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Bocci is a design and manufacturing company based in Vancouver and Berlin. Founded in 2005 under the creative directorship of Omer Arbel, Bocci is committed to fostering a lateral and open-ended relationship between creative direction and craft.

The company launched with one lighting design, '14', which became an instant classic and remains a design staple and bestseller. Bocci's growing portfolio of sculptural lighting is developed, engineered and fabricated in-house, through an infrastructure calibrated to provide full control over technique, quality and scale. In 2015, Bocci transformed a historic Berlin building into a showroom and archive. 'Bocci 79' inhabits a 2,200 m² / 23,600 sq.ft former courthouse, constructed in 1896, showcasing over a decade of works by Omer Arbel, ranging from pieces in progress, prototypes and ideas, to the complete range of catalogue pieces developed for Bocci.





Based between Vancouver and Berlin, Omer Arbel cultivates a fluid position between the fields of architecture, sculpture, invention and design.

Focal themes of his work include ongoing investigations of intrinsic mechanical, physical and chemical qualities of materials, and the exploration of light as a dynamic medium.



Bocci Products



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folded back onto itself numerous iteration, air is trapped between the folds and stretched along the grain of the loop, creating numerous micro filaments which optical quality. A light source is introduced at one end of the loop, casting light through the







84 consists of a white glass bubble that is captured inside a fine copper mesh basket and then plunged into hot clear glass. Air push the white glass through the Undulations in the exterior shape are a natural consequence of the fabrication process and different in each iteration of the procedure, optically accentuating the gentle white pillowing below.









76

76 results from introducing a vacuum into a stratum composed of hot white and clear glass with copper mesh between; the vacuum causes the white layer to pull away through the embedded mesh, leaving numerous tendrils of white glass suspended within an interstitial space as it goes.



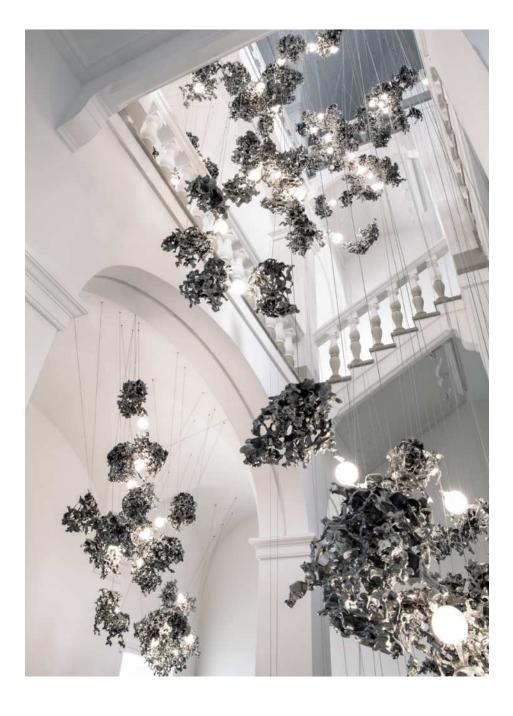




Each 44 results from a free pour of molten aluminum into a large canister filled with rock-like modules of resinimpregnated sand, a waste product of conventional sand casting. Low voltage electricity is transmitted through the castings, allowing a light source to be suspended between them without using cables.











73 results from blowing liquid glass into a folded and highly heat-resistant ceramic fabric vessel. The resulting shape has the form and texture intuitively associated with fabric, but with the optics and tactility of glass. A flat light source is positioned to fil the resulting volume with diffused light, encouraging a volumetric reading.







16 is formed by sequentially mouring three separate puddles molten glass of varying pacity and colour over a horizontal plane. Each layer responds to the indeterminate shape of the previous pour to create a layered whole. Two of these pieces are then attached





16 tree installation (Fairmont Pacific Rim Hotel, Vancouver, Canada)



38 pushes the fabrication technique originally devel for 28, which involves the creation of controlled implosion to its technical and materia limits. A large glass spher blown with a multitude of haphazard interior cavities, w intersect and collide with eac other. Several of these sate cavities are deep enough to hold

