

HAVERHILL AT WORK



Hille International

In 1906, Salamon Hille, a Russian émigré, started a workshop in Bethnal Green making high quality furniture. After the Blitz, Hille was to become a major pioneer of modern British furniture design.



Daughter Ray and designer Robin Day used new plastics to create the Hille Polypropylene chair



A world wide success and made across the world. The chair was judged a top 10 British design in 2008



Hille factory opened at Haverhill in 1957 making metal parts for chairs - *"Ray never missed a trick when she visited us."*



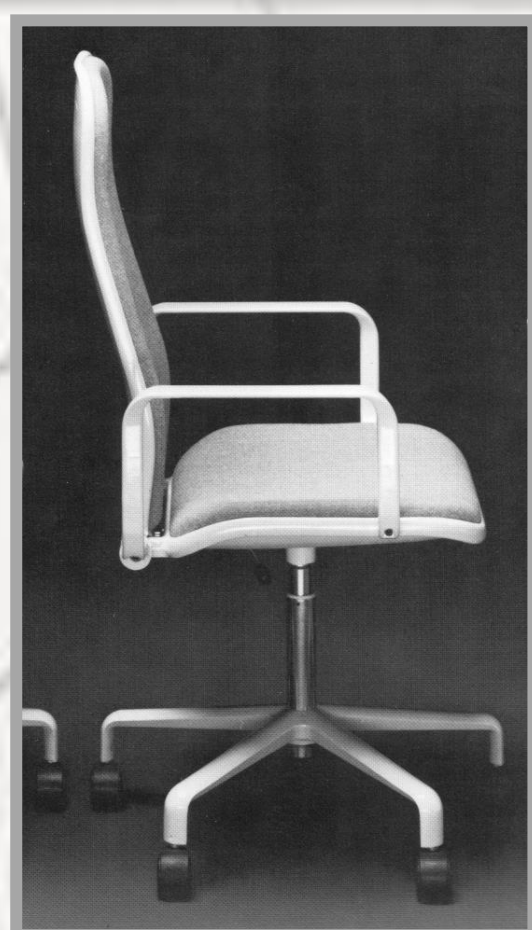
Assembly & upholstering of chairs before packaging & despatch



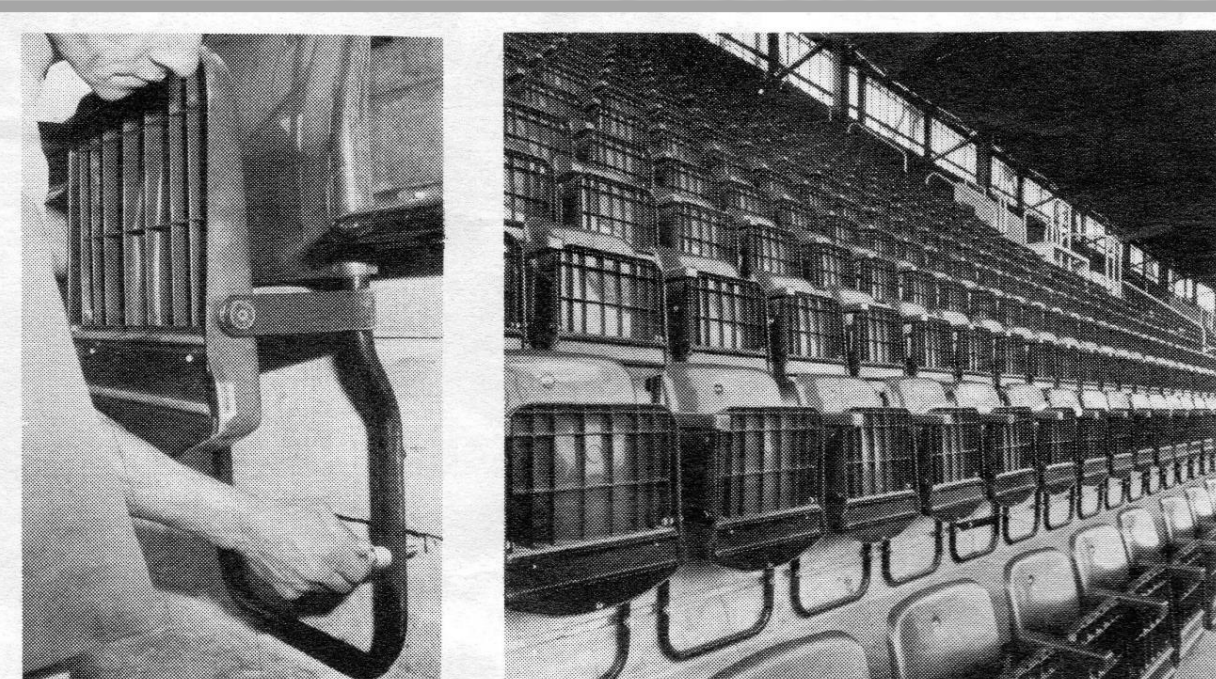
Legs, with brackets made on a press, were welded together then painted - *"at first by hand then later by robots."*



Tubular steel legs formed by bending machines – *"came in great bundles then later pre-cut"*

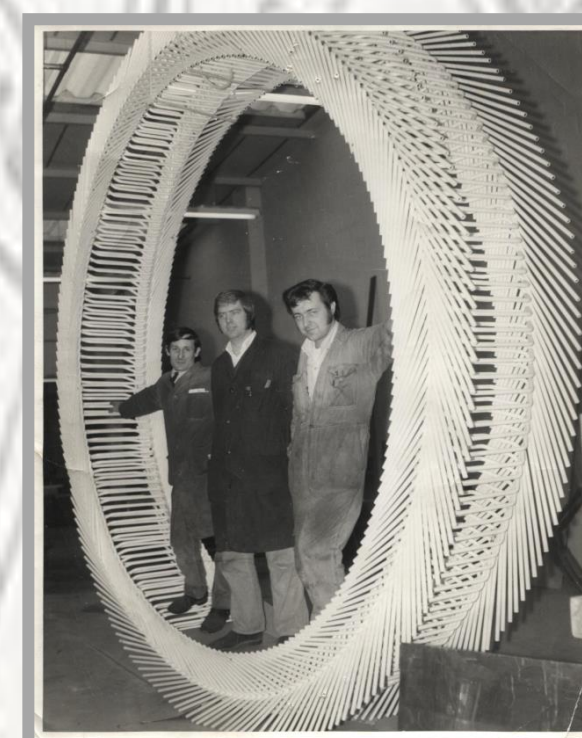


10,000+ chairs each week on 2 shifts, across a range of products including the Supporto chair



Here is the seat, that made the stand, that made the Club the first in the land – to have Hille International Stadium Seating designed by Robin Day. A look at Chelsea's new East Stand which was visited by a party of people from Watford, London and Haverhill on 31st August to watch the Chelsea v Liverpool match. The seats were great, even if the game wasn't!

Hille Group News Oct 1974 Chelsea visit:



The Hille Poly Wheel created by artist, Stuart Brisley from 212 poly chairs, stood outside the factory at Hamlet Green