MODULAR Chair Design





# THE EASIEST WAY TO BETTER SITTING.

Nowadays, it is not easy for people to work in a sitting position. They are supposed to sit comfortably – and healthily They are supposed to sit individually - and on chairs with a certain corporate design. They are supposed to sit on custom-made chairs - that should also be economical. Quite a few challenges for those who sit. And for those who provide office chairs. However, everything could be so easy. Managing directors Lothar Kroczek and Alexander Härtel about **MONICO**<sup>®</sup>, the new modular chair design by Original Steifensand.

There are many different types of office chairs. With countless functionalities. What is so special about MONICO®, compared to other office chairs?

Lothar Kroczek: First of all, MONICO® can do anything the customer expects from a high-quality office chair. And because it bears the Original Steifensand brand, MONICO® stands for quality "made in Germany". It combines optimum functionality and a high level of innovation and profitability.

Alexander Härtel: MONICO® offers much more. Its sophisticated technology relieves the body and the head and keeps the user in motion. The design is distinctive and was created by Justus Kolberg, a furniture designer who is in demand throughout Europe.

Lothar Kroczek: Buyers and sellers alike will be pleased with the ingeniously simple modular design principle. Because the modular design is structured like a family. It is based on a central component: the unique backrest. All additional parts can be freely combined. Hence the name MONICO®. It is derived from modularity and the Spanish word for "uniqueness".

Can we breathe again, as sitting will be easier in the future?

Alexander Härtel: Not sitting itself will be easier, but how a suitable office chair can be found will. So far, concepts for office chairs have been designed to cover individual wishes and requirements with countless versions of chairs. Normally, thick catalogs and folders have to be looked through. MONICO® on the other hand, focuses on orientation and safety.

## So MONICO<sup>®</sup> helps to find the perfect office chair quickly and easily?

Lothar Kroczek: Correct. In every respect. MONICO® can be combined according to individual comfort requirements, economic criteria, or a combination of both. And it is precisely this flexibility that is the advantage of our modular design system. Anything is possible. Fast. In high quality. At a good price.

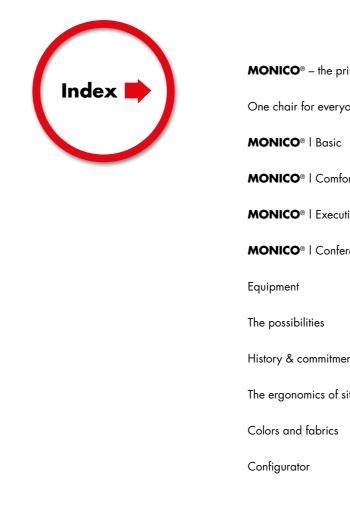
## Just what customers of Original Steifensand are used to ...

Alexander Härtel: We would not be Original Steifensand if we did not have a special offer for our customers: As an included service, we show your employees how to use their office chairs correctly. Even if it combines the areatest technologies, an office chair is a good one only if its advantages can be used to the fullest.

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The two managing directors Lothar Kroczek and Alexander Härtel: "In the future, it should be possible to immediately recognize an Original Steifensand as an original."





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## IT IS HARDER TO BUILD A GOOD CHAIR THAN A SKYSCRAPER. Ludwig Mies van der Rohe

Justus Kolberg, a chair designer who is in demand throughout Europe, steps up to the challenge. Because chairs are his passion. His creative leitmotif: Simple, minimalistic, clean-cut. The ideal use of forms for a new range of office chairs, which shows the way to a suitable office chair as clearly as **MONICO**<sup>®</sup>.

**MONICO®** is distinctive. And this should be clearly visible. Because the office chair represents the brand Original Steifensand like no other product. **MONICO**® combines the best qualities of Original Steifensand: sophisticated technology, pure aesthetics and supportive sitting for any kind of requirement.

**MONICO®** is different. Especially concerning its back view. After all, a chair is rather defined by its backrest. Therefore, the designer Justus Kolberg focused on this component for **MONICO**<sup>®</sup>. The result: A distinctive component for the whole product family.