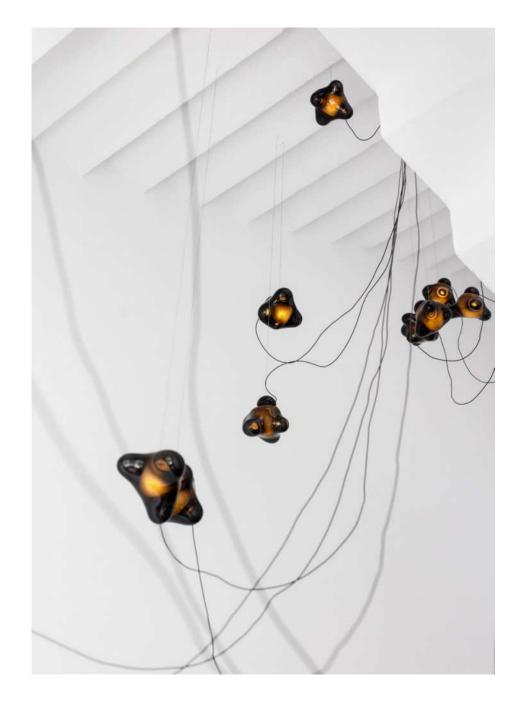






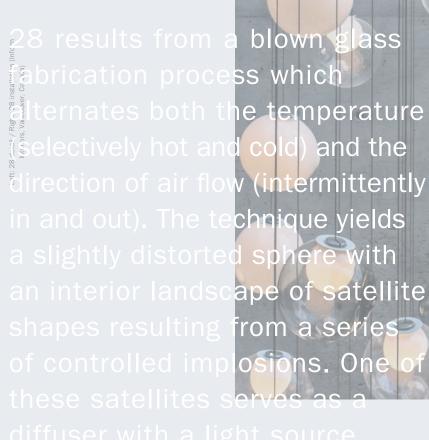


57 results from a fabrication process whereby air voids trapped in clear glass bubbles of different sizes are clumped together and then submerged in a mass of dark translucent glass. One of the voids contains a light source. The air pockets are invisible when the piece is unlit, but appear when filled with light, exposing the volumetric complexity within.













28 colours



A wide variety of colours are available and can be viewed at 28.bocci.ca. 28 installation (Bocci 79, Berlin, Germany)







21 results from a fabrication process in which thin porcelain sheets are draped over an inverted diffuser made of sandblasted borosilicate glass with a light source. The thin porcelain skin is allowed to dress the borosilicate core in whatever form occurs naturally in each iteration of the procedure.









14 results from pouring glass into a hemispherical mould. As the glass cools, a meniscus shape forms on the open face of the piece. Two of these pieces are joined to form an articulated sphere, with the two meniscus voids in the middle yielding a certain optical quality. A cylindrical void passes through both hemispheres and houses a light source.





Bocci Projects

Victoria & Albert Museum



2013

The Victoria & Albert Museum commission involved 280 mouth-blown 28 series spheres cascading more than 30 metres from the museum's vaulted ceiling. Copper tube suspension was introduced, adding volume and presence to the piece. The intent was to contrast the monumental height, symmetry and austerity of the V&A atrium with the colour and compositional awkwardness of the installation.







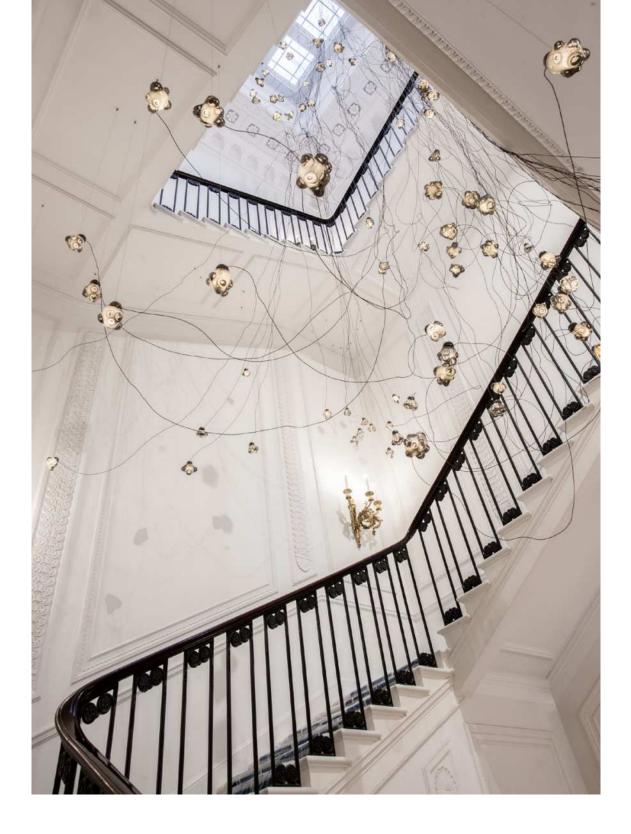




Canada House



57.157 is a permanent light installation comprised of 157 individual glass pieces that reflect the abundant natural light in the Canada House stairway. The installation is composed of stratified layers of reflective, one-way mirrored glass and black semirigid cable. Eye-level pieces and higher tangles of glass and wire create areas of intensity and relative calm, encouraging a visceral experience of the light in the space.





