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Kjaerholm Style: PK25 Lounge Chair

Inspired By: Poul Kjaerholm PK25 Lounge Chair







**Product Category: Lounge Chairs** 

Designer: Poul Kjaerholm

Product Group: kjaerholm seating

Modernism Style: Scandinavian Modern



## **DESCRIPTION**

In 1948 Poul Kjaerholm (pronounced cure-holm), completed his training as cabinetmaker and moved to Copenhagen. There, he enrolled in the furniture department of the School of Arts and Craft to prepare for a career as an industrial designer. Coincidentally, his principal instructor at the school was Hans Wegner. After three years of classes, as a graduation project, students were required to design and construct an original piece of furniture. So in 1951, Kjaerholm presented his first piece as a furniture designer as part of this graduation project. He called it the Elementstol or "Element" chair, as a way to describe a simple object that could be used in a variety of settings. For the Element Chair, he used a bent steel frame wrapped in a halyard line, the braided cord used on sailboats. The really unique part of the Element Chair design was that he started with a single piece of half-inch steel plate, cut out the chair pattern with a metal saw, and then bent into the chair into shape. His intention was to create a chair with a continuous frame that did not require joints or fasteners for connections. He also drew inspiration Wegner"s Flag Halyard chair of 1950 which used panels of halyard line over a welded frame.

For our chair, we were able to duplicate the same pattern on stainless steel, cut it with modern laser cutting equipment and bend it using hydraulic brakes. Take a look at this close-up of this chair frame and you can really see how this all comes together. Shown Here in the natural rope, but you can scroll through the images to see the black rope version.

## **Dimensions (inches):**

Overall: 28w x 30d x 29h Seat Interior: 21.5w x 15d

Seat Height: 15h Arm Height: 14h Weight: 34lbs

## WOOD CHOICES

Fritz Hansen sells what they call the "official" version of this classic chair. Which is really great if you don't mind paying \$16,000 for a single chair. What is the difference between our version and the one Fritz Hansen makes? And what about the other replicas you will find on the internet? We think the main difference between our chair and the lower priced replicas is we used the same double cording like the original. The main difference between ours and the original is we use brushed stainless steel just like Mr. Kjaerholm did in 1944, whereas the fritz hansen model has chrome plated steel. Here are the highlights:

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Price \$ 1,430 \$16,000 \$899

Metal Stainless Plain Steel Stainless

Metal Finish Brushed Matte Chrome Polished

Cording Double Corded Double Corded Single Corded

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