

2. The combination of a chair and a stool base portion in accordance with claim 1, characterized in that:

said lower portion comprises a first portion near said upper portion, and a second portion spaced away from said first portion; and

said base portion extends generally upward to said saddle.

3. The combination of a chair and a stool base portion in accordance with claim 2, characterized in that:

the saddle further comprises a top surface and a perimeter edge incorporating the back and front edges, circumscribing the top surface and defining the top surface with a rotationally asymmetric geometry; and

the lower portion receptacle and the saddle perimeter edge correspond with one another so that the base couples with the frame only in one specific rotational orientation.

4. The combination of a chair and a stool base portion in accordance with claim 2 wherein a first of the two base legs extends generally arcuately downward from a lower portion left side and second portion, and from the lower portion left side and first portion, and a second of the two base legs extends generally arcuately downward from a frame lower portion right side and second portion, and from the frame lower portion right side and first portion, with the base legs defining the rockers.

5. The combination of a chair and a stool base portion in accordance with claim 4 wherein the rockers define protective rails.

6. The combination of a chair and a stool base portion in accordance with claim 2, characterized in that said lower portion further comprises a latch moving between closed and open positions.

7. The combination of a chair and a stool base portion in accordance with claim 6, characterized in that said saddle cooperates with said lower portion latch so that said saddle is releasably captured by said latch.

8. The combination of a chair and a stool base portion in accordance with claim 1, characterized in that the saddle further comprises a top surface that faces upward, and that defines at least one of a working surface, a writing surface and a sitting surface.

9. The combination of a chair and a stool base portion in accordance with claim 1 wherein the base portion further includes a pedestal that extends generally upward to the saddle and includes a connector that operatively connects the saddle with the pedestal, the connector including at least one of a tilt mechanism whereby the saddle tilts relative to the pedestal and a swivel mechanism whereby the saddle swivels relative to the pedestal.

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