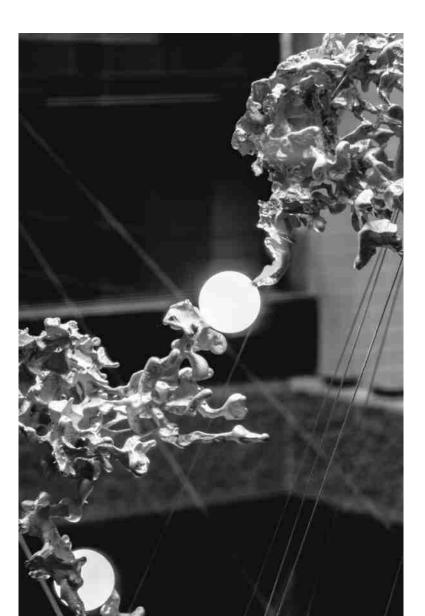
Barbican Foyer Commission



2016

44 is an immersive light installation commissioned for the Lightwell in the Barbican foyer. Over 151 free-poured aluminum forms were suspended from the ceiling by a matrix of thin cables, evoking both weightlessness and mass and entering into dialogue with the Barbican's famous bush-hammered concrete surfaces.







Fairmont Pacific Rim 20



16.480 was commissioned as a public art piece. The installation consists of 480 glass pendants supported by a set of site-specific, tree-like minarets. These "trees" rise out of a landscape constructed of burnt wood planks and form an immersive canopy of light reaching up to 6m in height.









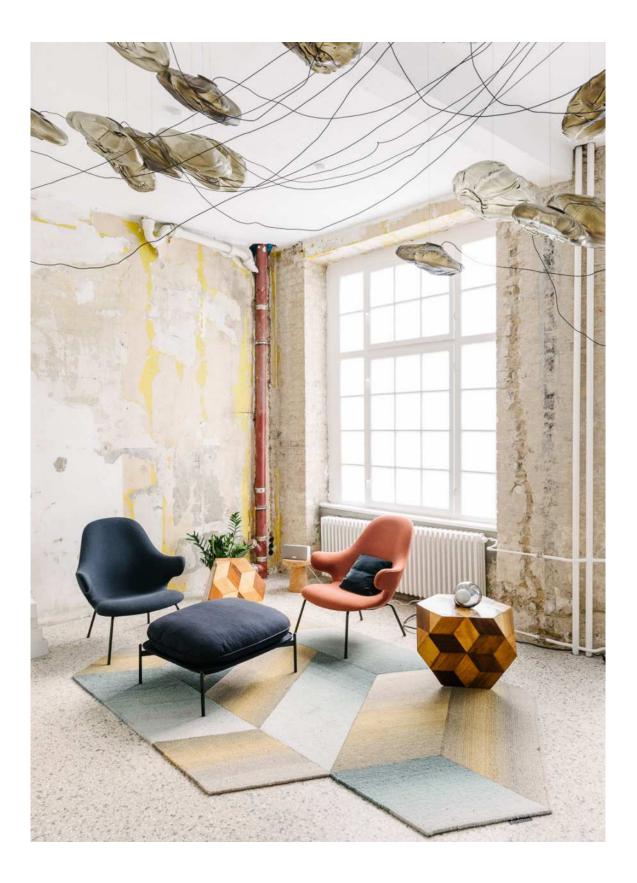
Freunde von Freunden 2016



73.117 is part of a collaboration with the Freunde von Freunden loft in Berlin-Kreuzberg. The installation describes patches of domestic space while subverting the need for vertical height with a system of semi-rigid suspension and swag hooks.









In 2014 Mallett Antiques gave free curatorial reign to outfit their entire showroom with large light installations. The project was intended to create compositional tension through the juxtaposition of modern lighting with museum quality fine antique furnishings.











Bocci 79



From 1896 to 1945 the building at Kantstrasse 79 served as a courthouse. From 1945 until 2010 it was used as a municipal land title archive and as administration for estates in the district of Berlin Charlottenburg-Wilmersdorf. In 2015, the building became home to a living archive and laboratory for OAO and Bocci. This six storey space provides ample room to experiment with installations of new material and explore the limits of existing work.







