

Wilkhahn

Change is a Constant, but Quality too.
A Chair to Last Generations.

40 Years of FS – Wilkhahn's classic design by Klaus Franck and Werner Sauer

The FS is the world's only dynamic office chair that has been officially labeled a classic. Today, the FS is more contemporary than ever. It's roomy, ergonomic and easy to use, but also offers a timeless aesthetic and is practically indestructible. The chair is a perfect example of less being more and it blends in perfectly with any interior. And it will be passed down the generations.



Werner Sauer on the FS as a young designer (1981) and as the dean of HAWK University of Applied Sciences and Arts Hildesheim/Holzminen/Göttingen on the chair's 20th anniversary (2000)

The chair's automatic adjustment to different postures and the ability to foster movement became a passion for designers Klaus Franck and Werner Sauer. Based on ergonomic movement studies, their goal was to develop a brand-new type of office chair that removed the complexity from seating. The result was the world's first Wilkhahn task chair that went on to make history. Named for the designers' initials, the FS-Line premiered worldwide in 1980.



40 Years of FS – A Chair to Last Generations. Fashions change, but good design remains.



40 Years of FS – A Chair to Last Generations. Status symbols change, but perfect functionality remains.

The concept of FS is just as ingenious as it is simple:

- A seat shell suspended between two movable swivel arms and the front axis mirrors the sequence of movements to perfection.
- As a result, it adapts very flexibly to different body shapes and changes of posture.
- And its synchronous motion stimulates the back, knee and hip joints, as well as the elbows and shoulder joints.

Keeps body and mind fit even when users are sitting down.



FS images from 2004



Produced in 1999, a pre-owned version in 2011, updated for the next generation with a new shell in 2020

The FS-Line is a superb fusion of form and function. Once adjusted to users' heights and weights, their bodies and the chairs do the rest themselves. Whether they're tall or short, weigh a little more or less – the FS-Line keeps over 2.5 million people moving.

By simply replacing the seat shell, all the chairs are given a second or third life even decades later. That also probably makes the FS the world's most sustainable office chair.



A current selection from the FS collection on its 40th anniversary



Good design as the commonality: The FS task chair, 1980, with the Rider stool, 2020



“The FS and I have spent at least 35,000 hours together over 30 years. Then the shell and the upholstery were replaced in five minutes and the chair looks like new again. The chair has added to the quality of my life and is part of my history. And I'm delighted that I can continue to use it.”

Dr Ursula Rauberger,
Biologist and geographer

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