

# CLASSIC DRIVER

## Easy travelling



**You know what it's like when travelling. Delays, too many other people, the scramble for the overhead locker or luggage carousel. Help is at hand. You need HENK (it has no indefinite article), probably the world's most desirable (and expensive) piece of hand luggage.**

**HENK** was devised to meet the needs of frustrated travellers everywhere. Originally created as a one-off bespoke model for a frequent flyer with millions of miles under his belt, the design was developed and productionised by Hartmut Esslinger, founder and Co-CEO of [frog design inc.](#), Sunnyvale, California. **HENK** must be the first object of its size (55x40x20cm) that doesn't look like a large box. It has no edges, and seems to have been designed to be more of an aesthetic experience than simply as a thing to pack things into.



Its high-performance, lightweight carbon-fibre composite shell is baked in the same way as the cockpit of a high-performance Formula 1 racing car. That's why **HENK** is super light and super strong. **HENK** uses for its functional decorativeness the same quality aluminium that is used in the construction of high-performance aircraft. The wheel brackets in the suspension system are made of titanium. **HENK** complies with all the IATA standards defining the maximum dimensions for on-board luggage.



Pull a handle and the two large-diameter main wheels appear out of the carbon-fibre shell like the miniature

landing gear of an airplane. Wheels with a diameter of 16cm, brackets of titanium and polyurethane tyres are the secrets of **HENK**'s noiselessness. Concealed in every **HENK** there is an integrated, detachable attaché case, for personal or business papers and laptop. When necessary the attaché case can be taken out, and inside **HENK** is a removable partition which divides **HENK** into two compartments: "Office" and "Private".

To tell it apart from all the other **HENKs**, it can be clothed in leather, colour-coated, in matt or in gloss, or even remain completely untreated in order to show the unique technical structure of the carbon-fibre surface. The customer decides, and inside **HENK** there's an interior which uses the finest Italian wood veneer in combination with fine horsehair or woven high-tech-materials. The construction is also strong enough for it to be used as an impromptu seat at busy departure lounges.



In carbon-fibre finish **HENK** costs in the region of 15,000 Euro, a leather skin will add another 1,000 Euro. Production is limited to 3.000 pieces a year.

For more information please visit [www.henk.com](http://www.henk.com).

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