

Captain's Chair

Design: Hans J. Wegner, 1975

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The essential Wegner

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This is the most static and classic of all Wegner's chairs. Its frame is strictly geometrical and the armrests embrace the person seated while the gracious backrest provides state of the art comfort.

The **Ferry Chair** was created as a statement of an essential Wegner chair. It includes the virtues that were characteristic for the flourishing friendship between Wegner, Ejnar Pedersen and the staff of PP Møbler. It is an inspiring challenge to make and features many details in construction and joinery that demands the utmost accuracy and skill. It is strictly geometrical with references to the **Chinese Chair** in the frame and the back rest refers to the **Cow Horn** and **Bull Chairs** with ergonomically correct comfort and joint details in contrasting wood.

This chair was not designed with ferries in mind but in 1978 more than 800 special versions of the **pp52** chair were delivered to the DFDS ferry 'Dana Anglia' which was to sail between Denmark and England.

In 1982, a customer turned up with one of the special versions exclusively made for the ferry with its seat missing. Obviously lost at sea, he found it one morning on a beach on the west coast of Denmark. The customer got a new seat. The chair itself was completely intact.

Later the manager of the ferry company called PP Møbler asking to buy two new chairs for the ferry in replacement of two damaged chairs. Master of Craftsmen Ejnar Pedersen thought it was a rightful claim. 'No', said the ferry manager, 'we want to pay for the chairs, you see, the ferry has been through the most terrible storm while anchored. The entire inventory was completely destroyed, piled up in the back-end of the ferry. It has all been replaced – except your chairs Mr Pedersen. All but 2 chairs were intact'.

More than 30 years after the ferry's maiden voyage it has been renamed and upgraded several times and has sailed on a number of different routes between Denmark, the UK, France, the Netherlands, Poland, Norway and Sweden. Through all the years, the chairs have remained on board!



Dana Anglia - 1978



Dana Anglia - 2003



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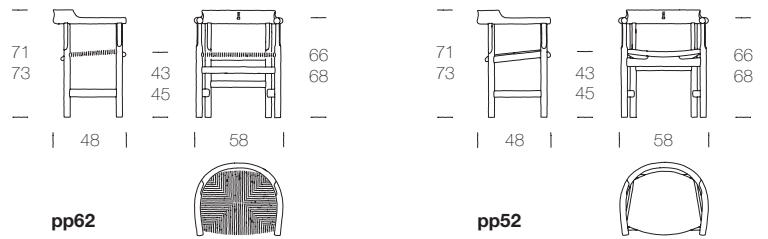
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pp62 has a papercord seat available in either natural colour or black. Papercord is basically woven paper and has an incredible tensile strength and durability. Weaving seats takes a lot of experience, the symmetry of the final result depends on an even pull each time the cord is tightened.

pp52 comes with an upholstered seat.



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