

RailRoced seating \& tables

## The ultimate in flexible seating design

As the name suggests, RailRoad is inspired by train tracks, and model train sets to be more precise - a series of straight and curved raised platforms that can be joined to form continuous seating runs, and can also be used independently for a coordinated suite of products across a scheme. In between the scale of a full size rail track and a model railway, this simple idea has been designed and engineered by Furnitubes' in-house design team and is precision-manufactured to ensure inter-changeability of seating assemblies. This integral flexibility provides a vast range of seating configuration options - from straight line seating, to circular layouts, other geometric patterns and also flowing organic forms - all achievable with standard components. This approach means that bespoke configurations can be supplied at very much standard prices. Furthermore, there are 3 styles in the range, each suiting different environments.


## RailRoud

 EDGESquare-form timbers define the sharp visual characteristics of the EDGE family a popular choice on contemporary architectural developments. The support posts are in a complementary open-ended box fabricated in plate steel that gives a very heavy duty and robust aesthetic.


## RailRoad

 LOOPThe side profile of the bench slat is reminiscent of a lollipop stick, hence the abbreviated LOOP name given to this family. The rounded-end slats offer a greater degree of comfort for the sitter and with a central circular support post is visually softer than other options.


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Angled-back slat ends and a complementary profile to the under-seat support characterises the refined aesthetics of the DELTA family within the RailRoad range. The rounded leading edge to the bench slats also provides comfortable long term seating provision. impacts minimised. Wherever you see the Made in Britain logo you can be assured that the product is manufactured in Britain.

## Design principles and built-in features

RailRoad is based on a simple series of inter-changeable straight and curved modules, which are designed to be joined to create seamless runs of continuous seating. The design is based around a standard module that comfortably accommodates 2 people, with the start and end units also including small extension sections at one end. Just like with a model train track, straights and curves can be mixed to create interesting configurations. A double-end unit offers a small independent seating solution to complement longer assemblies. Double width seating and complementary planters, which can be added at any point along a seating run, are the latest additions to the range.


- A choice of 3 timber profile \& seat support combinations
- 3 standard radii for curved versions
- Armrest \& tablet options
- Backrests including internal (inward-facing seating) \& external (outward-facing seating) on curved modules
- Chaise-longue additions to straight benches


## Planter features:

- Can be added at the start / end or within a seating run
- A choice of 4 lengths and 2 height options
- Straight and curved seating units can be joined to planters
- Use in conjunction with any seat support type (but only square-ended 'Edge' timbers)
- Can also be used as independent planters

Standard dimensions: straight 2-person module


Standard dimensions: curved 2-person module

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RailRoad edge

## RailRoud LOOP

## RailRoad delta

General specification all models: steel frame \& seat supports for bolt-down surface fixing, hot dip galvanised + PPC finish, with iroko timber seat slats

OPTIONS (All models - Edge, Loop \& Delta, except where stated otherwise):

- Backrest - straight and curved (internal and external)

Polyester powder coated steelwork to any RAL reference

- Timbers with UV protective finish
- Combining different supports \& timbers, e.g. 'Edge' timbers + 'Loop' supports
- Tablet surface -350 mm wide, steel with iroko top
- Chaise longue backrest, single and double-sided, iroko slats over steel frame
- Extended depth supports for in-ground installation (not Delta)




MODEL ILLUSTRATED:
RRBES7 S + RRBES7 E (3250mm long)

RAILROAD EDGE STRAIGHT BENCH

2-PERSON MODULES

| Start module, 1615 mm long | RRBES7-S |
| :--- | :--- |
| Mid module, 1300 mm long | RRBES7-M |
| Mid module (no legs), 1300 mm long | RRBXS7-M |
| End module, 1615 mm long | RRBES7-E |

INDEPENDENT BENCHES
1950 mm long
3250 mm long
RRBES7-1950
RRBES7-S + RRBES7-E

RAILROAD LOOP STRAIGHT BENCH
2-PERSON MODULES

| Start module, 1615 mm long | RRBLR7-S |
| :--- | :--- |
| Mid module, 1300 mm long | RRBLR7-M |
| End module, 1615 mm long | RRBLR7-E |

INDEPENDENT BENCHES

1950 mm long
3250 mm long

RRBLR7-1950
RRBLR7-S + RRBLR7-E

RAILROAD DELTA STRAIGHT BENCH
2-PERSON MODULES

| Start module, 1615 mm long | RRBDA7-S |
| :--- | :--- |
| Mid module, 1300 mm long | RRBDA7-M |
| End module, 1615 mm long | RRBDA7-E |

INDEPENDENT SEATS

1950 mm long
3250 mm long

RRBDA7-1950
RRBDA7-S + RRBDA7-E

## RAILROAD CURVED BENCHES

Note: lengths for curved modules correspond with equivalent straight benches, with lengths measured along bench centre line


MODEL ILLUSTRATED
RRBES7 SR125 + RRBES7 EL125 (3250mm long cll)


MODEL ILLUSTRATED:
RRBLR7 SR125 + RRBLR7 EL125 (3250mm long cll)

RAILROAD EDGE CURVED BENCH
2-PERSON MODULES R1.25m C/L $\quad$ R2.50m C/L $\quad$ R3.75m C/L

RAILROAD LOOP CURVED BENCH
2-PERSON MODULES
R1.25m C/L
Start module left hand Start module right hand