MONICO® is MONICO®. A Y-shaped brace - on request available with adjustable lumbar support - as well as a bent backrest give the entire product family its own identity. Its technical appearance, characterized by roundings and smooth transitions, is highly aesthetic.

## "INTWINED, NOT JUST SIDE BY SIDE." Justus Kolberg

The brace: It coalesces in the lower section, underlining the supporting and thus functional aspect of the office chair. Flexible in the upper section. Stable in the lower section.

The lumbar support: It is intended as an option and can be vertically height-adjusted at the brace. This works well with the backrest, which is bent backwards.

The interaction: The characteristic element, which consists of brace and support, has a technical look and feel to it and, at the same time, is very aesthetic due to its roundings. The component parts fit into each other perfectly.





## SIMPLY AT ONE GLANCE:





Justus Kolberg, who was born in Schleswig in 1962, quickly built up his reputation as a designer. He owes his remarkable career to his intelligent designs, which he integrates in modern, technical architecture. Since 1997, he has been working as a freelance designer in cooperation with several companies. Justus Kolberg has won numerous awards - including seven "red Dot" awards from "Design Centrum NRW".

## MONICO<sup>®</sup>. The modular chair design system.

See it for yourself: Choosing an office chair can be very easy. A unique backrest, five components in not too many versions and a range of fabrics and colors: We do not need more for a good office chair in premium quality. And you do not need more for your decision.





# ONE **CHAIR** FOR EVERYONE.

## WHICH CHAIR IS YOUR CHAIR?

You do not know it yet? You will know it soon! Without having to browse thick catalogs. They are needless for choosing the right office chair. At least that is our opinion at Original Steifensand and the reason why we developed **MONICO**<sup>®</sup>. The modular chair design for everyone: for those who don't sit much, those who do and those who sit in the top ranks. A modular system that leads you directly to your office chair. What are you waiting for?

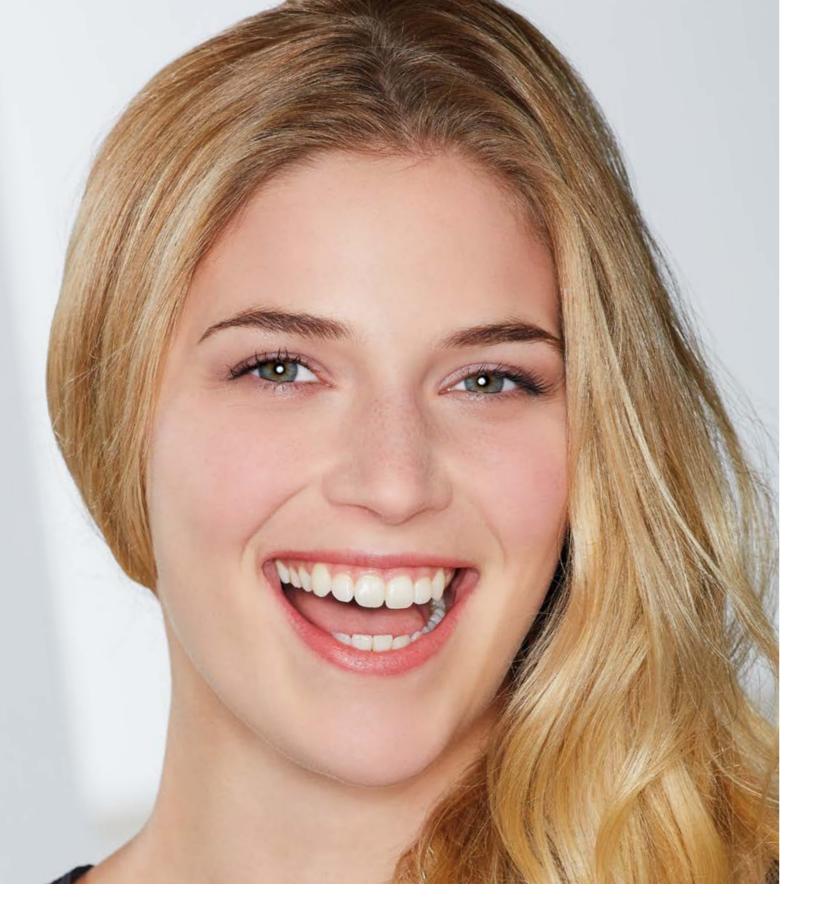




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## MONICO<sup>®</sup> | BASIC

