

## **Air Kitchen: a flight of fantasy designed by deVOL and constructed with HI-MACS®**



The designers at deVOL are inspired by the most innovative and timeless icons of the twentieth century. Thanks to the combination of classic materials and craftsmanship techniques with **HI-MACS®**, the Latest Generation Acrylic Stone, the **Air Kitchen** comes into being as a reflection of a design era that was driven by a new spirit of adventure in search of the true feeling of freedom.

With its vintage aesthetics, Air's simple lines emulate iconic objects such as the cars of the period, the hulls of traditional boats, the Airstream caravan or the sensuous Lockheed Lounge chair by Marc Newson, a futuristic reinterpretation of the original chaise longue from 1988 made of fibreglass.

The Air reinterpretation features a combination of a curved wooden structure and aluminium laminated panels, so that the islands seem to float in space and the vertical cabinets set the style for the rounded contours of the kitchen, thanks to stainless steel legs that remind one of pods that have just landed. To keep the lines pure and intact, the doors and drawers have been designed to facilitate a convenient, single-touch opening system.

Paul O’Leary, founder of deVOL, explains the initial challenge of the Air design project: “I really wanted it to be curvy, retro, sleek and floaty, reminiscent of some of the most desirable things that I find really emotive; things that my heart wants but my head says I can’t have.”

### **A fusion of craftsmanship and modernity thanks to HI-MACS®**

In a minimalist, elegant atmosphere, the kitchen’s attraction is in its elegant and undulating shapes, which evoke some of the most famous and iconic retro items of the last century.



\*The facings of the cabinet doors and drawers in the photo are made in HI-MACS®

Thanks to its versatility and thermo-formable qualities, **HI-MACS®** proved essential in meeting the functionality and design requirements for this kitchen. “What we really love about acrylic stone is the wide range of colours for every taste, and its softness to the touch, unlike other cold surfaces like glass,” say the professionals of deVOL.

The smooth, non-porous surface of HI-MACS® makes cleaning easy and also ensures a high degree of resistance to sources of heat and to regular use of domestic disinfectants. This means the kitchen is totally hygienic and particularly suited to contact with food.



## INFORMATION ON THE PROJECT

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<b>Design:</b>	deVOL kitchens <a href="http://www.devolkitchens.co.uk">http://www.devolkitchens.co.uk</a>
<b>Location:</b>	deVOL Showroom, Cotes Mill, near Loughborough, Leicestershire, UK
<b>Material:</b>	HI-MACS® - <a href="http://www.himacs.eu">www.himacs.eu</a>
<b>Model:</b>	Air
<b>Colours:</b>	Alpine White, Grey, Midnight Grey, Sky Blue, Mazarin Blue, Light Green, Ruby and Orange.

## **HI-MACS® Natural Acrylic Stone**

**HI-MACS®** is the **New Generation** of solid surface. It is composed of 70% natural stone powder derived from bauxite, 25% high quality acrylic resin and 5% natural pigments. Designed and produced by **LG HAUSYS**, a world technology leader, it is distributed across Europe from **LG Hausys Europe** headquarters in Geneva.

It is a product of highest quality, and is inert and ecological. Its versatility allows users to mould and transform their ideas into reality with possibilities far beyond those offered by materials traditionally used in the world of architecture and design.

The most prestigious groups have adopted this product which adapts to the most demanding needs with its extraordinary characteristics; it is completely non-porous, has the highest level of durability and thus does not lose its colouring. It also has uniform thickness, allowing for perfectly imperceptible joints! Easy to fabricate, **HI-MACS®**, with its excellent thermoformability properties, lets you adapt the material to the desired shapes and to create a range of designs that is nearly infinite.

**HI-MACS®** is used by the most prestigious companies, and many well-known architects and designers such as **Zaha Hadid, Jean Nouvel, David Chipperfield, Ron Arad, Marc Newson, Elke Delugan Meissl** and **Joaquín Torres**. Some of the most notable projects made out of **HI-MACS®** include the **Prado Museum** and the **Hotel Puerta América** in Spain, **Leonardo Glass Cube** and the **Porsche Museum** in Germany and the **Zara** flagship store in the Westfield Shopping Complex in London, UK.

**HI-MACS®** is available in about 100 colours, comprised of the following ranges: **Solids, Granite, Sand, Pearl & Quartz, Volcanics, Lucent, Galaxy, Marmo**, and the new recycled range of colours **HI-MACS® Eden**. Eden is **GREENGUARD** Certified for indoor air quality as a “**Low Emitting Product**” which can help your projects achieve **LEED® credits** in sustainable design, under the Green Building Rating System managed by the **U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC)** – A clear benefit for constructing sustainable buildings.

**HI-MACS®** is manufactured in 3, 6, 9 and 12 mm thicknesses. Furthermore a wide range of sinks and bowls is available.

**HI-MACS®** is synonymous with the very best quality thanks to a production process that it is one of the world's most innovative, sourcing the finest materials that result in a harder, flatter more resistant product. Many international certifications backup the outstanding quality of **HI-MACS®** concerning environment, hygiene, fire resistance and processes as ISO 9001 and 14001, Greenguard, NSF, LGA and IMO MED (Module B and D), among others.

**HI-MACS®** is in a league of its own with its quality assistance, guaranteed by **Quality Club**, a network of expert and approved fabricators. Thanks to the quality of the material, we can offer the longest warranty package currently on the market: 15 years.

## **HI-MACS® The New Generation**

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