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Five new seating designs that make long hours in front of a desk a pleasure, not a pain.



Clarity chair by BMW Group DesignWorksUSA with All-steel, from \$750 This streamlined version of the classic task chair features a mesh seat and back that allow a range of poses without manual adjustment. allsteeloffice.com



Collection Ciel! chair by Noé Duchaufour Lawrance for Tabisso, from \$1,500 The French designer's ideal work chair warms up the category with a walnut veneer shell, Gabriel upholstery, and leg options including casters (as shown) or wooden legs. tabisso.com



Gesture chair by James Ludwig for Steelcase, \$979 A seat made from steel, nylon, polypropylene, and aluminum was designed to accommodate nine new postures identified in a company study on how people work today. store.steelcase.com



Mirra 2 chair by Studio 7.5 for Herman Miller, from \$649 A leaner, lighter office chair from one of the stalwarts of American workplace design includes a butterfly-shaped back that allows for dynamic, flexible support. store.hermanmiller.com



Diffrient Smart chair by Niels Diffrient for Humanscale, from \$1,310 The designer's ergonomic legacy lives on with a chair that features a tri-panel mesh back and the company's patented mechanism-free recline. humanscale.com

How to Shop for an Ergonomic Task Chair

Humanscale's Sacha Burn details what to consider when buying body-conscious seating.

- "Look for five key adjustments. Some chairs have more; some have less. These five should accommodate 95% of the population: seat height, seat depth, backrest and lumbar support height, and arm-rest height."
- "It's crucial to think about seat pan depth—especially if you're short. Look for at least two inches of clearance behind the back of knee when you're sitting in the chair."
- "Choose a seat with either an adjustable backrest height or lumbar support so the chair's curve fits into the curve of a back like two pieces of a puzzle."

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Glean more tips on how to shop for an ergonomic office chair.