OS 976R 544 CR / OS 27B0 564 CR / OS 2520 112 (left to right, see page 20, 16 and 10)



## FOR ALL OF THOSE WHO SIT LESS. BUT WANT MORE.

## MONICO<sup>®</sup> | BASIC

that because it fits your lifestyle even better.



Your basic MONICO<sup>®</sup> could look this great ... (Left: fabric group "Melbourne", gray/black; right: fabric group "Melbourne" anthracite; net backrest "Abu Dhabi", red; see page 10)



Life has so much to offer. Nobody sits in their chair for long. If you do have to sit down after all - to take a break in between your adventures or to study, chat, surf the net, write or read – then you will sit more comfortably in a MONICO® chair by Original Steifensand. And you will do so for many years. Unless you get a new original before





- OS 2520 112 Net backrest, "Abu Dhabi", 755 red Black plastic brace Comfort seat "C seat", "Melbourne", 347 anthracite M1 easy synchronous mechanism with vernier adjustment Standard plastic 5-star base, black



OS 2325 122 • Backrest padding, "Fame", 482 black • Black plastic brace • Height-adjustable lumbar support





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# MONICO<sup>®</sup> | BASIC







## FOR ALL OF THOSE WHO SIT A LOT. AND NEED COMFORT.

## MONICO<sup>®</sup> | COMFORT





We bet you that you can hardly choose. (Left: fabric group "Paris", ocher/ocher mottled; center: fabric group "Melbourne", gray; net backrest, "Abu Dhabi", red; right: fabric group "Paris", light blue/light blue mottled; see page 14-16)





- M2 multi synchronous mechanism with seat tilt adjustment
   Standard plastic 5-star base, black
- Armrests H: Black plastic armrests, adjustable in height and width with soft PU arm pads



### OS 245X 122

- Backrest padding, "Melbourne", 327 red Black plastic brace
  Height-adjustable lumbar support
  Membrane seat "M seat", "Melbourne", 327 red
  M2 multi synchronous mechanism with seat tilt adjustment
  Standard plastic 5-star base, black

- Armrests X: Tiltable armrests, adjustable in height, width and depth with black aluminum carriers and soft PU arm pads



- Standard plastic 5-star base, black
- Armests W: Black plastic armests, adjustable in height, width and depth with soft PU arm pads



polished aluminum carriers and soft PU arm pads



- Standard plastic 5-star base, black
- Armrests H: Black plastic armrests, adjustable in height and width with soft PU arm pads



- OS 23AZ 164

- Backrest padding, "Melbourne", 328 gray
  Polished aluminum brace
  Lumbar support, adjustable in height and depth
  Comfort seat "C seat", "Melbourne", 328 gray

- M4 Seno synchronous mechanism
  Standard 5-star base, polished aluminum
  Armrests Z: Tiltable armrests, adjustable in height, width and depth with polished aluminum carriers and soft PU arm pads





ORIGINAL STEIFENSAND Vom Sitzen besessen.





- OS 269H 122 Net backrest, "Abu Dhabi", 755 red Black plastic brace Lumbar support, adjustable in height and depth Membrane seat "M seat", "Melbourne", 320 black M3 comfort synchronous mechanism Standard plastic 5-star base, black Armrests H: Black plastic armrests, adjustable in height and width with soft PU arm pads





- OS 28BZ 154 Backrest padding, rear side fabric "Madrid", 255 yellow Polished aluminum brace Height-adjustable lumbar support Membrane seat "M seat", "Madrid", 255 yellow M5 Senomatic

# MONICO<sup>®</sup> | COMFORT







## FOR ALL OF THOSE WHO SIT IN THE TOP RANKS. AND WANT TO BE IN A CLASS OF THEIR OWN.

## MONICO<sup>®</sup> | EXECUTIVE

Versatile. Communicative. Flexible. This is the future working environment. It gives you immense





freedom for self-development, but also demands enormous commitment. So lean back and relax. Because: Whatever you have planned, you will find the necessary strength in a **MONICO®** chair by Original Steifensand. In addition to this, you will find support for your back, neck and head. In an especially aesthetic way. Simply a class of its own. Just like you.