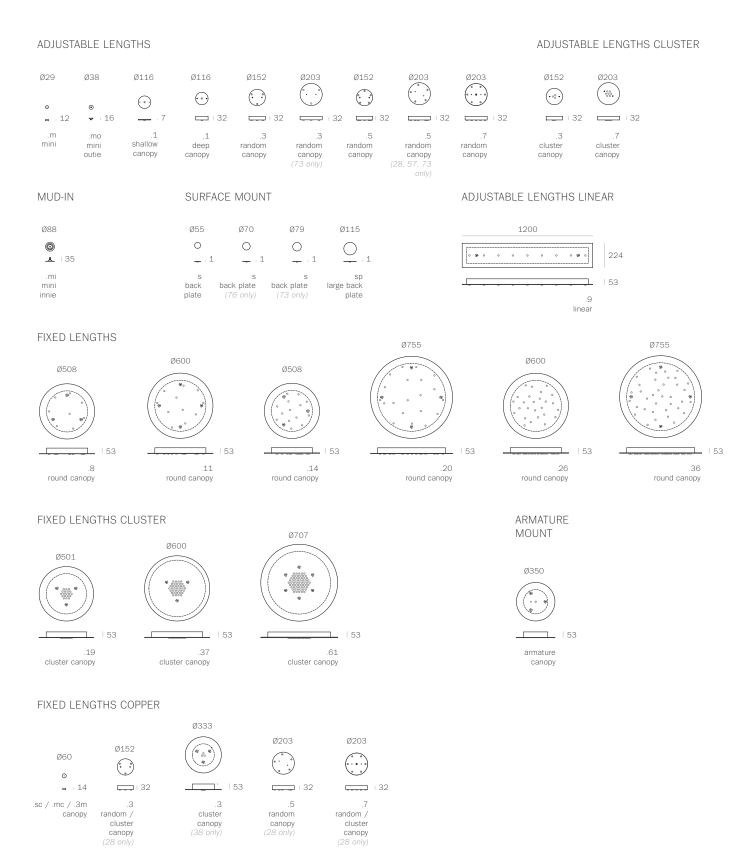




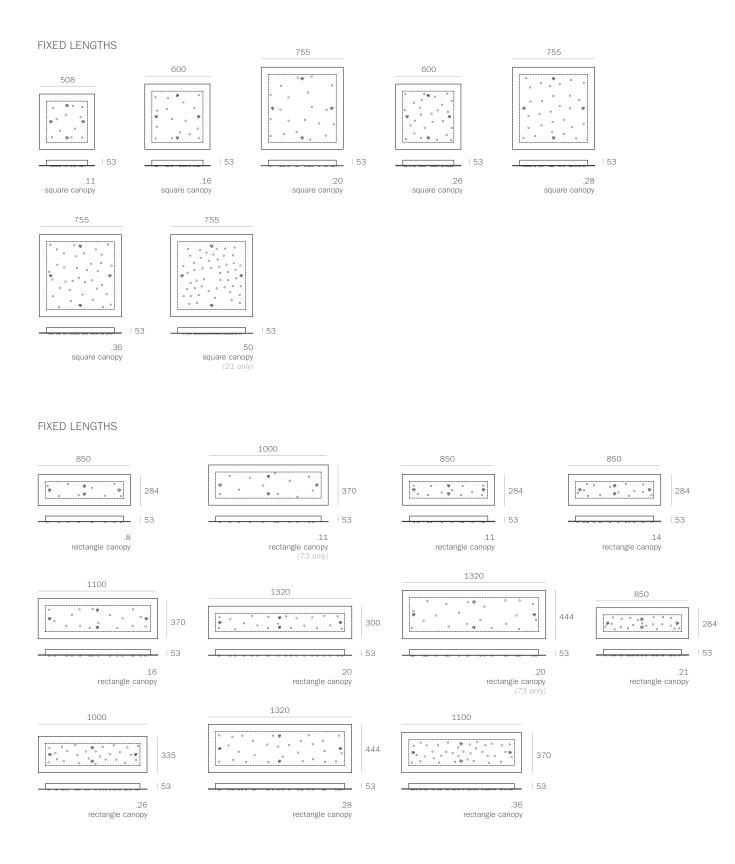


Technical Specifications

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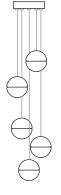


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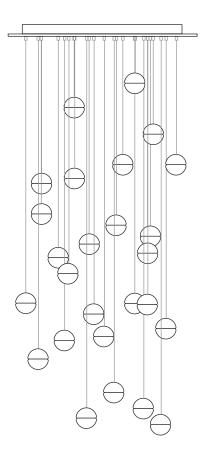
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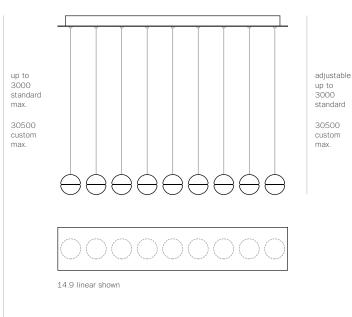
coaxial cable | surface mount options



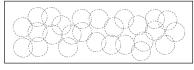
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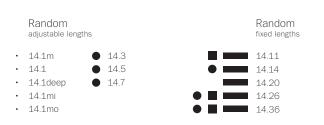