Mid module
End module left hand End module right hand

INDEPENDENT UNITS
1950 mm long bench

3250 mm long bench

RAILROAD DELTA CURVED BENCH
2-PERSON MODULES

| Start module left hand |
| :--- | :--- |
| Start module right hand |$\quad$| RRBDA7-SL125 |
| :--- |
| RRBDA7-SR125 |

R2.50m C/L
RRBDA7-SL250
RRBDA7-SR250

RRBDA7-M250

RRBDA7-EL250
RRBDA7-ER250
R3.75m C/L
RRBDA7-SL375 RRBDA7-SR375

RRBDA7-M375
RRBDA7-EL375
RRBDA7-ER375
INDEPENDENT UNITS

| 1950 mm long bench | RRBDA7-125 | RRBDA7-250 | RRBDA7-375 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 3250 mm long bench | RRBDA7-SR125 + <br> RRBDA7-EL125 | RRBDA7-SR250 + <br> RRBDA7-EL250 | RRBDA7-SR375 + <br> RRBDA7-EL375 |

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All standard 2-person bench modules are designed to accommodate backrests, meaning they can be fitted at the outset or retro-fitted after installation if the need for a backrest is determined later. Backrests align with the bench supports, and are therefore inset from the ends of bench platforms. On long seat assemblies, backrests can be continuous or with gaps, or even staggered to both sides for dual aspect seating. All of the different backrest options (straights and external / internal curves of all radii) can be adjoined to provide a continuous back support. Shown here are various layouts and the terminology that we use to ensure that the correct backrests are provided in the correct positions. RailRoad backrests are common to all Edge, Loop and Delta bench products.


## Curved external backrests

When the backrest is on the outside of a curved seat we refer to this as an external backrest, with people facing inwards towards the centre point of the seat radius.


## Curved internal backrests

When the backrest is on the inside of a curved seat we refer to this as an internal backrest, with people facing outwards away from the centre point of the seat radius.


## Combined curved external \& internal backrests

On wave layout seating, a continuous backrest on one side requires both external \& internal backrests, joined at the change of direction junction on the bench, all of which is achievable with standard components.


BACKRESTS ILLUSTRATED:
RRBACK S + RRBACK E


BACKRESTS ILLUSTRATED:
RRBACK S125E + RRBACK E125E (on Edge bench 1.25 mm c/l radius)

STRAIGHT BACKRESTS
2-PERSON MODULES

| Start module | RRBACK-S |
| :--- | :--- |
| Mid module | RRBACK-M |
| End module | RRBACK-E |
| INDEPENDENT UNITS |  |
| 1950mm long bench | RRBACK |
| 3250mm long bench | RRBACK-S + RRBACK-E |

CURVED EXTERNAL BACKRESTS

| 2-PERSON MODULES | R1.25m C/L | R2.50m C/L | R3.75m C/L |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Start module | RRBACK-S125E | RRBACK-S250E | RRBACK-S375E |
| Mid module | RRBACK-M125E | RRBACK-M250E | RRBACK-M375E |
| End module | RRBACK-E125E | RRBACK-E250E | RRBACK-E375E |

INDEPENDENT UNITS

| 1950 mm long bench | RRBACK-125E | RRBACK-250E | RRBACK-375E <br> 3250 mm long bench |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| RRBACK-S125E <br> RRBACK-E125E | RRBACK-S250E + <br> RRBACK-E250E | RRBACK-S375E + <br> RRBACK-E375E |  |

CURVED INTERNAL BACKRESTS

2-PERSON MODULES
R1.25m C/L
Start module
Mid module
End module

| RRBACK-S125N | RRBACK-S250N |
| :--- | :--- |
| RRBACK-M125N | RRBACK-M250N |
| RRBACK-E125N | RRBACK-E250N |

RRBACK-S375N

RRBACK-M375N

RRBACK-E375N
INDEPENDENT UNITS

| 1950 mm long bench | RRBACK-125N | RRBACK-250N | RRBACK-375N |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 3250 mm long bench | RRBACK-S125N + <br> RRBACK-E125N | RRBACK-S250N + <br> RRBACK-E250N | RRBACK-S375N + <br> RRBACK-E375N |

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## Standard armrests

Constructed from robust 80 mm wide steel plate, standard armrests can be fitted between any two timber slats on a bench or seat, although aligning them with bench platform supports and at midpoints between will ensure comfortable spacings. There is one style specifically designed for use with benches (although these can also be used with seats if preferred), and another for seats with backrests. Armrests can be easily retro-fitted if required.


570 mm - gap between armrests
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## Timber-topped armrests

The addition of a timber slat to a steel armrest aids its use, improves comfort and looks good. The timber rail extends beyond the front of the steel armrest support, thereby providing a good grip area for less able-bodied people in particular to assist when lowering themselves onto or lifting off from the seats. A timber armrest is also warmer to the touch. At 110 mm wide, the flat timber is suitable for placing small items such as a coffee cup onto.


540 mm - gap between armrests


## RAILROAD TIMBER-TOPPED ARMREST

## RRAT-B

Armrest for bench

## RRAT-S

Armrest for seat (with backrest)

## Tablet surfaces

It is increasingly common for people to carry a small laptop or tablet device, and to use them in the outdoor environment. At 350 mm wide, the tablet (a small side table) is a useful addition to a bench, suitable for placing not only computer devices onto, but also food and drink, a book or newspaper. When using a tablet it is not advisable to use armrests in standard positions as the gaps between would be too narrow for comfortable seating.