> No matter if you are a male or a female manager - the most important thing is that you sit on a high-quality chair ... (Left: net backrest, "Abu Dhabi", black; center: "Leather" black; right: "Leather" red; see page 20)







- OS 976B 544 CR Executive armchair, padded, "Leather", 772 black Polished aluminum brace M2 multi synchronous mechanism with seat tilt adjustment Chrome gas spring Standard 5-star base, polished aluminum Castors with chrome ring Armrests B: Tiltable armrests, adjustable in height, width and d with polished aluminum carriers and soft leather arm pads





# MONICO<sup>®</sup> | EXECUTIVE





## FOR ALL OF THOSE WHO LIKE **GOOD DESIGN** THAT SPEAKS FOR ITSELF.

## **MONICO®** | CONFERENCE

Meeting, seminar, lecture or conference – whichever event you are inviting to: Do your participants a favor and let them take a seat in an Original Steifensand MONICO<sup>®</sup>. After all, there is nothing that is more effective for the progression of your projects and your corporate image than meetings which all participants like to look back on. This way, you can be sure you will have their full attention next time as well.



**MONICO®** ICONFERENCE impresses with its extraordinary design. The distinctive armrest goes back around the lumbar region surrounding the backrest A homogeneous combination that gives the chair its unique, timeless design.

("Leather", black, see page 24)



- OS 87CR 501 Padded conference armchair, "Leather", 772 black Padded seat "Leather", 772 black Conference mechanism CT 1 Chrome gas spring Conference 4-star base, polished aluminum Glides Armrests R: Polished aluminum ring armrests, inflexible



OS 25DR 541 • Net backrest, "Abu Dhabi", 752 black • Polished aluminum brace • Comfort seat "C seat", inflexible, "Melbourne", 320 black • M6 conference mechanism • Chrome gas spring • Conference 4-star base, polished aluminum • Glides • Armrests R: Polished aluminum ring armrests, inflexible





OS 7406 090 • Net backrest, "Abu Dhabi", 755 red • Padded seat "Melbourne", 347 anthracit • Cantilever chair frame, chrome

# **MONICO<sup>®</sup>** | CONFERENCE





# MONICO® ECQUIP ME



- BACKRESTS
- SEATS

- MECHANISM
- GAS SPRINGS
- BASES
- CASTORS
- ARMRESTS

# THE KEY COMPONENT: The **backrest**.

## 7 versions

An office chair can be defined by its backrest. Visually appealing and above all functional. This makes the backrest the key component of **MONICO**<sup>®</sup>. With its Y-shaped brace, the adjustable lumbar support and a bent, flexible backrest, it embodies what Original Steifensand stands for: distinct aesthetics and sophisticated technology for individually supported and above all active-dynamic sitting.







Padded backrest with plastic brace, front: padding (= fabric or leather) including heightadjustable lumbar support



Padded backrest with aluminum brace, front: padding (= fabric or leather) including height-adjustable lumbar support

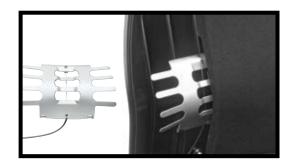


Net backrest with aluminum brace, optional with lumbar support

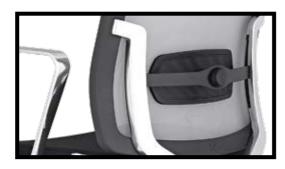


Upholstered fabric backrest with plastic brace, upholstered in the front (= fabric or leather), at the back, fabric or leather including height-adjustable lumbar support

## LUMBAR SUPPORT VERSIONS.



The optional Schukra lumbar support for padded backrests can be adjusted by hand wheel manually in height and depth to the optimal working or resting position. A height-adjustable lumbar support is integrated in each of the padded backrest series.