14s shown 14sp shown



14.26 rectangle shown





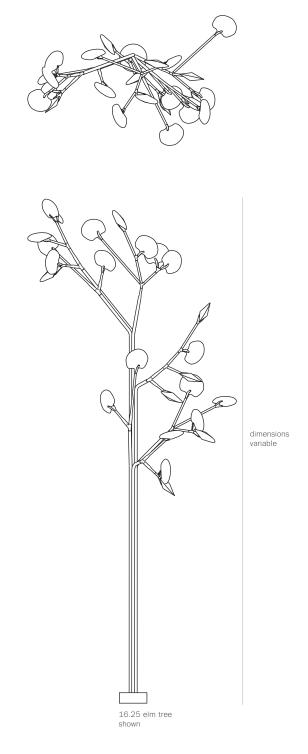
Surface Mount wall or ceiling

• 14s

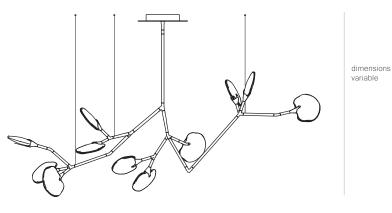
• 14sp

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tree | armature systems



dimensions variable



16.11 armature shown

dimensions variable

Tree System



- 16.15 cypress
- 16.20 hawthorne •

Armature System



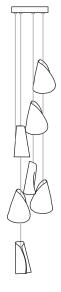
• 16.25 elm

• 16.40 birch

16.35 aspen

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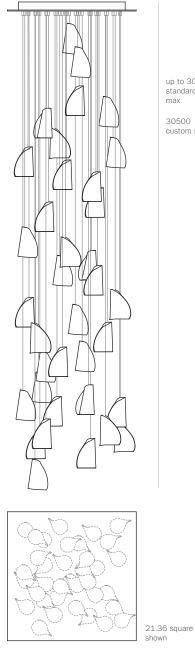
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Random

21.11

21.14

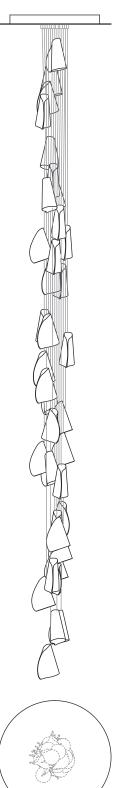
21.21

21.26

21.36

21.50

up to 3000 standard max. 30500 custom max.



21.37 cluster shown

up to 3000 standard max.

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- 21.1m
- 21.1
- 21.1deep 21.1mi .
- 21.1mo
- 21.3
- 21.5
- 21.7



Cluster fixed lengths

21.19

21.37

21.61

up to3000

standard

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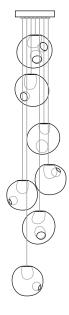
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up to 3000

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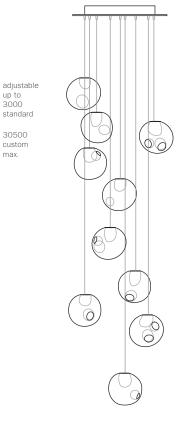
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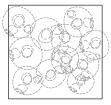
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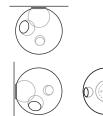






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28.9 linear shown







adjustable

standard

30500

custom max.

up to 3000

28s shown

28sp shown

Random adjustable lengths

> 28.3

> 28.5

28.7

- 28.1m
- 28.1
- 28.1deep
- 28.1mi
- 28.1mo

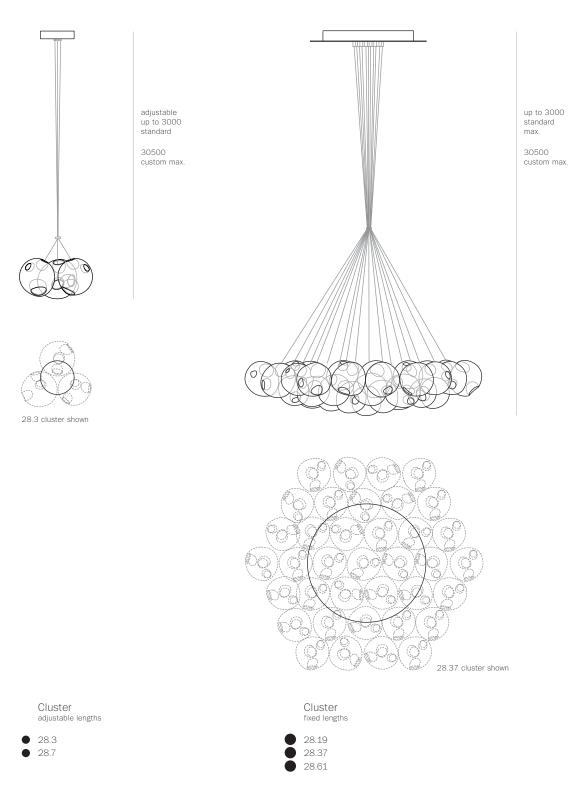


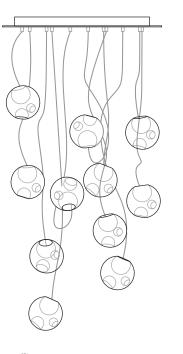


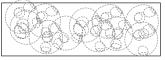
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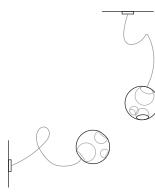
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28.11c rectangle shown



