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The Bellini Chair

The Bellini Chair was lauded for its high level of comfort and innovative manufacturing process, which the jurors agreed were unprecedented in plastic chairs.

CLIENT/COMPANY Heller, Inc.

CONSULTANT DESIGN
Studio Bellini

The secret is in the gas-assist molding technology used to manufacture it, a proprietary

process that allows various parts of the structure to be thicker or thinner according to the need for structural integrity and user comfort. "It's a one-piece chair, but the various parts are contoured, which makes it more comfortable," said Diffrient. "For a plastic chair, it has awfully clean lines and a very nice scale."



CLIENT/COMPANY Heller, Inc., New York, NY; Alan J. Heller, president.
CONSULTANT DESIGN Studio Bellini, Milan, Italy; Mario Bellini, architect.
MATERIALS/FABRICATION Injection-molded plastic with gas-assist and overflow cavities.
HARDWARE/SOFTWARE Silicon Graphics workstations; Alias Wavefront Studio.