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RENEGADE GAME CHAIR

CUTTING-EDGE CHAIRWARE FOR GAMERS

Twelve sound-activated vibrating motors. Head-mounted stereo speakers. Red lights that pulse in time to sound effects. This is alpha geekery at its grittiest, feng shui for gamers, take-no-prisoners nerdcore interior decorating. What it isn't, unfortunately, is an ideal chair for PC gamers.

Don't get me wrong—I dig a massage chair as much as the next dude, especially one that also connects to the sound output of my laptop or MP3 player and makes me feel as if I've been hit with a sock full of sand every time I take a wrench to the caboose in *BioShock*. I like that the vibration effects and sensitivity are



adjustable. And it's got a cup holder and a storage bin for my gamepad and Sno-Balls.

But after that, the excitement starts to peter away. The built-in speakers sound like a cheap desktop set, and the volume slider seems poorly calibrated, so it has little effect between the settings of ear-shattering and nearly muted. The chair cannot be raised any further off the ground, making it awkward to use with a desktop display and almost impossible to use with a mouse, and tilting it back is difficult without first removing the detachable armrests.

Typing of the Dead on a laptop with the vibration effects rattling the fillings out of your teeth may be this chair's killer app. But it's a lot of money for a chair from which few PC gamers will get their money's worth. ☹

Renegade Game Chair
www.ultimategamechair.com

\$299



PC GAMER
FINAL VERDICT

58%

PC RATING: 0% BETTER *** 100%

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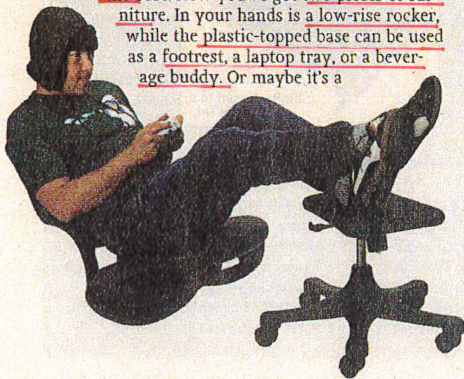
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THE TREY CHAIR

SEATING LIMITED ONLY BY YOUR MIND

The Trey appears to be an ordinary armless office chair; a cut above in design, perhaps, but not exceptionally attractive or remarkable. You'd walk right past it if you didn't know any better.

But let me tell you something—this is the Optimus Prime of chairs. Because underneath the rear of the seat is a small paddle, and a quick squeeze releases a catch that allows you to effortlessly lift the top portion away from the base. Now you've got two pieces of furniture. In your hands is a low-rise rocker, while the plastic-topped base can be used as a footrest, a laptop tray, or a beverage buddy. Or maybe it's a



place for a friend to sit. Maybe it's a moveable carriage for a cat with no legs. The limitations exist only in your mind.

Now, let's be clear on one thing: I'm so lazy that I sometimes eat yogurt for lunch just to avoid chewing, so if the chair didn't really detach as easily as described and then click back firmly into a one-piece by simply dropping the top portion onto the base and giving it a firm push, I would never bother. Luckily, it does, and I do.

So, who wouldn't be happy with the Trey? It's a spectacularly comfortable console gaming throne to drop in front of the television when it's slouched into rocker/footrest mode, and it's a firm, upright PC gaming chair at your desk that's height-, tilt-, and tilt-tension-adjustable (as I'd expect from a chair at this price). The fabric upholstery feels a bit plasticky and harsh, but otherwise, the Trey is cleverly designed, sturdy, and practical. In fact, it's one of the coolest upgrades you can buy for your ass. ☺

The Trey Chair
www.treychair.com

\$239 (fabric)
\$269 (faux leather)



PC GAMER
FINAL VERDICT

90%

PC RATING: 0% BETTER *** 100%

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