28sc shown

Copper Surface Mount wall or ceiling

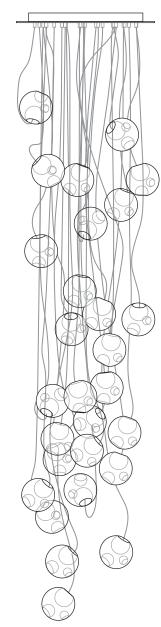
• 28sc



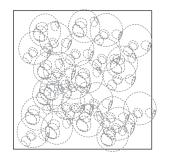
up to 3000 standard

9900 custom

max.



28.28c square shown



up to 3000 standard

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28.11c

28.16c

28.20c

28.28c

Copper Random fixed lengths with optional aircraft cable

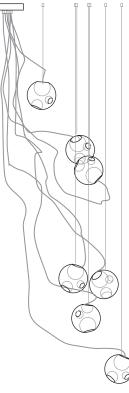
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28.1c

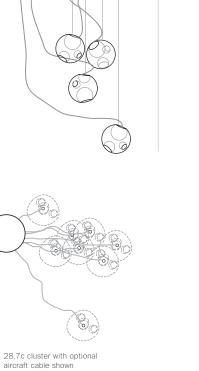
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28.1c deep



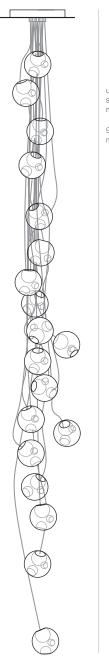
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Copper Cluster fixed lengths with optional aircraft cable



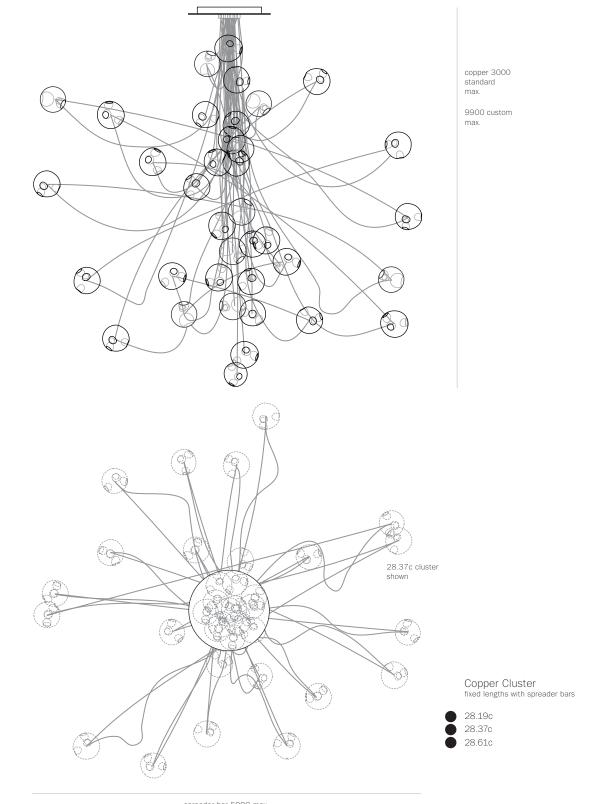


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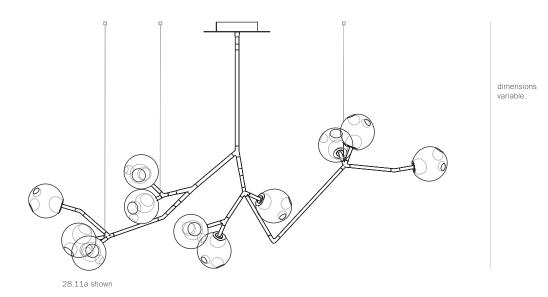
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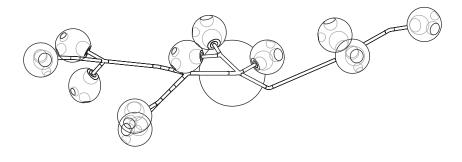
copper options



spreader bar 5000 max.