950 mm - gap between tablets


1300 mm pitch
2-person module

## RAILROAD TABLET SURFACE

## RRTT-B

Tablet for bench

## RRTT-S

Tablet for seat (with backrest)

## RAILROAD CHAISE LONGUE

## Relax, put your feet up!

All RailRoad straight benches can be fitted with a chaise longue backrest, allowing users to put their feet up to relax and enjoy the outdoors, especially in the summer months. Chaise longue backrests can be fitted at any position along a bench, although we would recommend aligning them on the segment divisions as shown below to maximise the amount of useful seating space. Longer assemblies obviously give room to really stretch out and also lend themselves to the double-sided versions.


One module independent bench with chaise longue backrest


A two module bench allows room for chaise longue and regular seating


A two module bench also has space for back-to-back chaise longue seating


Three modules with back-to-back chaise longue and regular seating

## RAILROAD CHAISE LONGUE BACKREST

## RRCH 1

Single-sided backrest

## RRCH2

Double-sided backrest

## RAILROAD CHAISE LONGUE



## Double platforms and back-to-back seating

At 1400 mm wide, double width benches are large enough to be considered as small platforms that people can sit in the middle of, as well as around the edges. For safe handling the platform itself is divided into 2 sub-assembled parts, each essentially the same as the standard width platform, and available with all the same add-on options, including backrests, armrests and tablet surfaces. Double width platforms are also offered in the same 3 styles - Edge, Loop and Delta - as for standard seating, with the steel supports designed as complementary double width versions. Benches and seats can be used as independent units and joined together to form longer runs, and also combined with planters in an endless array of configuration options. As with all RailRoad range products, modularity and interchangeability comes as standard.



## RailRoced edge DOUBLE WIDTH

Square-form timbers define the sharp visual characteristics of the EDGE family. Platform supports are a closed-end steel box fabrication (these are open-ended on the standard width units) that gives a very heavy duty and robust aesthetic, and most often supplied in a galvanised only finish, which is popular on municipal schemes in particular.


RailRoad LOOP DOUBLE WIDTH
The rounded-end profile of the bench slats, combined with circular support posts are the distinctive features of the LOOP version of the RailRoad. The slats offer a greater degree of comfort for the sitter and a visually softer appearance than for other options making the design suited to sites where people sit for longer.


## RailRoted DELTA DOUBLE WIDTH

Gently angled-back edge slats and a complementary profile to the underseat support characterises the refined aesthetics of the DELTA version of the RailRoad range. The extra span of the platform necessitates the addition of a central vertical plate that isn't used on the standard width seating.


## RailRoad in the round

Curved seating, and circular arrangements in particular, are an increasingly popular choice on many landscape schemes. Inward facing curves offer greater sociability compared with linear seating, and outward facing seating is often used to encircle a prominent feature on a site, such as a specimen tree. The modular design of the RailRoad range is ideal for circular arrangements and we offer 3 standard diameters - $2.5 \mathrm{~m}, 5 \mathrm{~m}$ and 7.5 m (all measured on the seating platform centre line). These sizes all divide up to give common module lengths based on a 2 -person segment. Varying the combinations of Start, End and Mid Modules (and Double-Ends on some layouts) gives a wide variety of circular options, including fully enclosed circles, horseshoes with a single opening and circles with gaps for access into the central area. Part-circles can also be achieved by reducing the number of component seating modules. The extensive range of options shown comprise standard modules throughout, meaning that circular seating from the RailRoad range can be supplied at very competitive prices compared with bespoke designs. Internal or external backrests (or a mix of both) are compatible with all models and further options include armrests and tablet surfaces.

Note: Seating arrangements that contain End Modules include an extension section to one end, which adds approximately 300 mm to the centre line length of a 2-person segment. If there is an armrest at the end of the 2-person segment the extension can serve as a narrow perch-type seat. Without any armrests this area is a seamless extension of the main seating platform. Seating capacities as shown do not include for any additional seating provided by the extension area.

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## ENCLOSED CIRCLES

Full circular arrangements are ideal around site features such as trees, where users sit facing outwards and access to the central area is not needed.

## HORSESHOES

Circular arrangements with a single gap allow access to the central space and are popular as exterior teaching areas in school grounds.

## OPEN CIRCLES (NARROW GAPS)

Narrow gaps in circular arrangements are suitable for occasional access to the central area. The gaps serve to visually break up large volumes of seating.

OPEN CIRCLES (WIDE GAPS)
Wider gaps allow wheelchair access to the central area, making these arrangements the most versatile in terms of their use.