The lumbar support for net backrests can be height adjusted upwards by simply pushing it, or downwards by turning the hand wheel; this ensures good support when you are sitting.

## OPTIONAL WITH HEADREST.



For all models, the standard headrest is available as an option. It can be height-adjusted and tilted forwards and backwards.



Net backrest with plastic brace, optional with lumbar support





Upholstered fabric backrest with aluminum brace, upholstered in the front (= fabric or leather) and at the back fabric or leather including height-adjustable lumbar support



The standard executive headrest is aesthetically integrated into the backrest and, due to its shape and function, forms a homogeneous unit.



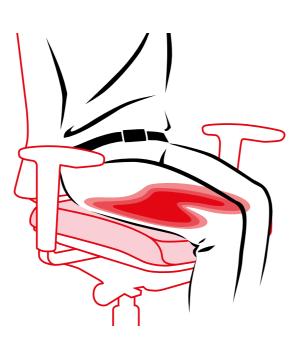
## THE SEATS.

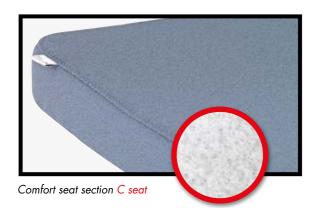
### 2 versions The comfort seat "C seat"

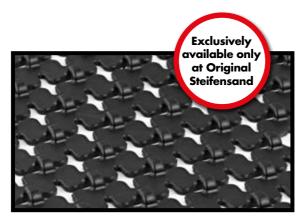
Anyone who just wants to sit comfortably, makes a great choice with the proven comfort seat. The comfort seat, consisting of a closed plastic sheet with a molded foam element with rounded front, is comfortable and stabilizes the user in his sitting position.

## The membrane seat "M seat"

An innovative membrane seat section with honeycomb technology supports particularly comfortable sitting on all MONICO® models. Molded foam elements in the seat ensure a soft sitting comfort. Thanks to the special honeycomb technology, an accurate pressure distribution can be guaranteed. The membrane seat can optimally adapt to the user's shape and keep him or her in a proper sitting position. The unique lower seat shell guarantees optimum air circulation.







