

# Eames Storage Unit ESU

Charles & Ray Eames, 1949

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## ESU Bookcase, ESU Shelves

In 1949, Charles and Ray Eames developed an innovative system of freestanding, multifunctional shelves and desks. Similar to the simultaneously constructed Eames House, these designs adhered to the principles of industrial production: the Eames Storage Unit (ESU) and the Eames Desk Unit (EDU).

In collaboration with the Eames Office and the Dutch designer Hella Jongerius, a

carefully defined new colour scheme was chosen to give the ESU a fresh and contemporary look while still celebrating the spirit of the 1940s and ,50s. The wider ESU Shelf is available in various heights, from a sideboard to a tall bookshelf. The ESU Bookcase is somewhat narrower and only available in one standard height.

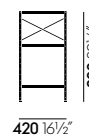
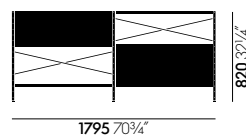
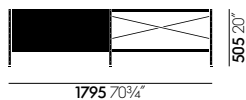
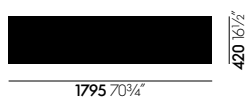
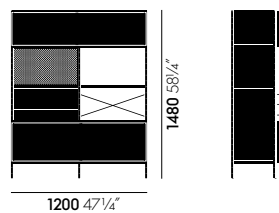
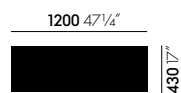
### Materials

- **Metal surfaces:** black powder coating.
- **Shelves:** maple plywood with birch face veneer, clear lacquer.
- **Panels:** powder-coated aluminium.
- **Feet:** can be levelled individually.

### ESU Bookcase

- **Sliding doors:** moulded plywood lacquered

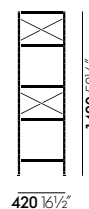
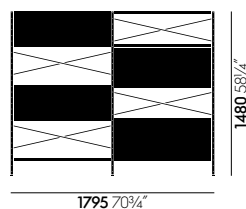
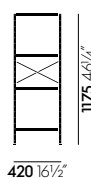
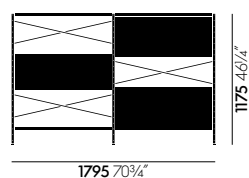
Measurements



ESU Bookcase

ESU Shelf, 1 HU

ESU Shelf, 2 HU



ESU Shelf, 3 HU

ESU Shelf, 4 HU

Surfaces and colours

ESU Shelf, 1 HU



86  
rusty orange



85  
fawn



25  
mauve grey

Panels

ESU Shelf, 2 HU



83  
pale blue



86  
rusty orange



85  
fawn



25  
mauve grey

Panels

ESU Shelf, 3 HU

ESU Shelf, 4 HU

ESU Bookcase



83  
pale blue



86  
rusty orange



84  
Eames red



85  
fawn



25  
mauve grey

Panels



natural birch

Shelf



black powder-coated (smooth)

Metal

