## **Remix<sup>®</sup> Work Chair** An Ergonomic Checklist



## A Brief Assessment of Remix

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## The Remix work chair provides the adjustment capabilities necessary to accommodate a wide range of users and workstation arrangements.

In order to accommodate both petite and taller users, its seat height adjustments utilize three different cylinder arrangements with an overall height adjustment range between 14.8 inches and 23.4 inches. Remix goes beyond the range specified in the anthropometric database<sup>1</sup> used to develop the ANSI/HFES 100 standard, and by making an allowance for a 1 inch heel, the seat height for a 5<sup>th</sup> percentile female is 14.8 inches while that of a 95<sup>th</sup> percentile male is 19.75 inches. The Remix chair backrest provides a lumbar support that conforms to each individual user. The backrest supports both upright and reclined seated work, tilting between 96° and 124° to support these different working postures.

The Remix adjustment features for the backrest, armrests and for the seat width and depth, when combined with the three cylinder height ranges, makes the chair a good ergonomic solution for office workplace seating.

<sup>1</sup> Human Factors and Ergonomics Society (2007) ANSI/HFES 100-2007 Human Factors Engineering of Computer Workstations. Human Factors and Ergonomics Society, Santa Monica, CA.



## What makes Remix a good ergonomic tool?

A	NSI/HFES 100 REQUIREMENTS	REMIX CONFORMANCE
G	ENERAL	
+	Stable during use (must conform to ANSI/BIFMA X 5.1)	YES
+	Support at least two of the seated reference postures	YES
+	Provide support to the user's back and thighs	YES
+	Chair controls shall not protude into the leg and foot clearance space or interfere with typical work activities	YES
SI	EAT	
+	Must have seat pan height adjustment of at least 4.5" in the range between 15-22" above the floor can be achieved with multiple chairs/cylinders	YES, 17.2"—22.1" standard cylinder, 14.8"—22.1" low cylinder
+	Seat pan must not be more than 16.9" in depth if non-adjustable	ADJUSTABLE
+	If seat pan depth is adjustable, it must include a depth of 16.9"	YES, adjusts between 14.75" and 17.75"
+	The seat pan must be at least 17.7" wide	YES, 20.6"
+	Have a tilt adjustment range of at least 4° and must include a 3° reclined position	YES, adjusts between 2.8° and 14.8° reclined
В	ACKREST	
+	Must have a lumbar support	YES
+	Must not force a torso-thigh angles less than 90°	YES, 90° torso-thigh angle at rest
+	Must allow adjustment of the angle between the backrest and seat pan so that it is $90^{\circ}$ or more	YES, 90° torso-thigh angle at rest, 28° tilt range
+	Must allow at least a 15° degree recline from vertical position	YES
+	If the recline angle is adjustable, it must be able to adjust by at least 15 within the range of 90° to 120° relative to horizontal	YES, 24° range (96°— 120°)
A	RMRESTS	
+	Must provide sufficient clearance for the user to sit or stand without interference	YES, 20.75" internal clearance for fixed arms, 15.5"— 23.3" clearance for adjustable arms
+	Must not cause the user to violate any of the postural guidelines	YES
Th as st	ne ANSI/HFES 100 standard <sup>2</sup> provides a good, objective means of sessing the suitability of a chair for use in computer workstations. This andard contains ergonomic specifications for office chairs and other rulture, as well as for displays and input devices. It also offers information	that fits the user. It requires manufacturers to provide users with information on specific properties of their products, consequently Knoll has designed and tested this chair to ensure that it conforms to the ANSI/HFES 100 standard's requirements, as are described below.

<sup>2</sup> Gordon, C. C., Churchill, T., Clauser, C. E., Bradtmiller, B., & McConville, J. T. (1989). Anthropometric survey of US army personnel: methods and summary statistics 1988. ANTHROPOLOGY RESEARCH PROJECT INC YELLOW SPRINGS OH.

on how these individual components can be integrated into a workstation