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50 SEATING



NAME: Beetling

DESIGNER: Dr Hakan Gürsu, DesignNobis

Beetling is an indoor seating system that has its own advertising and information area. It has a transparent body that enables posters and advertisements to be placed inside, providing an additional revenue stream for airports. The seating can also be used to provide passenger information and wayfinding solutions. Suitable for all modern architectural environments, Beetling can be arranged with intermediary service tables. Rubber disks on the seating surface increase comfort levels and the perforated surfaces created naturally by these disks help ventilation. The rubber studs also provide a non-slip surface and help massage the person in the seat.

Beetling has won a number of awards, including the 2010/2011 Period A' Design Awards – A' Furniture and Homeware Design Award category.

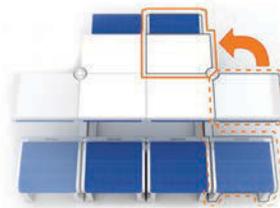


The award-winning Beetling's transparent body is tempered glass, the ventilation disks are rubber, and the main structure is stainless steel

Winner of the Red Dot Design Award 2012, Comfort Airport is an adjustable airport seating system aimed at providing passengers with a comfortable, convenient place to rest or work. The seating unit can be transformed into a table on which people can use computers and mobile devices, or in a grouped configuration it can become a table around which friends and family can converse. The backrest and table can also be folded down to create a daybed for passengers wishing to take a nap.

"The main challenge in designing airport seating is understanding passengers' needs," explains Kwon Jin-Seok, Comfort Airport's designer. "We have to consider how they spend their time when taking a rest. Modern people are doing more while taking a rest, so I wanted to design a more convenient bench to take a nap, or use a notebook computer or smartphone to converse with someone."

The design is very much in its infancy and is yet to be installed anywhere, but it is easy to see how the seating concept could fit into an airport environment, with its multifunctional design meeting the needs of a variety of passengers.



ABOVE: Seating bench or meeting table – you decide!
LEFT: Power sockets with USB hubs enable device charging



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