# Ahrend Silence







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## Silence Collection

Work environments change quickly. With openplan offices, flexible spaces and multimedia, we are more connected than ever. But at the same time, we're more distracted and stressed than ever. We are surrounded by sound. Everywhere and at all times.

Stress increases our risk of burn-out, depression, cardiac disease and Alzheimer's. When silence is lacking, it's hard to concentrate, to study, to memorise and to create. Silence has a positive influence on your well-being. Surrounded by silence, we work more effectively and feel more vital. With less stress, fewer errors and less absence through sickness.

The Silence Collection brings silence back into the work environment. For more creativity, more focus and more peace. It's time to make a Call for Silence.

## Creating silent zones

In an office, there are often several different activities taking place at the same time, each of which has its own noise level. The hubbub of a colleague on the phone to your left and two others in discussion to the right can be incredibly distracting when you're trying to focus quietly on an important project. Noise is the greatest irritation factor for employees working in an open space. One potential solution is to create discrete zones where different activities can take place separately. However, with the Silence Collection boxes, you can create silent zones in the midst of a noisy zone. Using these silent spots as a divider between different zones allows everyone to benefit from the acoustic and physical separation. Not only those using the box, but those around it too.





"Organisations should focus on work environments that meet the needs for privacy and focus, as much as for interaction and collaboration"

- Libby Sander, Bond University

## The perfect balance between acoustics and ventilation

When you enter a Silence box, you immediately experience peace and silence, without feeling claustrophobic. The Silence Collection has been designed with a perfect balance between ventilation and acoustic properties, so you can always work in comfort – no matter how long for.

The Silence boxes are not entirely soundproofed for a reason. The optimum balance between speech clarity and ventilation ensures the high level of comfort that makes this collection so unique.

Whether you want to concentrate, collaborate or video call: the Silence Collection optimises every activity. Optimal working conditions are guaranteed, as is flexibility: the Silence boxes are easily adaptable and upgradable.















# 02

# Acoustics and ventilation

The optimum balance between acoustic properties and ventilation is down to Ahrend's ten years of experience in developing spacein-space solutions.

The walls and ceiling contain a labyrinth of air ducts. This provides an indirect and gradual air supply to the space. You will always feel a light breeze in a Silence box, and you can adjust it according to your needs. In the case of the Chat, the air flow enters at hip height as well as through the baseboard, giving the space a natural feel.

The interior of the Silence Collection is upholstered with 12 mm-thick wool felt, ensuring that the space does not echo.

The exterior of the Silence Collection is also upholstered. This gives the boxes acoustic benefits both inside and out. Choose your own finish; the upholstery colour scheme can be matched to the rest of the interior.



# 03

## A collection that changes with you

The Silence Collection has been designed to change with the times. Today, perhaps, you may just need a workstation for videocalling, while next year may bring other requirements within the work environment. This collection is set up in such a way that all components can easily be upgraded or replaced.

#### How does that work exactly?

All the connectors are removable, which makes the modules and materials easy to separate and reuse. This helps prevent waste. Thanks to these smart connectors, we can replace or modify modules on location. So there's no need to transport them to our factory and back again.

All materials are of high quality. That's apparent not only in their ease of use: materials are hardwearing and will last for years.



*"Silence is not the absence of sound, but the presence of space"* 



*"Silence is perhaps one of the most underappreciated creativity tools"* 

- Thomas Oppong, AllTopStartups

# Discover the Silence Call

The Silence Call is a response to the growing demand for flexibility and activity-based working. This solution makes space for silence.

- The Silence Call provides sufficient flexibility to adapt your work environment without making major changes.
- One of the best sound-insulating products on the market.
- Easy to move around within the changing office environment: castors make it portable.
- > An ideal place to focus on a call or videocall.



## Specifications

### The basics

- Sensor automatically switches light and ventilation on and off.
- Ergonomically designed table for the use of mobile devices: 100% Plug & Play and standard electrical supply: 1 socket and 2 USB chargers.
- Interior wall finish: 2 colours of felt, 12 mm thick, soft and sound absorbent.

## External dimensions

- > Width: 98.8 cm
- > Depth: 99.7 cm
- > Height: 225 cm

## Internal dimensions

- > Width: 81.5 cm
- > Depth: 89 cm
- > Height: 203 cm



## Specifications

## The options

- > Add an optional, height-adjustable swivel stool.
- Tabletop available in black, white or oak finish.
- Occupancy indicator on the outside that indicates when the space is occupied.

# Discover the Silence Chat

The Silence Chat is the ideal place to shut yourself off from the noisy work environment for a while, for example if you need to discuss someone one-on-one or focus on a task for an hour or so. Like the Silence Call, the Silence Chat satisfies the growing need for flexibility and activity-based working. This more spacious box, laid out to suit your needs, makes space for silence.

- The Silence Chat provides privacy, while remaining in contact with your environment thanks to the glass sides.
- A choice of layouts: a solution for every activity, whether alone or with others.
- Optimum balance between acoustics and ventilation, adaptable to your needs.
- Silence Chat adapts to your changing needs. The interior of the box is easily upgraded or modified.



# Layout according to your needs

The Silence Chat supports activity-based working in the office environment and is ideal for activities like scrumming, meeting or focused working and videocalling. The Silence Chat is available with five different interiors to support the specific needs of users in the best way possible.

## Videocalling

Whereas the Silence Call makes it possible to call in a pleasant and peaceful way, the Silence Chat is ideal for videocalling. You have space to settle in comfortably and attend video meetings without bothering your other colleagues. The Silence Chat can be equipped with video conferencing tools.





