

Kjaerholm Style: PK80 Daybed

Inspired By: Poul Kjaerholm PK80 Daybed



Item No.: MC-5924

Premium Leather Choices:



Distressed Leather Choices:



Product Category: [Daybeds](#)

Designer: [Poul Kjaerholm](#)

Product Group: [kjaerholm daybed](#)

Modernism Style: [Scandinavian Modern](#)

DESCRIPTION

The PK80 Daybed was designed by Kjaerholm in 1957 and is widely considered as one of his most sophisticated works of this period. It's striking proportions, the elegance of its materials and construction, and the beauty of the large welted leather mattress all come together to produce an iconic work and one of Kjaerholm's finest creations. Drawing its inspiration from the Barcelona Couch designed by Mies van der Rohe in 1930, Kjaerholm radically simplified the design to barest of essence: first eliminating the bolster pillow, and then treating each piece of material as an independent object. The frame's steel legs are separate from the horizontal beams that cantilever to support the plywood sheet beneath the foam mattress. On the mattress, the pattern of the welting divides the mattress into a rectangular grid. Kjaerholm even adjusted the distance between the welts in the center panels to ensure a consistent appearance.

Our PK80 matches the dimensions of the original design and incorporates virtually all of the construction techniques employed by Kjaerholm when designing this work. Using brushed-satin stainless for the legs and support, a thin sheet of MDF plywood painted black and sealed with a lacquer finish, using rubber O-rings to connect the plywood sheet to the leg frame, and also Velcro to keep the mattress in place (an improvement obviously not available to Kjaerholm). This iconic piece worthy of museums is certainly one that would look fantastic in today's modern setting.

Please note, for greater seat comfort, we are now making our version of the PK80 with a 3" taller seat height than the official version. This achieved by increasing the length of the legs. If you would prefer the standard seat height of 12.75 inches, please let us know when you place your order.

Dimensions (inches):

- Overall: 74.5w x 32d x 15.75h
- Seat Interior: 74.5w x 32d
- Seat Height: 15.75h
- Weight: 139lbs

COM Requirements:

- Leather: 92 square feet
- Fabric: 7.5 yds

LEATHER CHOICES

Modern Classics Furniture offers two levels of premium Top-Grain Italian Leathers for this product (Smooth and Distressed). Our **Smooth leathers** are top-grain, aniline-dyed, have a soft feel to them and retains the hides natural grain patterns. Our **Distressed Leathers** (denoted with the prefix L5) are also top-grain, aniline-dyed but have a distressed look to them. L5 leathers will show rubbings and have a more waxy feel. All our leathers are considered equally durable and are ideal for home or commercial use. To read more about leather, read our [A Guide to Understanding Upholstery Leather: A Primer](#).

Each of the these groupings feature:

- Top-grain Italian leather from Grade A hides
- Semi aniline-dyed
- Made at Italian tanneries and sent to our factory
- Have a UV and Moisture Guard built into the non-toxic vegetable dyes
- Are not split hides or bonded leather

We are happy to mail you a physical piece of leather so you can hold it in your hands.

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Premium Leathers (Top Grain-Smooth)



Porcelain White L201	Alpine White L203	Buff Tan L213	Sandston L215	Driftwood Tan L219	Terra Brown L224	Golden Tan L227	Taupe L229	Saddle Brown L231	Espresso Brown L235	Navy Blue L237	Cloud Gray L239
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Premium Black L244	Premium Red L247
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Distressed Leathers (Top Grain-Waxy)



Harvest Tan L523	Caramel Tan L527	Clay Brown L531	Rich Brown L535	Olive Green L551
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