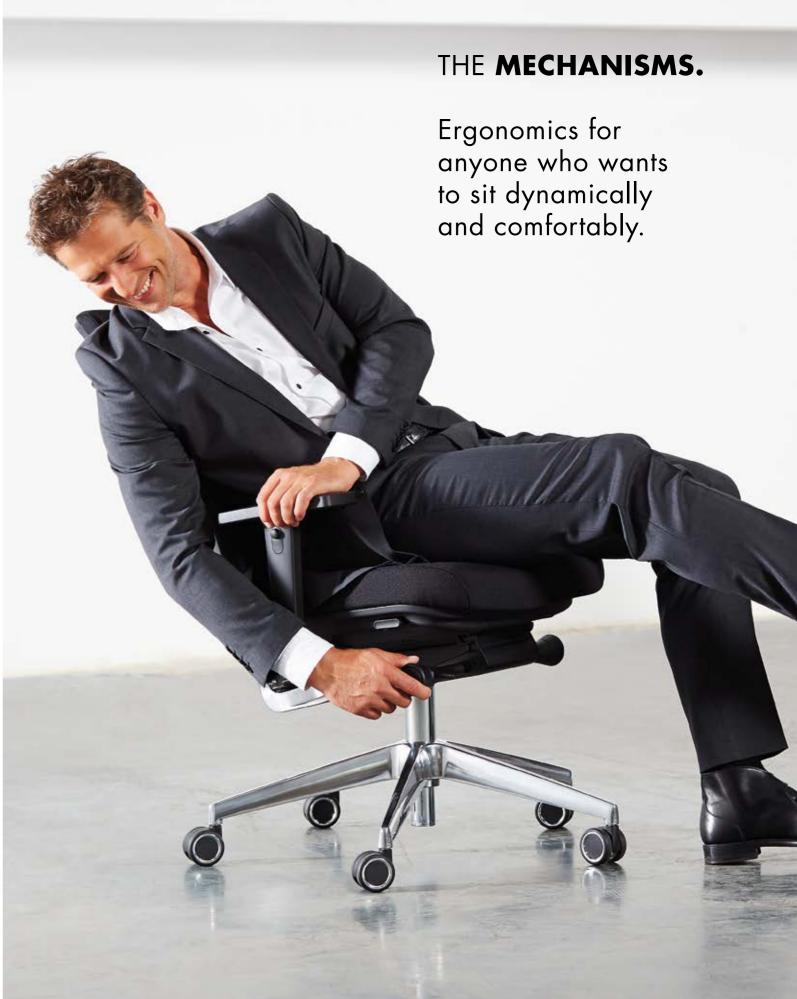
Membrane seat section M seat

## THE INSTRUCTION.

The most complex technology in an office chair is worth nothing, if the user can't handle the chair properly. Then, even a high-tech office chair just stays a simple chair. However, we think ahead - for our customers.

Therefore, our customers will find a small flyer with simple operating instructions delivered with every **MONICO®** chair by Original Steifensand. If the user wants to adjust his seat properly, the flyer is always close at hand. This makes it possible to fully use all advantages of the MONICO<sup>®</sup> chair. And to prove that it is not "just" a chair.



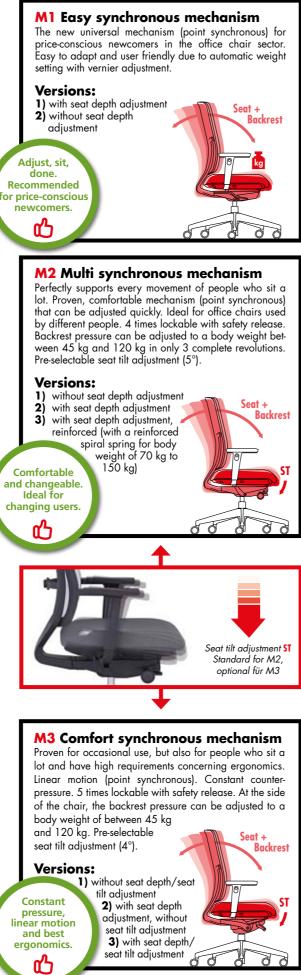


# MONICO



# 1CHAIR





## people who sit a lot. Fourfold lockable with safety release. At the side of the chair, the backrest pressure can be adjusted to a body weight of between 45 kg and 120 kg. Version: 1) with seat depth adjustment and automatic seat tilt adjustment (6° forward) Limitation: This mechanism is only available in combination with Seat + aluminum braces. **Backrest** (See page 28) **Best quality** with maximum support for mobile people who sit a lot. ഗ്ര 0 đ

M4 Seno synchronous mechanism

Proven high-end mechanism (point synchronous). Best quality

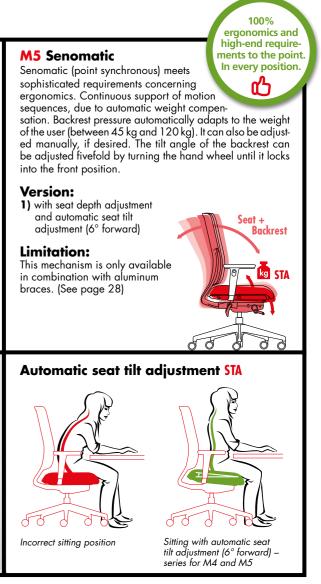
with special automatic seat tilt adjustment for demanding

# THE GAS SPRINGS.

MONICO® is available in normal and extended heights, according to your body height. An important aspect when choosing the right chair: the suitable gas spring. Medium height gas springs are suitable for people with a body height of 1.92 m or taller. The shorter models are ideal for people with a body height of less than 1.60 m.