## Ø2.50m CIRCLE C/L (SEAT C/L RADIUS 1.25m)


$2 \times$ Start Modules $2 \times$ End Modules Seats 8 people Gaps $=465 \mathrm{~mm}$
$2 \times$ Double End Modules Seats 4 people Gaps $=1275 \mathrm{~mm}$

Ø5.0m CIRCLE C/L (SEAT C/L RADIUS 2.50 m )


Ø7.5m CIRCLE C/L (SEAT C/L RADIUS 3.75m)



## Seating with a twist

As with circular seating, wave-form / serpentine shapes are a popular choice for external seating provision, and are often employed in double aspect situations, where sitters can choose which way to view their surroundings. From just 3 standard radius options, a wide variety of wave forms can be offered by introducing changes of direction to the individual modules at different points creating a visual range from gentle waves to accentuated peaks and troughs. The examples shown opposite all use common modular seats in a single arrangement, meaning the pattern has a distinct visual geometry. Different radius seating modules can be joined to form more organic layouts.
As across the entire RailRoad range, there are 3 styles of seating offered - Edge, Loop and Delta - all of which are available with a range of optional add-on features, such as armrests, tablet surfaces and backrests.

Note: Seating arrangements that contain End Modules include an extension section to one end, which adds approximately 300 mm to the centre line length of a 2-person segment. If there is an armrest at the end of the 2-person segment the extension can serve as a narrow perch-type seat. Without any armrests this area is a seamless extension of the main seating platform. Seating capacities as shown do not include for any additional seating provided by the extension area.

## ALTERNATE DIRECTIONS

Changing the direction of adjacent curved seating modules results in a low profile wave layout, which provides a subtle variation to straight seating, without taking up too much space. All layouts shown provide 4 seating places.

## 2-SEGMENT DIRECTION CHANGES

Adjacent curved seats paired in the same direction accentuate the form of the wave, creating a more distinct S-shape layout, particularly on the tight radius models. These compact layouts provide a minimum of 8 seating places for good social seating provision.

## 3-SEGMENT DIRECTION CHANGES

Groups of 3 curved seat modules in the same direction give a pronounced wave dynamic. Each layout shown below is a continuous seat that will accommodate at least 12 people and makes a signficant visual statement on any site. These seats are ideal for busy sites where people take time to enjoy their surroundings. Tighter radius modules give the impression of two adjoined half circles, whereas the more relaxed curves create elongated S-shapes.

## C/L RADIUS 1.25 m MODULES


$3510 \times 1025 \mathrm{~mm}$ o/a
$1 \times$ Start Module
$1 \times$ End Module
Seats 4 people

$5255 \times 1950 \mathrm{~mm}$ o/a
$1 \times$ Start Module
$2 \times$ Mid Modules
$1 \times$ End Module
Seats 8 people

$1 \times$ Start Module $4 \times$ Mid Modules
$1 \times$ End Module
Seats 12 people

## C/L RADIUS 2.50 m MODULES


$3475 \times 865 \mathrm{~mm}$ o/a

$5970 \times 1370 \mathrm{~mm} \mathrm{o} / \mathrm{a}$

$8060 \times 2165 \mathrm{~mm}$ o/a
$1 \times$ Start Module
$4 \times$ Mid Modules
$1 \times$ End Module
Seats 12 people

## C/L RADIUS 3.75 m MODULES


$3425 \times 815 \mathrm{~mm}$ o/a
$1 \times$ Start Module
$1 \times$ End Module
Seats 4 people

$6030 \times 1150 \mathrm{~mm}$ o/a
$1 \times$ Start Module
$2 \times$ Mid Modules
$1 \times$ End Module
Seats 8 people

$1 \times$ Start Module
$4 \times$ Mid Modules
$1 \times$ End Module
Seats 12 people

## Ovals \& triangles

Circular enclosures - utilising common modules throughout - are popular seating layouts in many landscape schemes but so much so are now considered quite ordinary. With the RailRoad there is the option of mixing the module types to create more unusual layouts. Shown here is an oval comprising modules of 2 different radii, and a triangular arrangement achieved by adding straight line modules between the curves - all using standard modules, meaning these more distinctive arrangements cost no more than the equivalent-sized circles.


## OVAL

$4 \times$ R1.25m Curved Mid Modules
$4 \times$ R2.5m Curved Mid Modules
Seats 16 people
$4450 \mathrm{~mm} \times 3540 \mathrm{~mm}$ o/a


## TRIANGLE

$3 \times$ Straight Mid Modules
$6 \times$ R1.25m Curved Mid Modules
Seats 18 people
$4500 \mathrm{~mm} \times 4330 \mathrm{~mm} \mathrm{o}$ a

## Wavy-edged islands

Re-orientating selected modules in the opposite direction to the predominant curve creates a wavy-line edge to these seating arrangements. The figure of eight layout lends itself to perhaps 2 internal specimen trees - one in each lobe, and similarly the triangular version could accommodate 3 internal trees. Curved seating in general, and alternating the orientation of seating in particular, creates more semi-private spaces that encourages use of the seating, as people sitting alongside each other can face in slightly different directions.


FIGURE OF EIGHT
$10 \times$ R1.25m Curved Mid Modules Seats 20 people $5700 \mathrm{~mm} \times 3200 \mathrm{~mm}$ o/a

$12 \times$ R1.25m Curved Mid Modules Seats 24 people
$5700 \mathrm{~mm} \times 5370 \mathrm{~mm}$ o/a

## Propellers

These layouts combine double width straight seats on each arm of the propeller, joined by curved modules in the centre to give three seating orientations. The central gap in relatively small, meaning these layouts would suit placement around features such as a column, or perhaps a street clock. The geometry of the propeller allows multiple forms to be used together to create even larger scale honeycomb-type arrangements.