armature options



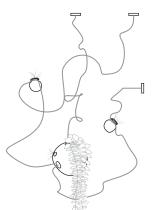


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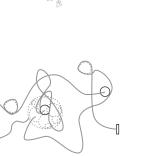
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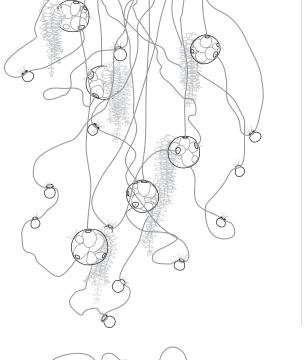
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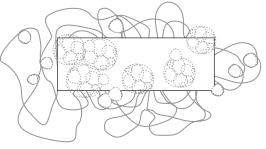






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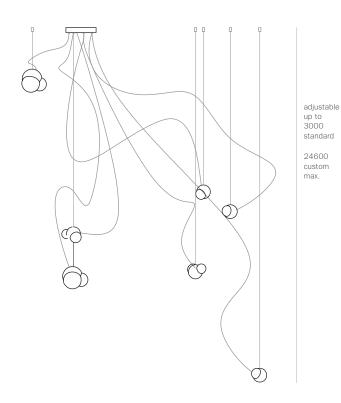


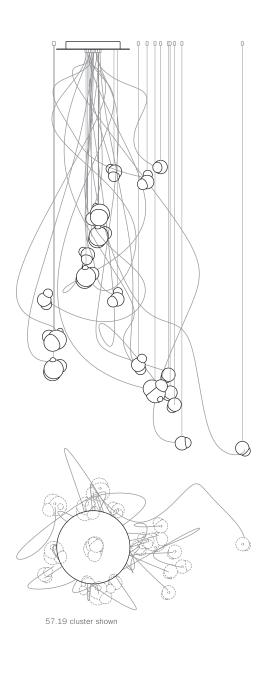


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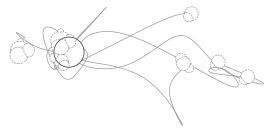
semi-rigid options





up to 3000 standard

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57.7 random shown

Random adjustable lengths

- 57.1m
- 57.1
- 57.1deep
- 57.1mi
- 57.1mo
- 57.357.5
- 57.5
 57.7

Cluster adjustable lengths

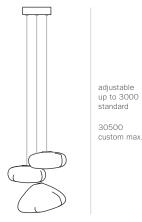


Random fixed lengths 57.14 57.26 57.36



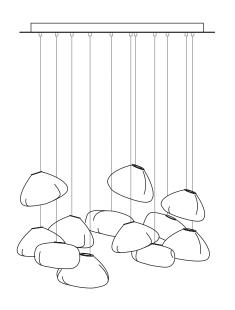


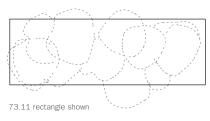
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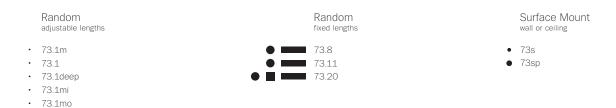
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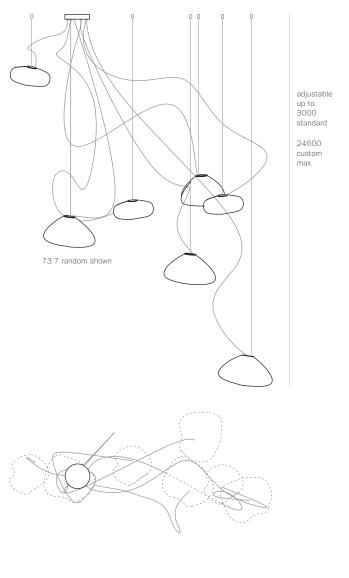
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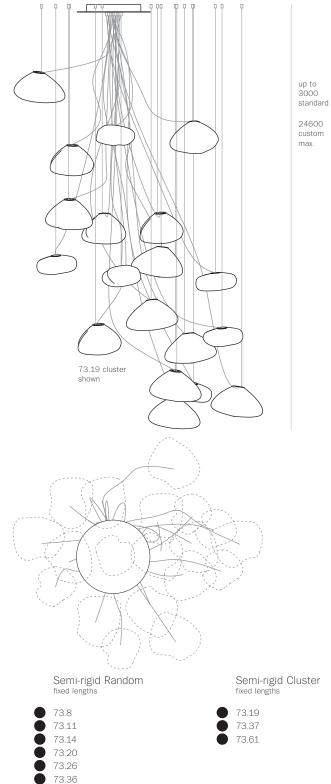
73sp shown



