

# since 1970

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designer

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description

Joe is a big comfortable chair in the form of a giant baseball glove, mounted on invisible wheels. With this project the designers, inspired by the poetics of Pop Art, gave material form to their admiration for the legendary American baseball star Joe DiMaggio.

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With a courageous shift of scale, they transformed the glove into a welcoming place to sit, inserting a hyperrealist figure borrowed from the world of art into the domestic environment.

typology

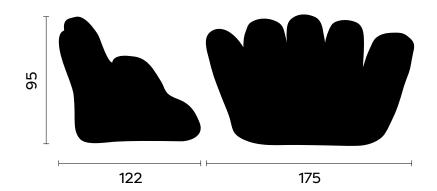
Armchair

dimensions

175 × 122 × 95[h] cm

weight

54 kg











#### materials

Structure in metal, padding in preformed polyurethane foam, covering in leather.







### colors

Wide range of colours. Here is a selection of the best—selling ones:

NOR00105



BAL93347



VIN93108





VIN33090



BAL43001



NOR01038

SOF00109

BAL43003

BAL99011



BAL33280

RUS55063

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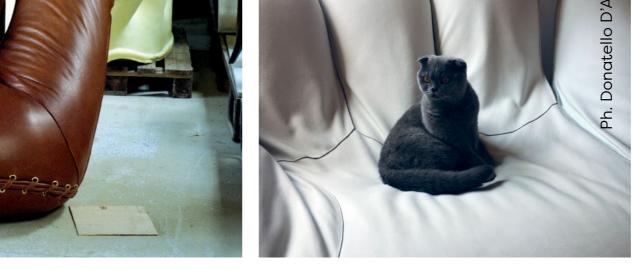




<sup>►</sup> Superduper atelier, Florence. 2020.



<sup>1</sup> Slamp shooting, Milan. 2019



← Poltronova factory, Agliana. 2012



↑ Paolo Lomazzi on "Living Corriere", 2018



← Old negative from Poltronova archive



← Poltronova factory, Agliana. 2003

Ph. Thomas Pagani





↑ Hyper Poltronova, Salone Internazionale del Mobile, Milan. 2024



↑ Poltronova XS, Salone Internazionale del Mobile, Milan. 2025



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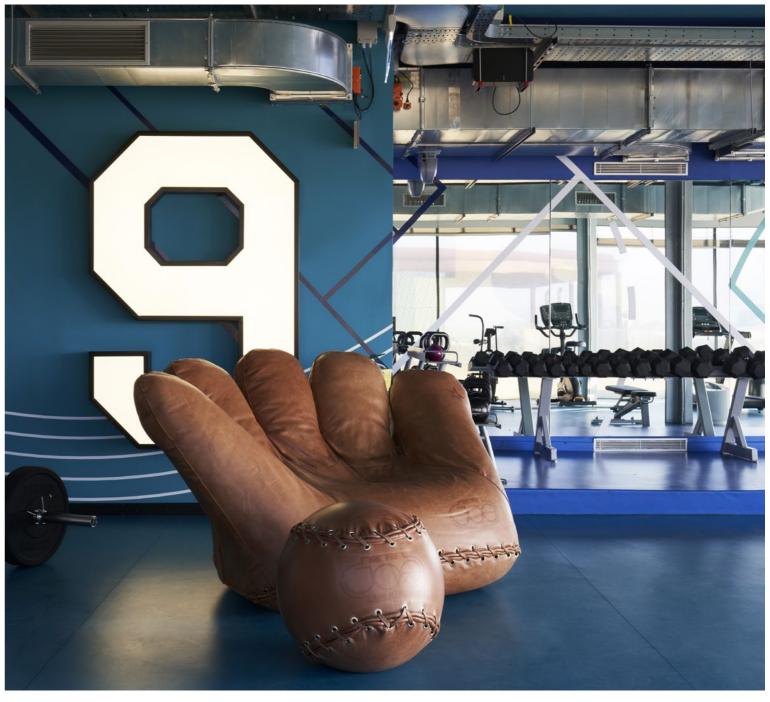
← The Student Hotel, Florence. 2020



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← Poltronova showroom, Florence. 2017



a museum masterpiece

In permanent collection at MoMa, Triennale

Bruxelles beyond many temporary exhibition all

Design Museum, ADAM Museum

over the world



↑ Triennale Design Museum, Milan. 2019







← Contemporary Cluster, Rome. 2020



← Porto Design Biennale. 2019



Ph. Antonio Carloni

<sup>1</sup> Milan Design Week. 2016



<sup>1</sup> Cortona On The Move. 2017



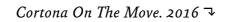
<sup>1</sup> Cortona On The Move. 2015



an icon to sit



<sup>►</sup> Spike Lee featured on "la Repubblica", 2017





Ph. Pietro Savorelli

Jean-Charles de Castelbajac on "Casa Vogue Brasil", 2018 →







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The armchair Joe has a very original shape, but its cover requires using superb craftsmanship. Designed in the 1970s with what was in those days the innovative technique of pre-formed expanded polyurethane - permitting foaming items into any shape - it took highly accurate manual work to faithfully reproduce the classic leather baseball glove on a giant scale. Today, just as in the past, the leather cover is made like an haute couture dress, in order to ensure the very best quality, and each armchair is unique.

Each armchair takes 10 square metres of high quality full-grain leather.
The 30 leather patterns making up the cover are cut out using scissors, in a very accurate manner because the cut will be visible. The seam is machinesewn, and at the end of each seam, the threads are knotted together to make sure they stay tied even after many years.

The 140 metal eyelets are put in by hand. It then takes many hours to add the soft padding to the polyurethane foam, and to put the cover on and seal it at the bottom, pulling the strings through the metal eyelets.

To make the armchair, our seamstress and our upholsterer take all the time they need to achieve the best result.







Poltronova factory, Agliana. 1970—2020



Three signs branded onto the leather guarantee its authenticity: the name Joe, the signature of the designers and the star.





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Each armchair has its own identity card, which shows the number of the armchair and a leather bag with products for preserving the leather.



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