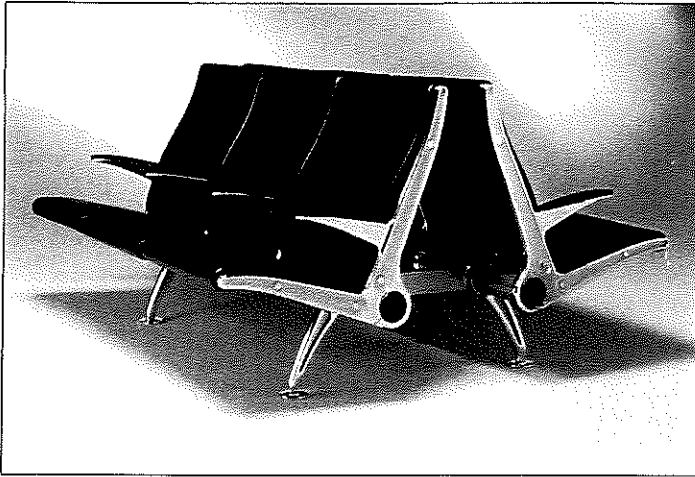


# Flyaway

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The phrase "airport seating" tends to conjure up dire images from a comfort or esthetic standpoint. "It's like someone took '70s vintage office furniture, bolted it to some rails and called it airport seating," says



Douglas Ball, the designer behind Flyaway by Arconas. Flyaway provides an inviting counterpoint to the bolted-down plastic principle.

His seating design was inspired by the feeling Ball got when, after a "long, long trip with many airports and many airport seats," he finally sat down in a comfortable chair. Flyaway was designed to capture that feeling in an attractive and functional way. The fluid-looking frame is made of solid, die-cast aluminum. Its legs, tucked under the seat, are out from under foot. Open space under the seat allows security to check for hidden packages. The upholstered foam cushions can easily be removed for cleaning or recovering.

Ball made high backrests and full lumbar support in accordance with recognized ergonomic standards. "This product provides a little more for the traveler, a touch of luxury," he explains. "It has a high enough backrest that you can slouch forward and sleep, something you can't do with standard airport chairs."

Flyaway can be used in straight rows, corner, box or back-to-back formations, with or without built-in tables.

"We tried to avoid details that you'd see last year or this year, but not next year," Ball says adding that he took a restrained approach to Flyaway to give it a sense of timelessness.