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Gestalt

Dirk van der Kooij, 2023

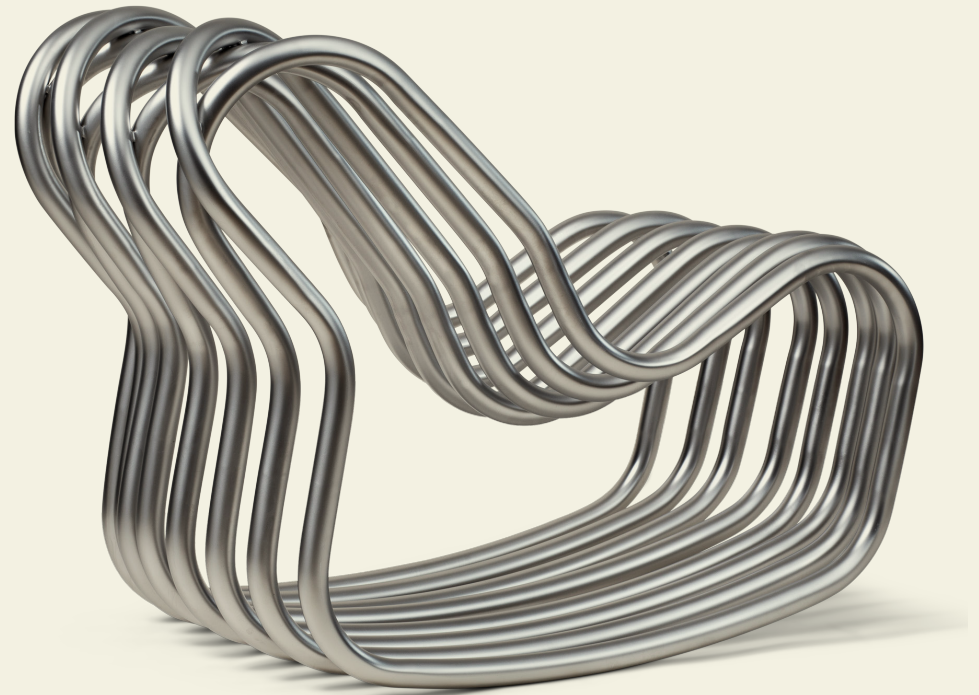
Stainless Steel

L80xW49xH71cm | 23kg

Seat height 36cm

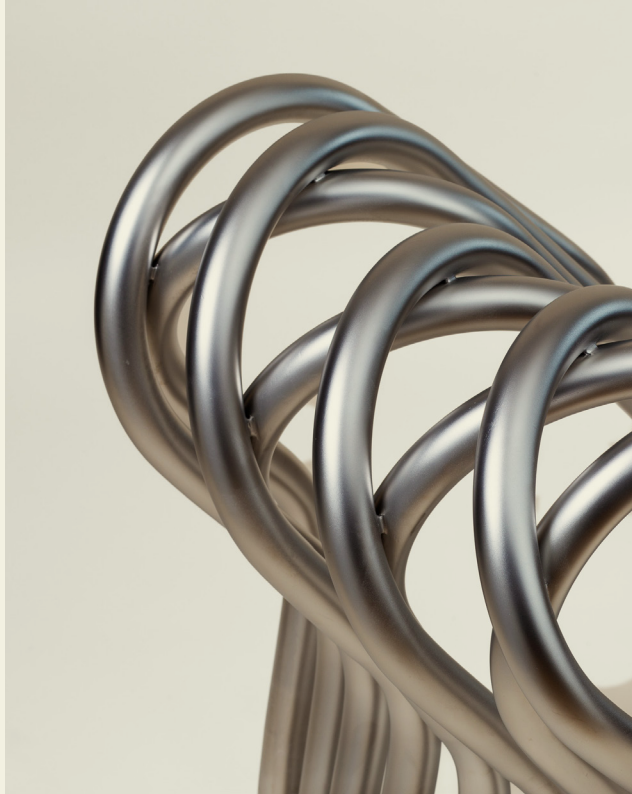
Suitable for use outdoors

The Gestalt rocking chair is comprised of a single, looping gesture in stainless steel. Dirk was compelled to make the Gestalt as a love letter to additive manufacturing: based on a design in plastic, the chair sees metal fulfil his ultimate ambition to work with “endless” lines. In this sense, the chair is the fullest realisation of the vision that ignited Dirk’s very first collection in recycled plastic. As with his early work, the design of the Gestalt was met with incredulity by technicians. The final design is materialised through a scant patchwork of perfectionists and fellow inventors.



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Nearly a decade ago, Dirk embarked on a project to “print in air,” foregoing the need for supports or moulds. The resultant process, which inflated plastic as it emerged from an extruder, proved too unpredictable for sustained production. Bent metal, however, is strong enough to self-support. Whilst appearing as a single drawing, the Gestalt is comprised of 16 stainless steel segments.

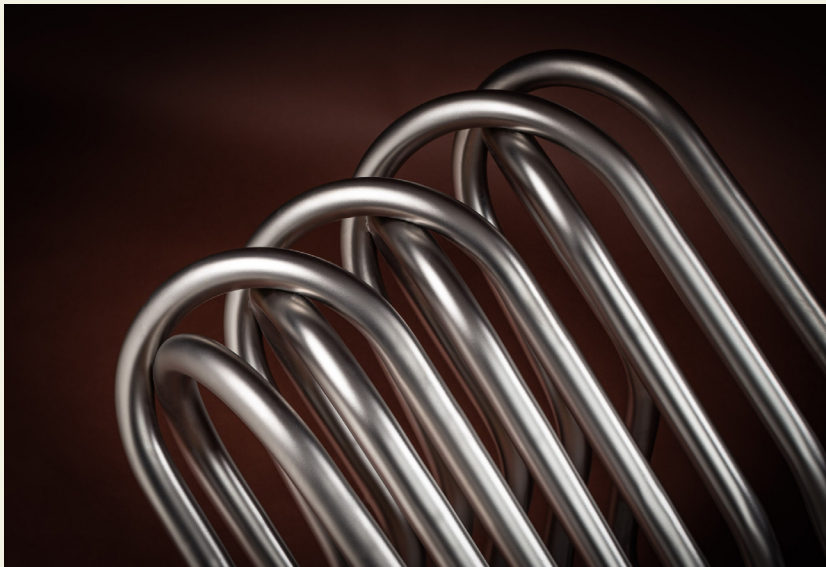


(Left) Meticulously welded overlapping tubes of metal. (Right) Light dances off the Gestalt's finely sandblasted surface.

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Structured by a single looping line, it is negative space that gives the chair its “gestalt.” A repetitive pattern of positive and negative line shimmers in space, like an apparition. As such, the chair provides ornament with a light and accommodating touch.

(Below) The Gestalt's interwoven lines give the illusion of a single, looping line of metal. (Right) Sturdy yet primarily see-through, the chair engages enthusiastically with its surroundings.



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OVERVIEW	Designer Year	Dirk van der Kooij 2023
	Dimensions	L80xW49xH71cm Seat height 36cm
	Weight	23kg
	Material	Stainless Steel
	Country of Origin	The Netherlands
MATERIALITY	Texture	Smooth
	Colour	Raw stainless steel
	Finish	Semi-gloss, sandblasted
	Weight Capacity	200kg

CARE

The Gestalt is suitable for use outdoors. Stainless Steel, comprised of steel and chromium, is naturally resistant to corrosion, rust, and stains. To preserve its durability, occasional cleaning with a pH-neutral soap and water solution is recommended. After cleaning, thoroughly rinse and dry with a soft cloth—following the grain direction to ensure a streak-free finish. Kooij products are protected by a limited warranty. To read the full terms, please visit [kooij.com/warranty](https://www.kooij.com/warranty).