## Silence Chat Focus low

- Ahrend Well chair with 4-legged star base
- Tabletop 75 cm high, with black, white or oak finish

#### Options

- Operating panel with 1 power point and 2 USB chargers
- Adjustable lighting and ventilation in 4 positions
- Pastille W182 P2 table lamp (integrated into tabletop)
- > Bracket for monitor

## Silence Chat Focus high

- Ahrend Well chair with 5-legged star base
- Tabletop 110 cm high, with black, white or oak finish

#### Options

- Operating panel with 1 power point and 2 USB chargers
- Adjustable lighting and ventilation in 4 positions
- Pastille W182 P2 table lamp (integrated into tabletop)
- > Bracket for monitor







## Silence Chat Connect low

- 2 Ahrend Well chairs with 4-legged star base
- Tabletop 75 cm high, with black, white or oak finish

### Options

- Operating panel with 1 power point and 2 USB chargers
- Adjustable lighting and ventilation in 4 positions
- 2 Pastille W182 P2 table lamp (integrated into tabletop)
- > Bracket for monitor

## Silence Chat Connect high

- 2 Ahrend Well Work chairs with
  5-legged star base or 2 Ahrend 452 barstools
- Tabletop 110 cm high, with black, white or oak finish

### Options

- Operating panel with 1 power point and 2 USB chargers
- Adjustable lighting and ventilation in 4 positions
- 2 Pastille W182 P2 table lamp (integrated into tabletop)
- > Bracket for monitor

## Silence Chat lounge

- > 2 Ahrend Charge sofas
- Tabletop 75 cm high, with black, white or oak finish

## Options

- Operating panel with 1 power point and 2 USB chargers
- Adjustable lighting and ventilation in 4 positions
- 2 Pastille W182 P2 table lamp (integrated into tabletop)
- > Bracket for monitor



## Specifications

### The basics

- Sensor automatically switches light and ventilation on and off.
- Ergonomically designed table for using mobile devices: 100% Plug & Play and standard electrical supply: 1 socket and 2 USB chargers.
- Finish of internal walls: 2 colours felt, 12 mm thick, soft and sound absorbent.

## External dimensions

- > Width: 226 cm
- > Depth: 121 cm
- > Height: 233 cm

## Internal dimensions

- > Width: 208 cm
- > Depth: 110 cm
- > Height: 207 cm

## Specifications

#### The options

- > Choice of various interiors (see pages 14, 15).
- > Tabletop available in black, white or oak finish.
- Operating panel with 1 socket and 2 USB chargers and adjustable lighting and ventilation in 4 positions.
- > Pastille W821 P2 table lamp, available in black and white.
- The exterior fabric is available in Kvadrat Divina, Divina MD and Divina Melange (more than 120 colours) or Gabriel Soul Melange (see page 18).
- > Extra wide door for wheelchair access.
- Occupancy indicator on top that indicates when the space is occupied.



"Sound influences us all the time, even if we are not aware of it"

- Julian Treasure, The Sound Agency



## Materials

The standard materials are the business line version. This version is the luxuriously upholstered basis of the Silence collection, and includes the following materials:

Gabriel Soul Melange



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Black

Edging finish

### Door fastenings



steel





Particle board

## Table top colours



### Design line

Create your own look for the Silence box, to match your corporate identity and the rest of the work environment. Choose from over 120 stunning colours in the following fabrics: Kvadrat Divina, Divina MD and Divina Melange.

#### Kvadrat Divina Melange 3



193



#### Edging finish



Plywood plain varnish

## Door fastenings



**Kvadrat Divina 3** 

Kvadrat Divina MD



683



181

973

191



873



### Table top material



Plywood with HPL



Table top colours

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Black



Of course, other colours from the Kvadrat Divina collection are available. \* Fast delivery



## Designer Basten Leijh

Basten Leijh, designer of the Silence Collection, is known for designs that create a timeless, distinctive environment in which fun and function blend seamlessly together. With years of experience as a product and concept developer, partner and creative director within leading firms and with a number of brands to his name, he is an expert in the field of product design.

The design with which he graduated from the Eindhoven Design Academy at the start of his career was immediately bought by an international bicycle manufacturer.

Since 2010, he has concentrated on modular designs, building on unity in form. This unity and harmony is a common thread through his designs for Ahrend and provides a connection between the various collections.

Basten Leijh has received numerous awards for his work over the years and his designs have impressed at various international exhibitions.



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## Coming soon







## Silence Meet

The Silence Call, the Chat and the Meet, which comes out in 2021, complete the Silence family. If you just need to get away from the noise around you or don't want to bother your colleagues during a phone call, from

scrumming to brainstorming; the Silence range offers plenty of options to support your preferred way of working. Create your own vital and diverse work environment with the Silence Collection.



## Find your Silence

#### Try it

Would you like to experience real silence first? Try the Silence Collection out. Ask about the terms and conditions for a trial installation.

#### Lease it

Do you want to be flexible? For a fixed monthly sum, we bring silence to your office, provide maintenance and collect the Silence Call or Chat again whenever you want.

#### Buy it

Are you persuaded of the possibilities of the Silence Collection? Configure a version to suit you and enjoy the silence.

#### Use it

Do you like the sound of flexibility but would rather not be tied to a contract? Then just pay for the use of the Silence Collection. At your request, we install it, provide maintenance and then pick it up afterwards.

#### Request an estimate

## Questions or advice?

Our experts will gladly look at your workplace options with you. Get in touch with your account manager or call +31 (0)88 006 0000.

We are here to help!

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