

# Pluto

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**WHO ARE YOU?**

I'm Pluto, a one of a kind sculptural, elliptical bench. I'm scaled for one, or I can be a cozy seat for two—so my size helps to define personal space in public facilities. Grouped together, me and my siblings can create intriguing arrangements.

**WHERE ARE YOU FROM?**

I was conceived in London, England, but born and raised in the good old USA (Grand Rapids, MI).

**WHAT ONE WORD BEST DESCRIBES YOU?**

Charismatic

**HOW DO YOU DEFINE GOOD DESIGN?**

I'll have to defer to my designer, Simon Pengelly, who says: "A good design must have 'soul,' be accessible, and have timeless appeal."

**WHAT INSPIRES YOU?**

Collaborating with creative architects and designers and having the opportunity to express myself by being tailored in leather, felt or in unexpected combinations.

**HOW DO YOU LESSEN YOUR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT?**

I'm constructed of FSC-certified plywood and

FSC-certified high-density fiberboard. My ballast is play sand that can be purchased locally, saving freight cost and energy.

**WHAT DO YOU SEE WHEN YOU LOOK IN THE MIRROR?**

Honestly? A radically distinctive bench! And because I am asymmetrical, I look slightly different from every angle.

**IN WHAT TYPE OF INTERIOR ENVIRONMENT DO YOU MAKE THE GREATEST IMPACT?**

I possess an extraordinary ability to attract people in public spaces. I'm comfortable in university common areas, libraries, lobbies, and informal meeting areas, to name a few.

**WHAT WOULD BE YOUR DREAM JOB?**

In this economy, every job is a dream. I recently received offers from Google *and* Skype to work in Silicon Valley, CA ... and I'm taking both of them! 