

LIMIT LOUNGE CHAIR

Designed by Niels Bendtsen, reissued by Normann Copenhagen



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NORMANN COPENHAGEN REISSUES NIELS BENDTSEN'S ICONIC 1974 DESIGN; LIMIT LOUNGE CHAIR

Normann Copenhagen is excited to reintroduce Danish-Canadian designer Niels Bendtsen's iconic Limit Lounge Chair – first conceived in 1974 and now reissued for a new generation. Originally developed in Copenhagen, it quickly gained international recognition. With this reissue, Normann Copenhagen affirms the enduring strength of the original design's material logic and restraint — acknowledging that some designs are simply right the first time. The name Limit reflects the conditions under which the chair was conceived — a moment defined by material scarcity and structural clarity — and speaks to a design shaped by conscious reduction rather than excess. Its ingenuity earned it a place in the permanent collection of the Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) in New York. Decades later, its relevance feels undiminished.

Created during the oil crisis – when efficiency and material consciousness were essential – the Limit Lounge Chair was developed with minimal waste and maximum logic. Working within clear constraints, Bendtsen transformed limitation into possibility, allowing necessity to define both structure and expression. Two steel rails with padded fabric suspended between them define both structure and comfort. No unnecessary elements. No excess. The load bearing, padded textile cover eliminates the need for foam and other unnecessary components, and can be easily replaced – extending the life of the chair and reinforcing its inherently resourceful construction. The result is lightweight, knock-down, and remarkably material-efficient: a straightforward, logical design with a distinctive aesthetic and extraordinary comfort.

Niels, now 83 years old and still running his design practice in Canada, reflects; "It all started during the 1973 oil crisis in Copenhagen. Everything had to be knock-down and easy to ship. At one point, we were shipping 35 Limit Chairs per cubic meter."

For Niels, design has always begun with logic. A chair must function. It must be producible. It must make structural and material sense. The Limit Lounge Chair embodies this philosophy with clarity: its sculptural form is both visually light and structurally honest — a seamless union of engineering, comfort, and material efficiency.

"Good design is logical and functional first," asserts Niels. "Then the aesthetics follow naturally."





With this reissue, Normann Copenhagen revisits a design that speaks directly to today's conversations around efficiency and longevity, finding renewed relevance in a contemporary context. The Limit Lounge Chair's innate clarity of construction and singular material expression align naturally with today's design landscape — proof that logic, when thoughtfully applied, does not age.

For the first time, the design is also introduced in an outdoor version clad in premium outdoor textiles from Sunbrella. Maintaining the original construction, this edition features corrosion-resistant steel, ensuring durability against the elements while preserving the chair's visual lightness and structural integrity.

Expanding on Niels Bendtsen's logical design principles, simple and discreet click-connectors allow multiple chairs to be joined — forming two-seaters, three-seaters, or even larger modular configurations. From a quiet residential corner to a dramatic arrangement in a grand hotel lobby, the system offers remarkable spatial flexibility, all derived from one clear, structural idea.

The result is a lounge chair that feels both grounded in history and strikingly current — a design born from restraint, reintroduced with intention.

This product is scheduled to be available online and in stores in June 2026.





Limit Lounge Chair
Remix 133



Limit Lounge Chair
Hallingdal 110



Limit Lounge Chair
Ultra Leather 41574



Limit Lounge Chair
Ultra Leather 41599

Upholstery: All colors in Kvadrat Technicolour, Kvadrat Remix, Kvadrat Canvas, Kvadrat Re-Wool, Kvadrat Steelcut Trio, Kvadrat Divina Melange, Kvadrat Fiord, Kvadrat Hallingdal, Kvadrat Zero, Kvadrat Vidar, Kvadrat Moss, Kvadrat Serpentine, Kvadrat Baru, Kvadrat Elle, Camira Oceanic, Camira Aquarius, Camira Synergy, Camira Main Line Flax, Camira Yoredale, JAB City Velvet and Sørensen Ultra Leather. Click [here](#) to see color options.

Material: Frame: Black powder-coated steel, Cover: Inner layer of a net-like weave in PVC-coated PET and outer layer of wadding, upholstery and a zipper.

Dimensions: H: 68 x W: 67 x D: 68 x SH: 37 cm

Price: Click [here](#) to see the pricelist in all currencies



Limit Lounge Chair
Natté 10029



Limit Lounge Chair
Wander J616

Upholstery: Comes in three different outdoor textiles from Sunbrella: Natté, Savane and Wander. Click [here](#) to see color options.

Material: Outdoor: Frame: Electroplated steel with Black powder-coat. Cover: Inner layer of a net-like weave in PVC-coated PET (UV stable for outdoor use) and outer layer of wadding, upholstery and a zipper.

Dimensions: H: 68 x W: 67 x D: 68 x SH: 37 cm

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