## 9 versions

- Normal height, black
- Normal height, chrome central column
- Normal height, with deep spiral spring, black
- Low sitting height, black
- Medium height, black
- Medium high chrome central column
- High, black
- High chrome central column
- Retaining spindle, chrome









## THE STAR BASES.

## 7 versions

First-class sitting needs a strong base. Therefore, we offer diverse versions of extremely stable star bases for your MONICO® chair. Whether you choose a 4- or 5-star base, high or flat, made of plastic or aluminum, silver, black or polished – each and every design guarantees high stability. In addition to this, the bases are extremely robust.



Standard 5-star base

Plastic, black



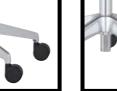
Standard 5-star base

Aluminum, black



Standard 5-star base

Aluminum, silver





Standard 5-star base Aluminum, polished



5-star base, flat (Ø 71 cm) Plastic, black



5-star base, flat (Ø 71 cm) Aluminum, polished



Conference 4-star base Aluminum, polished

## THE CASTORS.

## 5 versions

Your sitting comfort also depends on the ground your **MONICO**® chair stands on. Therefore you can choose the ideal castor according to your office floor. All castors are characterized by an optimum material composition, run smoothly and are suitable for all **MONICO®** models.



Castors for

hard arounds



Castors for soft grounds



Glides



Castors with chrome ring



Castors with chrome plate



THE **ARMRESTS**.

## 9 versions

The different armrests you can choose from are just as unique as your **MONICO®** chair itself. They are equipped with special arm pads, which we have manufactured especially for this purpose, and are thus very comfortable when placing the arm on it. Some of our arm pads impress with a characteristic surface structure. In addition to this, the new aluminum ring armrests shine in a distinctive design.

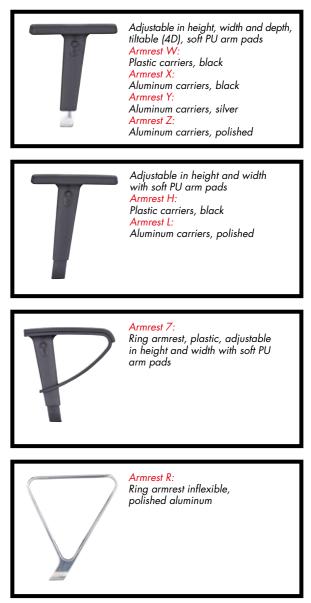




### Armrest B: Tiltable armrest, adjustable in height, width and depth (4D), with soft leather arm pads and polished aluminum carriers.









## ONE SYSTEM. ALL POSSIBILITIES.



## THE MATRIX.

## You would like to have your own MONICO® chair? Good decision.

However, THE MONICO<sup>®</sup> chair does not exist. Only YOUR MONICO<sup>®</sup> chair exists. This is the advantage of our modular system. Just choose the components of your chair according to your wishes. Without restrictions or compromises. Without effort. No matter whether you choose the chair according to individual comfort requirements, economic aspects or both. The **MONICO**<sup>®</sup> chair leaves the choice to you in every respect.

Simply refer to our categories - Basic, Comfort, Executive or Conference, and add your individual preferences. Or just put your **MONICO®** chair together from scratch – from the backrest to the castor. We will support you in making the right choices.



www.monico.de/konfigurator

## **ORIGINAL STEIFENSAND. OBSESSED BY SITTING.**

### **Our story:** A matter of the heart

Obsessed by sitting: Anyone who has heard of Original Steifensand knows that there is no other statement that could describe the medium-sized, owner-managed company any better. F.-Martin Steifensand founded the company at the end of the 1960s and made it known throughout the country by inventing the so-called "spinal disk chair". The family business was successful and grew rapidly until it was sold to a Scandinavian group of companies at the beginning of the 1990s. Through a management buy-out, today's acting partners took the company with long-standing tradition over in 2001. It is a matter of the heart to make it a family business once again.

