

HermanMiller  
Memo



# Benching that's better by design



**Memo**  
Designed by Tim Wallace

Listen. Share. Respond. Create. We increasingly do a lot of different activities at work. But providing a myriad of complex products that are expensive to buy and harder to manage and maintain is not always the answer. The solution can be much simpler – able to meet a wide range of needs whilst avoiding over complicated specification and installation.

Memo is a work system designed to help companies be more agile. Re-inventing the desk structure to make it more relevant, Memo provides an efficient platform that helps users find whatever place best suits their task.

## Making Benching Better

Drawing on our long history of furniture development, we engaged Tim Wallace, designer of Abak Environments and Atlas Office Landscape, to propose a bench design more in keeping with today's values. Wallace, along with Herman Miller's development team, studied typical bench structure and found that many aspects of conventional systems didn't match user requirements. Benches sometimes need to offer more than just 'one size fits all' and do so without cost heavy, complex link mechanisms. By replacing the conventional beam and understructure with a simple panel and carefully engineered leg supports, Memo offers new functionality without sacrificing simplicity.



Combine Memo benches and Atlas Office Landscape storage in a clubhouse setting to create a varied team landscape.









## Attainable and Accessible

As companies move towards a greater use of collaborative space, they need a greater variety of work settings – but without complex interchangeable systems. Memo’s clever design and rationalised componentry ensures it is a cost effective desking solution for any work place, from start-up through to global organisations.

## Clear from Clutter

Memo’s simple and clean design reflects its aim to offer functional and uncluttered workstations. To help avoid dull uniformity and introduce more variety and personality, mixed spaces can be created with benches, integrated or freestanding meeting tables, project tables, storage units as well as different screen heights, styles and materials. Screen attached accessories, pin-boards, white boards and shelves can also be added along with a wide range of finishes to add style and individuality.

## Details and Features



Pin-board



Accessories



Screen Options



Power Options



Central Spine and Wire Management



Memo includes meeting tables to bring people together to discuss their work.

**Design Story**

The increasing diversity of work styles makes it harder for companies to find a single product broad enough to meet everyone’s needs, without being expensive to buy. With this in mind, Herman Miller approached designer Tim Wallace to help them find the right balance between new functional requirements and cost.

“Customers don’t value the basic function of a fixed desk in the way that they used to.” explains Tim. “Typically, offices accommodate groups of workers in clusters of benches or desks, which provide one basic function regardless of what you’re doing. When Herman Miller asked me to look at the efficiency of this, I saw the opportunity to design a better type of bench – not just more attainable, but still providing the end-user with a pleasing work experience.”

Clusters of desks are often grouped in fours or sixes, with systemised parts to connect each frame. Tim noticed that the unifying feature on these clusters is the central screen, which doesn’t contribute to the overall structure. Working closely with the engineers in Herman Miller’s development team Tim developed the idea to use a simple panel as a central ‘spine’ which replaces the traditional beam.

**About Tim Wallace**

After completing a Master’s Degree at the Royal College of Art, Wallace spent more than a decade gaining experience working with companies in the UK, Europe, China and the US. In 1996, Wallace established Tim Wallace Design, and since then he has developed a strong international client list and a range of products unprecedented in their success. His designs are produced throughout the world and include award winning products such as Abak Environments for Herman Miller.



Tim Wallace

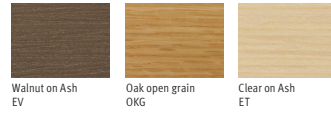
## Materials

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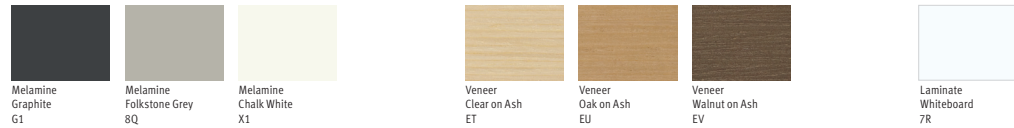
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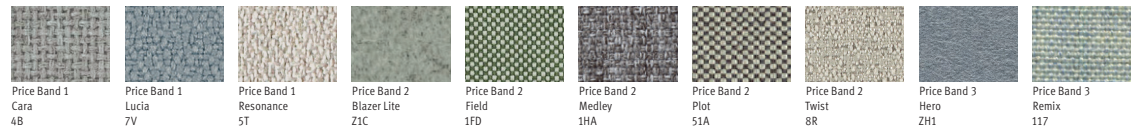
### Veneer worksurface finishes



### Hard surface screen finishes



### Upholstered screen finishes

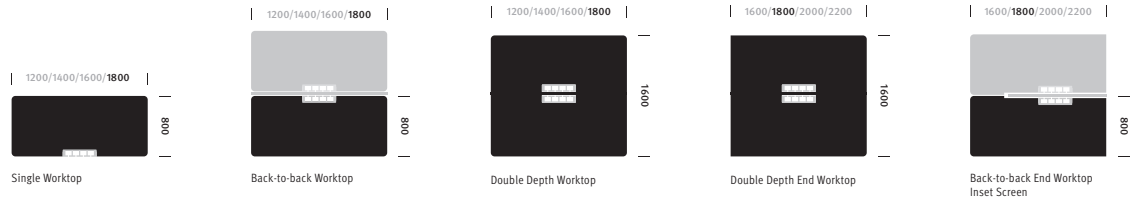


### Trim and understructure finishes

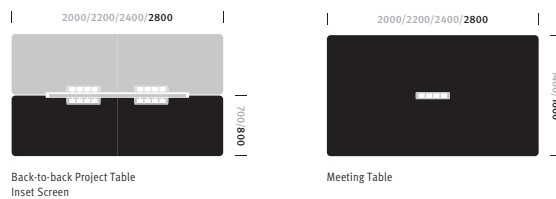


## Components

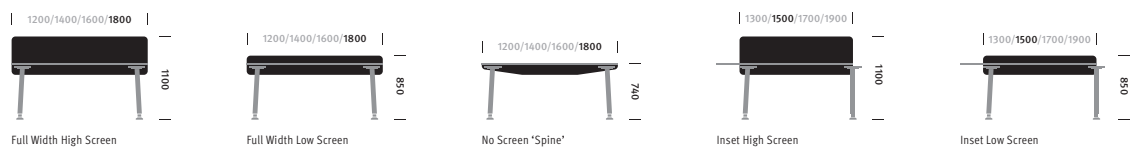
### Worktops



### Tables



### Screens



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