## PROPELLER

$3 \times$ Straight Double Width End Modules $3 \times$ R1.25m Curved Mid Modules Seats 18 people $5100 \mathrm{~mm} \times 4420 \mathrm{~mm}$ o/a ( $\varnothing 5090 \mathrm{~mm}$ )


PROPELLER EXTENDED
$3 \times$ Straight Double Width End Modules $6 \times$ R2.5m Curved Mid Modules Seats 24 people $6350 \mathrm{~mm} \times 5500 \mathrm{~mm}$ o/a ( $\varnothing 6525 \mathrm{~mm}$ )

## Open eyes

Straight line continuous seating might be considered fairly monotonous, offering only a single aspect (or double if back-to-back) that may have to be 'broken' where there are site features in the way. By adding curved modules the seating can divert around existing site features and also presents a far more visually interesting seating solution. When used in a back-to-back arrangement as shown on the examples here, the seats are an unusual variation to a circular tree seat, that would be suited to a linear street layout as it takes up much less space than a full circle.


## OPEN EYE

$2 \times$ Straight Double Width End Modules $6 \times$ R1.25m Curved Mid Modules Seats 20 people $6980 \mathrm{~mm} \times 2400 \mathrm{~mm}$ o/a

OPEN EYE EXTENDED
$2 \times$ Straight Double Width End Modules $8 \times$ R2.5m Curved Mid Modules Seats 24 people
$8230 \mathrm{~mm} \times 2740 \mathrm{~mm}$ o/a

## Endless possibilities

Just like with a model train track, the layout options with RailRoad seating are almost endless, with all straight and curved modules being interchangeable. Backrests can be fitted in long runs or just to selected modules, and armrests and tablets can be fitted at any point along the seating run. Whilst the example layout shown here is unlikely to be a serious proposition for any site, it demonstrates the flexibility offered by the RailRoad seating range. The only model train track components not scaled up for the RailRoad range are points, buffers and signals!



Key: basic bench modules on example configuration shown:

SS Straight Start
SM Straight Mid
SE Straight End
CM 1 Curved Mid, 1.25 m c/l radius
CM 2 Curved Mid, 2.50 m c/l radius

## All abourd the RailRoud!

If you have a requirement for a site-specific layout, our designers are happy to visualise the configuration for you. Simply let us know the approximate overall area that you have available, the forms and features that you are interested in, and leave the rest to us.

## Case study: University of Leicester Brookfield Campus

Brookfield - a satellite site to the central campus - is a recent acquisition that the University of Leicester is developing to offer supplementary and upgraded teaching facilities and office accommodation for support staff. The site comprises a mixture of historic buildings and distinctive late twentieth century constructions with enclosed courtyards. One of these courtyards is the first area to be redeveloped at Brookfield, designed to offer an external rest and relaxation area, or even be used as a meeting space when the weather is suitable, by the Estates Management team staff from the surrounding offices. When selecting seating for the scheme, landscape architects Barry Chinn Associates truly embraced the modular concept of RailRoad, so much so that the setting out of the perimeter planting beds was dictated by the seating sizes. Three separate seats were supplied, each comprising different radii modules that introduce a refreshing informality to the courtyard, especially compared to the very linear layout of the space previously. The seating is further enhanced by the addition and informal placement of backrests, armrests and tablet surfaces, which are useful for placing paperwork, laptops, or simply a coffee on. Unusually, the seating combines straight-cut 'Edge' timbers with the round post 'Loop' seat supports.


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# RAILROAD SCHEME DESIGN 



## Case study: Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, USA

The Research Triangle Park (RTP) is one of the most prominent high-tech research and development parks in the United States, centred on the three hub cities of Raleigh, Durham, and Chapel Hill, and their research universities. RTP was created in 1959 by state and local governments, academic establishments and local businesses and is now home to over 200 companies employing 50,000 workers, including the second largest IBM operation in the world, and GlaxoSmithKline's largest R \& D centre, all within 10 square miles of pine forest setting. Although buildings and roadways divide and traverse the park, expanses of the original forest remain, providing an attractive outdoor environment for the staff to use at break times and even for informal meetings. RailRoad seating was chosen for one such area as its inherent flexible design allows endless configuration options that could be arranged around the trees and other existing site features. The Loop version - with its round-ended timber slats and circular post supports - visually complemented the environment, and was the simplest of the RailRoad styles to supply with extended legs to allow in-ground installation on the undulating ground. The steelwork was finished in a vibrant green, to contrast with the deeper tones of the surrounding pine trees. Letterform cycle stands spelling 'EAT' were installed near to the seating, with other words used elsewhere around the park.

## Letterform

Designed as cycle stands but also used to spell out words and create interesting landscape features at the Research Triangle Park.

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CS 1 Curved Start, 1.25 m c/l radius
SS Straight Start
SM Straight Mid
CM 1 Curved Mid, 1.25 m c/l radius
CM 2 Curved Mid, 2.50 m c/l radius
CE 1 Curved End, 1.25 m c/l radius
SE Straight End


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## Straight line seating

RailRoad Inline is designed as a cost effective alternative to the original RailRoad product range for independent and continuous run straight line only seating. Timber slats on the seat platform and backrest are re-orientated to run in line with the seat length, meaning less machining, eradicating the need for a full length steel support chassis, and with supports at a wider span. As with RailRoad there are 3 styles of seat supports - Edge, Loop and Delta each with the ends of the timber slats machined in a complimentary profile. Seat assemblies are supplied as starter, mid and end modules to allow long lines of visually seamless continuous seating, with backrests, amrests and tablet surfaces all available as optional extras on all models. Even more effective seating solutions are offered by the RailRoad Inline narrow width bench options.