The legendary "spinal disk chair" remained a part of the product range. A new family of chairs was developed: Mito. It caused a stir in the sector. With it, the company made another breakthrough. The enormous quantities were all handmade. In the company's own production hall with integrated upholstery. And this is still done at the Original Steifensand premises. But on a larger scale - on a modern 17,000 square meter production area in Freystadt. However, our company still has a manageable size and, in our hearts, we are regionally anchored and find joy in our work. At Original Steifensand we believe in the greatness of our medium-sized company. Our customers also profit from this.

### **Quality:** Made in Germany

Original Steifensand office chairs are "made in Germany". They are manufactured at our company headquarters in Freystadt - in accordance with the highest quality standards. Our suppliers know that as well. 90 percent of the processed parts come from Germany. A large number of parts even comes from partners in the region.

### The service: Fast and flexible

Original Steifensand has many years of experience in the production of office chairs. We continuously improve our products and develop new, trend-setting office chair concepts. We build and test our prototypes ourselves. Our customers profit from this know-how and from the resulting leeway directly. At Original Steifensand, we are even able to rapidly and flexibly meet individual requirements concerning your office chair.





# 5 TIPSFOR AN ERGONOMIC SITTING POSTURE:

everyday work.

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Adjust the height of table and chair correctly. While sitting, your upper and lower arm, as well as your upper and lower leg, should form a right angle. Your feet should be firmly on the ground and your arms should lie loosely on the table. It is recommended to sit in a slightly tilted position in order to slightly straighten up the pelvis. By the way: If you sit on the front edge with strongly tilted thighs, you are not stable. Bending your knees in smaller angles affects blood circulation.

Please use your whole office chair. Make sure that backrest and seating surface of your office chair are ergonomically shaped and use them. The bulge of the backrest should support your back in the lower and middle part (lumbar spine). Adjust the backrest to your individual body size. In addition to this, please use the entire seating surface. It should support two thirds of your thighs.

Sit in an upright position - with the help of your office chair. If your pelvis is slightly tilted forward, you can avoid hyperkyphosis and ensure an upright sitting position. This has enormous advantages: Muscles and intervertebral disks are stressed equally. There is no pressure on the stomach. The legs are better supplied with blood. However, THE right sitting posture for sitting for hours on end does not exist. Therefore: Change your sitting posture regularly and stand up from time to time. This way, the back muscles stay in motion and the blood circulation is stimulated.

Do not forget to stay in motion - even while sitting down. Use your office chair's dynamic sitting function. Vary between different sitting positions (tilted forwards, upright, reclined). And let your backrest support you while sitting. This avoids one-sided strains of the spine. And it improves the blood circulation within the muscles of the intervertebral disks.

## Learn to adjust your office chair correctly.

Get familiar with your ergonomic office chair. Only if you know its functions and are able to easily adjust it, your office chair will help you to find a perfect and healthy sitting posture during your



# MONICO® Colors and Fabrics.

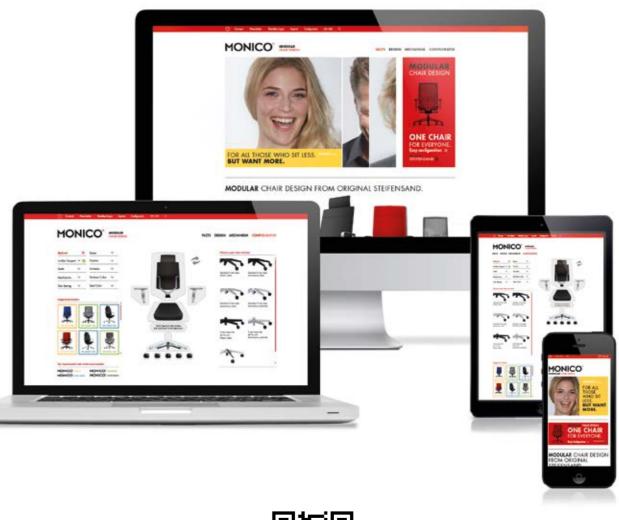






# MONICO® EASY CONFIGURATION.

Choose the individual components of your MONICO® chair by Original Steifensand even faster. On the web or on your smartphone. Simply open the configurator at www.monico.de/konfigurator and choose your components. Soon you will be sitting healthily - on your original chair.





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