgrade in comfort and aesthetics is possible without replacing the whole chair.

Updates to the range as a whole

As well as incorporating a new material, Wilkhahn's adding new options to the entire WiChair family. Optional armrest pads in veneered oak (with a natural varnished finish, stained white or with a black varnish), plus a new four-star base on glides make the chair ideal for prestigious conference and meeting spaces.

The new WiChair models and updated configurations for the whole range are available from retail partners from October 2026.

Further information

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A distinctive silhouette and pared-down design: The new models, partially made of recycled material, accentuate the WiChair's stylish design language. Sleek and timeless in black, the task chair's delicate speckles lend the surface a unique look. The characteristic curved steel bracket enables three-dimensional flexibility without any complex mechanical parts. Photos: Wilkhahn



A natural fit for bright interiors: The pale gray edition appears remarkably lightweight and understated. The slender profiles of the shells and their unobtrusive colorways foster an open, airy ambiance – from single desks to clustered configurations around the conference table. Photos: Wilkhahn