## RAILROAD INLINE SEATING



## Compact, cost effective benches

At around 700 mm wide, the standard width RailRoad seating platforms offer a generous seating area, allowing people to perch on both sides at the same time. This width also allows for backrests to be added within the overall width of the seat. Where only benches (seating without backrests) are required, and / or there are budgetary constraints, the RailRoad Narrow Bench range is an alternative solution.


STANDARD BENCH
allows perch seating from both sides


NARROW BENCH
suits one person on each part at any one time


All 3 standard RailRoad styles - Edge, Loop and Delta - are offered in straight versions and 3 curved sizes in the RailRoad Narrow Bench range of products. The design principles and geometry remain as for the standard width bench, allowing all the same inter-changeability and configuration layout options, including:

- Straight lines
- Circles - enclosed, open and horsehoes
- Wave-forms
- Organic combinations of any of the above


RailRoed edge narrow


RailR $\boldsymbol{R}$ ed LOOP NARROW


RAILROAD NARROW BENCHES GENERAL SPECIFICATION
Steel frame \& seat supports for bolt-down surface fixing, hot dip galvanised

+ PPC finish, with iroko timber seat slats
OPTIONS
- Extended depth supports for in-ground installation (not Delta)
- Armrests - all-steel or steel with iroko top
- Tablet -350 mm wide, steel with iroko top
- Polyester powder coated steelwork to any RAL reference
- Timbers with UV protective finish
- Square-ended 'Edge' timber slats with Loop \& Delta supports


MODEL illustrated:
RRBESN S + RRBESN E (3250mm longl)


MODEL ILLUSTRATED:
RRBLRN S + RRBLRN E (3250mm longl)


RAILROAD EDGE STRAIGHT NARROW BENCH

2-PERSON MODULES

Start modules, 1615mm long

Mid modules, 1300 mm long
End modules, 1615 mm long
INDEPENDENT BENCHES
1950 mm long
3250 mm long

RAILROAD LOOP STRAIGHT NARROW BENCH

2-PERSON MODULES
Start modules, 1615 mm long
Mid modules, 1300mm long
End modules, 1615 mm long
INDEPENDENT BENCHES
1950 mm long
3250 mm long
RRBLRN-1950
RRBLRN-S + RRBLRN-E

RRBLRN-S
RRBLRN-M
RRBLRN-E

RAILROAD DELTA STRAIGHT NARROW BENCH
2-PERSON MODULES

Start modules, 1615 mm long
Mid modules, 1300 mm long
End modules, 1615 mm long
INDEPENDENT SEATS
1950 mm long
3250 mm long


MODEL ILLUSTRATED:
RRBDAN S + RRBDAN E (3250mm long)

## RAILROAD NARROW CURVED BENCHES

Note: lengths for curved modules correspond with equivalent straight benches, with lengths measured along bench centre line


MODEL ILLUSTRATED:
RRBESN SR125 + RRBESN EL125 (3250mm long c/l)


MODEL ILLUSTRATED:
RRBLRN SR125 + RRBLRN EL125 (3250mm long c/l)

MODEL ILLUSTRATED:
RRBDAN SR125 + RRBDAN EL125 ( 3250 mm long c/l)

RAILROAD EDGE CURVED NARROW BENCH

| 2-PERSON MODULES | R1.25m C/L | R2.50m C/L | R3.75m C/L |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Start module left hand | RRBESN-SL125 <br> Start module right hand <br> RRBESN-SR125 | RRBESN-SL250 <br> RRBESN-SR250 | RRBESN-SL375 <br> RRBESN-SR375 |
| Mid module | RRBESN-M125 | RRBESN-M250 | RRBESN-M375 |
| End module left hand | RRBESN-EL125 | RRBESN-EL250 | RRBESN-EL375 |
| End module right hand | RRBESN-ER125 | RRBESN-ER250 | RRBESN-ER375 |

INDEPENDENT BENCHES

| 1950 mm long | RRBESN-125 | RRBESN-250 | RRBESN-375 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 3250mm long | RRBESN-SR125+ <br> RRBESN-EL125 | RRBESN-SR250+ <br> RRBESN-EL250 | RRBESN-SR375+ <br> RRBESN-EL375 |

RAILROAD LOOP CURVED NARROW BENCH

2-PERSON MODULES
Start module left hand Start module right hand

Mid module
End module left hand End module right hand

R1.25m C/L
RRBLRN-SL125E RRBLRN-SR125E

RRBLRN-M125E
RRBLRN-EL125E RRBLRN-ER125E

R2.50m C/L
RRBLRN-SL250E RRBLRN-SR250E RRBLRN-M250E RRBLRN-EL250E RRBLRN-ER250E

R3.75m C/L
RRSESN-SL375E RRBLRN-SR375E

RRBLRN-M375E
RRBLRN-EL375E RRBLRN-ER375E

INDEPENDENT BENCHES

| 1950 mm long | RRBLRN-125E | RRBLRN-250E | RRBLRN-375E <br> RRBLRN-SR125E+ <br> RRBLRN-EL125E |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | | RRBLRN-SR250E+ |
| :--- |
| RRBLRN-EL250E | | RRBLRN-SR375E+ |
| :--- |
| RRBLRN-EL375E |

