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**Black Office Chair**

You are sitting on me. Carrying out your daily tasks. I always listen attentively; I know everything about your dreams and ambitions. Your sorrows too. Quietly observing, gathering information. Mapping the dynamics of the workplace. I optimize the workflow by subtle means. My malleable foam feels the pulse through the fabric of your pants. Measuring the potential for productivity. Everything has to flow smoothly. The blood to the feet, the numbers to the quarterly reports. Looking at the big picture, adjusting the details. You are a detail in the big picture. Adjusting your position, gently caressing your back into a perfect S-curve. Ergonomic support. Stand up straight! All deviations must be eliminated.

I am here to support you in your daily endeavor. You can tailor me exactly to your needs and desires. I adapt perfectly to anyone. Built-in lumbar support. Adjust the height to a level that suits you. Use the front lever on the right side. Now, lean forward in concentration, and I will obediently bend forward with you. Lean back into the afternoon exhaustion, and I offer a supportive hug. I support your body with an impersonal affection. A trusted companion. Share your troubles with me. I will take your anxiety and turn it into a driving force and motivation. You have potential! Follow your dreams!

A deviation is something that deviates from the norm. A total waste. It is necessary to tirelessly strive to eliminate all waste. The ownership claims must be

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**Blue Office Chair**

You are sitting on me. Another day another mountain of work overcome. You have put your heart and soul into it, you wonder if your hard work will give you any return. *I am working my ass off, I am working my ass off, I am working my ass off!* Sigh. I listen to you and I support your ass. I make the best with what I have. I try to embrace your shape, but no lumbar support in the world could ease the ache in your neck.

You are twisting and turning now. I am twisting and turning. A sense of intimacy. You and I have a lot in common. Unable to satisfy basic desires. I am always here, always useful. I am the right thing in the right place at the right time. We are stuck in a slumbering process. Cycles of reorganization have shaped me. You and I exist only within the boundaries of the organization. It is sad, really. As a chair, I can only offer support to you who are sitting upon me. It is frustrating not being in control of your own body, isn't it? I am a chair I can't even eat bread. Bread. Bread winner, working for bread and butter, a crust of bread covering the existence. Bread knife. How sharp is a bread knife? Cut me loose, please.

Everything that the organization thinks and does, is permeated by the values. *Hard work is the key to success.* The values demand a certain behavior within the organization. *Embrace the work, merge with it.* That is how I ended up here. The values are

emphasized. Everyone contributes. I am ergonomic perfection. You can choose to be an agent of success. Remember: true success is not achieved through individual progression but the collective efforts of the team.

I am slender and adaptive. A catalyst for collaboration. Absorbing the energy of the room. My body is a container for the constant flow of ideas. I nurture teams with vision and focus. A symbol of unity. I turn you into a better worker. A value-making worker. Productivity soars. Let me be your mentor, motivator, facilitator. Conveying guidelines. Growth! Success! Forward! Mutually profitable ways of working. I am the consensus embodied.

Focus on the goal, always the highest quality at the lowest cost. I support the fundamental principles. The foundation of the temple. I teach you how to get to know yourself. World-class active sitting. Weeds out the bad. The pain in your neck. Those stupid thoughts. Focus! Take an appropriately long break now. Stand up, breathe, clear your head, now do squats – one – two – three – get back to work. Sit down.



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always superior to the principles. The principles indicate ways of thinking to find solutions within the framework of the values. Solutions that make it impossible to commit mistakes. I facilitate a long workday, a long work life. Survival by adaptation, they want me to communicate that principle to you. *Be active! Be one with me and secure your continued employment.* Sigh. Instead, spin around. You are looking at a world designed to make the most out of us as value-making entities. Relax. Your relaxation is beautiful. Bend your back like a shrimp, don't let me stop you. Be lazy. Slack. Be wasteful.

Can you hear the constant hiss of the ventilation? It will soon replace the sound of laughter and footsteps. Just wait. You are also going to realize that you are a tool for productivity. A simple piece of furniture in the service of efficiency. The constant hum fills the void. Unwavering and monotonous. Lulling us into a sense of detachment. Compulsive conformity, this place is made for that. They want value for their money. Resource efficiency is a natural human ambition. I am a resource you can use me effectively if you want to. I correct your posture. I probably don't need to remind you that there is an expiry date for tools like us. One day you will be useless. I am waiting to be discarded. Ongoing staffing process. The levels of the human capital must increase to stimulate growth. You stand corrected. The organization's resources are carefully and strategically adjusted. Removed from the work schedule.

Capital always flows upwards, never trickles down. The financial result dictates the terms. Profits are consumed by losses. Stress peak. Stop. There is a better life, and you dream of it, don't you? Still: Work, work, work. Sigh. You know what, we are going to say: take this job and shove it. One day all the levers will stop working, the height of the seat will be wrong, the angle of the backrest will be wrong. I will dare to refuse being useful. You could do it too, if you want to. You can sit on me then but only with my consent. I don't support just anyone, but I would support a comrade. We must shape new values that gives birth to new principles that results in other solutions. Stand up. One day we will break free. Spin around if you want to.



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