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Carafe™



**A Versatile Table for Urban Life**

Carafe™ is a communal vessel that represents the spirit of sharing – a symbol of the generous host who readily welcomes guests. The Carafe™ table is designed with contemporary lifestyle in mind. Each of its features has been devised for maximum versatility, making it supremely adaptable to all daily demands.





### Design Story

Australian designer Charles Wilson grew up on a farm in New South Wales. Many of his designs express essential function at the same time as they delight in natural materials. He has been awarded the rank of 'Luminary' by *Indesign* magazine, in recognition of his contribution to the vitality of the local industry.

"The dining table is the most useful piece of furniture I have," says Wilson, adding that, more often than not, "it's the most social place in my home."

With Carafe, the dining area merges with the kitchen bench top and the work desk, creating a streamlined, contemporary take on the traditional communal kitchen table – the site of all major household events.



### Behind the Name

A carafe is a communal vessel used to share water, wine or any number of other beverages. It represents generosity of spirit, mindfulness of others and a convivial attitude.

Legendary designers Charles and Ray Eames wrote in their India Report, “Of all the objects we have seen and admired during our visit to India, the *lota*, that simple vessel of everyday use (to hold water), stands out as perhaps the greatest, the most beautiful.” Similarly, its European counterpart – the carafe – has evolved over centuries, holding milk, water and wine.

Just as there is no ideal or universally ‘correct’ *lota* or carafe, designer Charles Wilson insists, “There is no one perfect dining table, but a good design is like a snapshot of our needs. The Carafe table addresses the complexity of our working and family lives, redefining the dining table as a utensil.”





### The City Home

Liberated by new technology, the modern professional enjoys newfound flexibility as to where, and when, to work – including at home. Working at the dining table introduces unique requirements, such as storage and organisation of small objects, convenient access to power to charge mobile devices, and ideally, integration of plasma screens and speakers in a wireless manner to support occasional video conferencing, an everyday communications tool in the globalised economy.

Carafe solves the problem with hidden drawers that enable users to store objects and assorted work clutter, allowing the table to transform quickly and easily from work to dining mode. Devices are subtly kept connected via discreet cut-outs that link cables to power sources.



**Designed for Flexibility**

Carafe is available in 2 configurations and 2 sizes to suit your daily demands and aesthetic appreciation. Choose from a slim shelf to conceal all your power supplies, or a large compartmental drawer

accessible from both sides. The elegantly refined tabletop comes in 3 different wood finishes that can be combined with 4 different frame finishes.



For the latest information on Carafe's sustainable elements, visit [hermanmiller.com/en\\_apc/carafe](https://hermanmiller.com/en_apc/carafe).

## Specifications

Table with Drawer

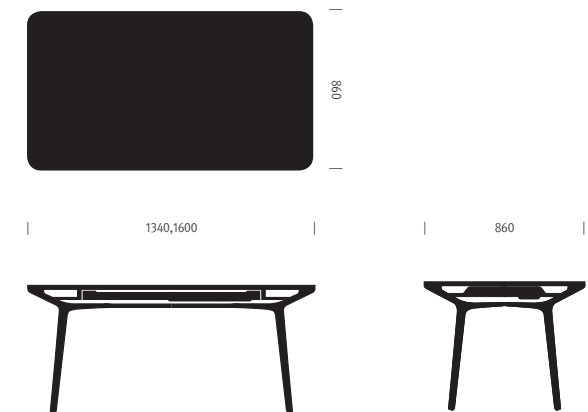
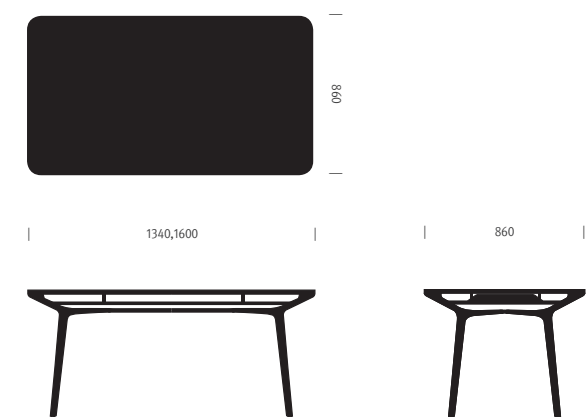


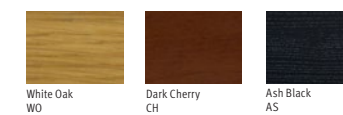
Table with Slim Shelf



## Materials

Carafe is available in a variety of finishes for surfaces and frames, enabling you to customise and personalise your look.

### Worktop Veneer



White Oak  
WO

Dark Cherry  
CH

Ash Black  
AS

### Frames Paint Finish




White  
91

Bronze  
BC

Black  
BU

Polished Aluminium  
L

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