RAILROAD DELTA CURVED NARROW BENCH

| 2-PERSON MODULES | R1.25m C/L | R2.50m C/L |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Start module left hand <br> Start module right hand | RRBDAN-SL125N <br> RRBDAN-SR125N | RRBDAN-SL250N <br> RRBDAN-SR250N |
| Mid module | RRBDAN-M125N | RRBDAN-M250N |
| End module left hand | RRBDAN-EL125N | RRBDAN-EL250N |
| End module right hand | RRBDAN-ER125N | RRBDAN-ER250N |

R3.75m C/L
RRBDAN-SL375N RRBDAN-SR375N

RRBDAN-M375N
RRBDAN-EL375N
RRSESN-ER375N
INDEPENDENT BENCHES
1950 mm long
3250 mm long
RRBDAN-125N
RRBDAN-SR125N+
RRBDAN-EL125N
RRBDAN-250N
RRBDAN-SR250N+
RRBDAN-EL250N

RRBDAN-375N
RRBDAN-R375N+ RRBDAN-EL375N
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## Tables for a coordinated scheme

RailRoad tables are designed to complement the seating range, with heavy duty iroko timber slats fixed to tough galvanised steel support structures. The table top platform is mounted on a choice of 3 support options - to match the Edge, Loop and Delta seating units. Tables are offered in a length of 1950 mm to comfortably accommodate 3 people on each side, or even 4 people at a slight squeeze. This length corresponds with all standard 'independent' seating options from the RailRoad range, meaning tables can be used with the standard benches, with or without backs, and also the narrow bench versions, which is a popular combination for picnic sites. Two table widths are offered, with the wider versions recommended for outdoor dining provision.


## EXAMPLE TABLE \& SEATING SET:

Table: RailRoad Edge supports with standard table top 1950 mm long $\times 825 \mathrm{~mm}$ wide
Benches: RailRoad Edge Narrow independent benches 1950 mm long $\times 450 \mathrm{~mm}$ wide


## RAILROAD TABLES

Steel frame \& seat supports for bolt-down surface fixing, hot dip galvanised + PPC finish, with iroko timber slats

## RAILROAD EDGE

RRTE-825
1950 mm long $\times 825 \mathrm{~mm}$ wide table
OPTIONS (ALL MODELS):

- Through socket in table top for parasol
- Timbers with UV protective finish


## RAILROAD LOOP

RRTL-825
1950 mm long $\times 825 \mathrm{~mm}$ wide table
RRTL-930
1950mm long $\times 930 \mathrm{~mm}$ wide table

## RAILROAD DELTA

RRTD-825
1950mm long $\times 825 \mathrm{~mm}$ wide table

## RRTD-930

1950mm long $\times 930 \mathrm{~mm}$ wide table

- Extended depth supports for in-ground installation (not Delta)
- Polyester powder coated steelwork to any RAL reference




## Haberdashers' Aske's School for Girls

The Excelsior Building is a new addition to the impressive Haberdashers' Aske's School campus in Borehamwood, providing a new performance hall, mezzanine café, function room and general teaching spaces, together with courtyard improvements and roof top terraces. The courtyard comprises planted beds, with social spaces and pathways in a mix of resin-bound gravels and synthetic grass surfaces. To allow pupils to enjoy this new outdoor space a seating system was required that was sufficiently flexible to be able to follow the curves and angles of the planting beds, and RailRoad was the ideal choice. The Delta support version was selected, with site-specific features including square-cut RailRoad 'Edge' style timbers, a reduced width seating surface of 520 mm (compared with 700 mm of the standard specification and 450 mm for the standard narrow width version benches) and the under-seat support platform supplied in stainless steel. In total over 60 linear metres of RailRoad was supplied, for 4 long curvi-linear seating runs and also some shorter independent straight units.

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RAILROAD BESPOKE VARIATIONS


## Coordinated planters with integrated seating

Planters are the latest addition to the RailRoad family, building on the popularity of the seating ranges to offer the specifier a wider range of fully coordinated products. As with the seating designs, modularity and flexibility are key, allowing products to be joined in an infinite number of layout combinations. RailRoad planters are amongst the most robust from our entire range - constructed in folded heavy section plate steel with the exterior finished in a tough polyester powder coated finish and a GRP-lined interior - they form a rigid, durable construction designed to stand the test of time. We have considered the sustainability of the planting as well, building in as standard the provision for a gravel drainage / reservoir base and a drainage outlet pipe that can be used or simply capped off if not required. As well as combining with seating, planters can also be used as independent units and are available in a variety of plan sizes and in two standard heights, to be flush with or higher than seating platform level. The robust timber top rim allows the edges of the planters to be safely used as short term perch seating.


## RailRoad Planters

Refer to our planter-specific e-brochure at the link below for details and examples of both independent units and planters used in combination with RailRoad seating modules.
http://issuu.com/furnitubes/docs/furnitubes_railroad_ planters__seat/1?e=1460965/33262515


RAILROAD INTEGRATED SEATING \& PLANTERS


## Straight seating module + planter at start / end

Planters can be used at the start / end of a seating run. Cube planters might contain single large specimen plants, whereas troughs offer greater planting opportunities to make a more significant display.


## Straight seating modules + planter in mid position

Placing a planter within a seating run serves to break it up into smaller segments, creating more private areas with planting between, which people who are not acquainted are more likely to use than if the seating is a single continuous line.


## Straight seating modules + planter as corner unit

Where seats are arranged in L-shapes, the corner section between the two arms is not a very effective seating area. Placing a planter in this area is an ideal use for an otherwise redundant space, and also serves to provide separation between adjacent seats.


## Straight seating module + planters at start / end position

If planters are used at both ends, the seating platform can simply bridge between them. With the weight and stability offered by the planters and their fill material, this type of assembly can generally be left freestanding.


## Curved triangle

At 3.2 m overall diameter, the smallest size RailRoad seating circle may be too large for some sites. Using 3 curved seating segments with cube planters creates a smaller and more unusual arrangement that suits placement around a tree or other feature.

$3 \times$ Cube Planters
$3 \times$ R2.5m Mid Module Seats
Seats 6 people
$2830 \mathrm{~mm} \times 2730 \mathrm{~mm}$ o/a


## Ellipse

An ellipse is an alternative to a full circle and takes up less space, using cube planters at the points and curved seating segments between. An attractive shape in its own right, this layout is also suitable for setting out around a specimen tree.

$2 \times$ Cube Planters
$6 \times$ R2.5m Mid Module Seats
Seats 12 people
$5020 \mathrm{~mm} \times 2660 \mathrm{~mm}$ o/a

## Round-cornered triangle

A triangluar layout is a distinctive variation on a circular enclosure, with trough planters that divide the assembly into smaller sections of seating. If one set of the seating pairs is removed the seating could be used as either inward or outward facing.

$3 \times$ Trough Planters
$6 \times$ R1.25m Mid Module Seats
Seats 12 people
$4500 \mathrm{~mm} \times 4330 \mathrm{~mm}$ o/a


## Propeller

Trough planters at the end of each point offer the opportunity of significant planting, with the 3 sets of paired platforms providing curved seating between. The geometry of this layout even allows multiples to be linked together for further seating provision.

$3 \times$ Trough Planters $6 \times$ R1.25m Mid Module Seats Seats 12 people $4710 \mathrm{~mm} \times 4110 \mathrm{~mm}$ o/a
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## Case study: University of Leicester

Fielding Johnson Square lies at the heart of the University of Leicester main campus, flanked by three distinctive 1960s high rise buildings, including the Engineering Building the first major construction by renowned British architect Sir James Stirling. Created on the site of a former car park, the square has become the university's main public realm space and pedestrian crossroads, designed as an outdoor meeting place for staff, students and visitors. Earlier works included new paving, soft landscaping and lighting, powerpoints and WiFi infrastructure. The latest phase of works has introduced extensive seating and planter provision, all required to be freestanding so it can be moved around the square according to the space required for events such as Freshers' week. Furnitubes' RailRoad range of planters and seating was the ideal choice for this application, as modules can be joined together (and also readily disassembled) to create large stable structures without the need to permanently fix them to the ground. To aid manoeuvrability, planters were designed with higher-than-normal feet to allow access beneath for a low level pallet truck to quickly move the products around the site. In addition to the RailRoad range, other products supplied to the scheme include Hollo stools, bespoke Elements Goalpost table and bench picnic sets, and Arca dual compartment litter and recycling bins.


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RAILROAD INTEGRATED SEATING \& PLANTERS


## Standard bolt-down fixing

All benches, seats and tables are fitted with a base plate to all supports, pre-drilled for M10 or M12 ground anchors. Surface-mounted boltdown installation suits sites where the ground is relatively level and where the existing substrate is of sufficient mass and stability to fix into or where new foundation blocks can be laid.


RailRoad EDGE

$\underset{\text { LOOP }}{\text { RailRad }}$


> RailRoad DELTA

## Alternative fixing methods

Where the ground slopes, a standard bolt-down installation may not be suitable, as seating and table top surfaces would echo the falls of the ground level. There are two alternative base / installation options that can be supplied on RailRoad Edge and Railroad Loop products, both of which enable horizontal surfaces to be installed true plumb even on sloping ground. For the RailRoad Delta range of products the tapered faces of the supports are less suited to below ground fixing as variable installation depths on adjacent supports would result in an inconsistent appearance; Delta products are therefore best suited to bolt-down installation onto level ground.

## Below ground bolt-down (Edge \& Loop)

Steel supports can be extended in depth, with a base plate for bolting down to a concrete foundation block set below the finished paving level, and at sufficient depth to allow paving to be overlaid. All steel supports are generally supplied at the same height, meaning foundation blocks must be set true plumb rather than at a constant depth below finished ground level. The main advantage of this method is that the product can be fairly easily removed without the need to break out a full concrete foundation.

## Cast-in post support (Edge \& Loop)

Steel supports can be supplied at extended lengths for setting into a concrete foundation block. This method is a relatively quick and easy installation, but removal of the product can be disruptive as the finished surface as well as the concrete have to be broken out and excavated.

Products for either of these installation methods are designed and manufactured to the dimensions to suit your site. Other site-specific details can be designed and supplied as required.



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