73.3

semi-rigid options





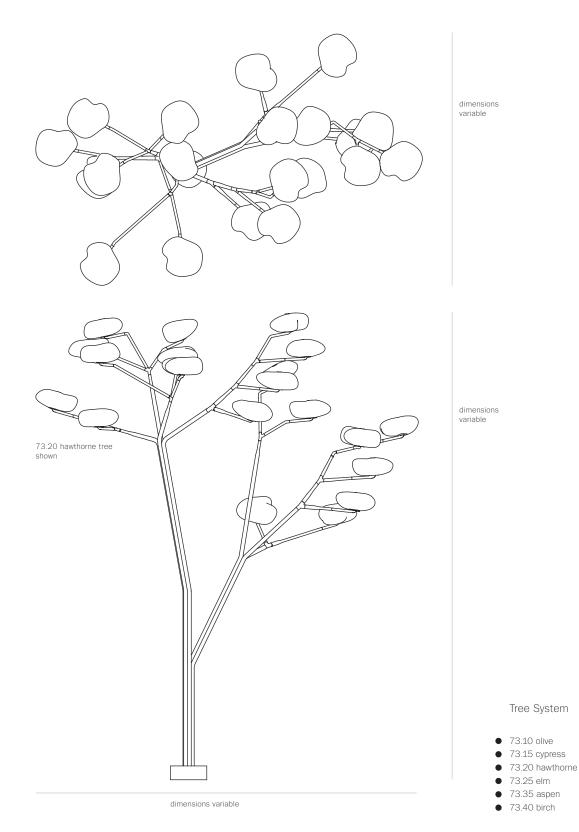
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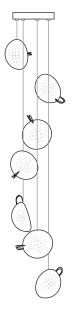
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tree options



coaxial cable | surface mount options

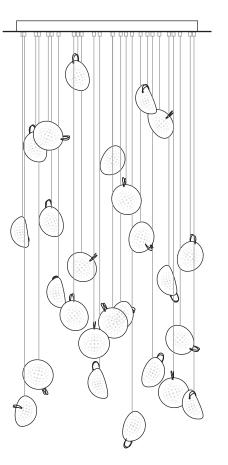


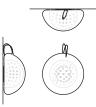
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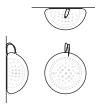




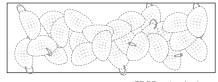
76s shown

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up to 3000 standard max.



76sp shown



76.26 rectangle shown

Random adjustable lengths

- 76.1m
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 76.1mi
- 76.1mi76.1mo
- 76.3
- 76.5
- 76.7

Random



Surface Mount wall or ceiling

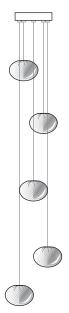
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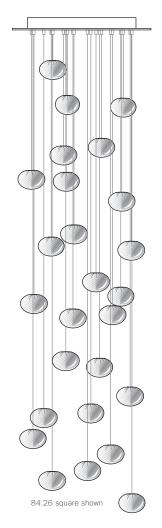




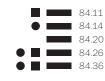
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Random adjustable lengths

- 84.1m
- 84.1
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Random



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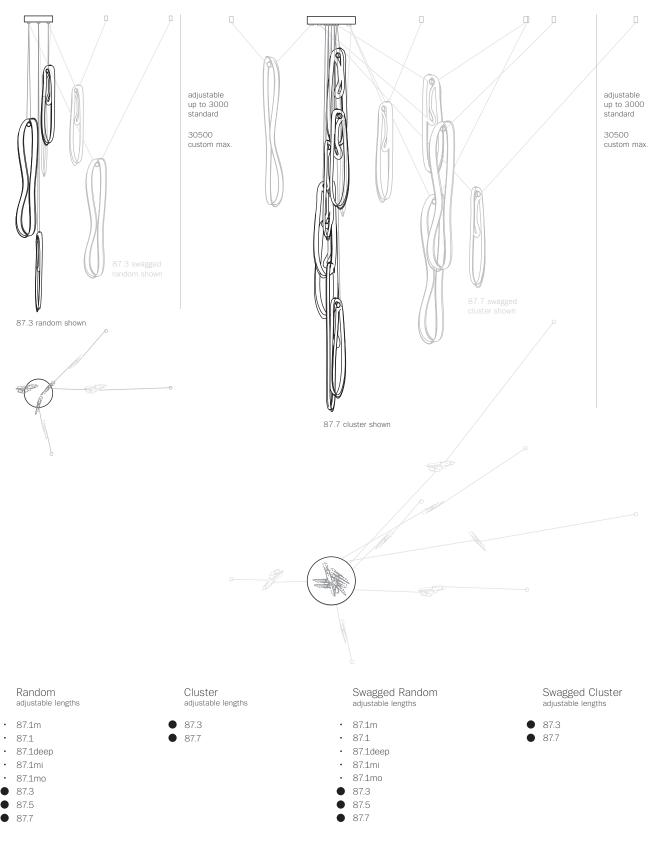
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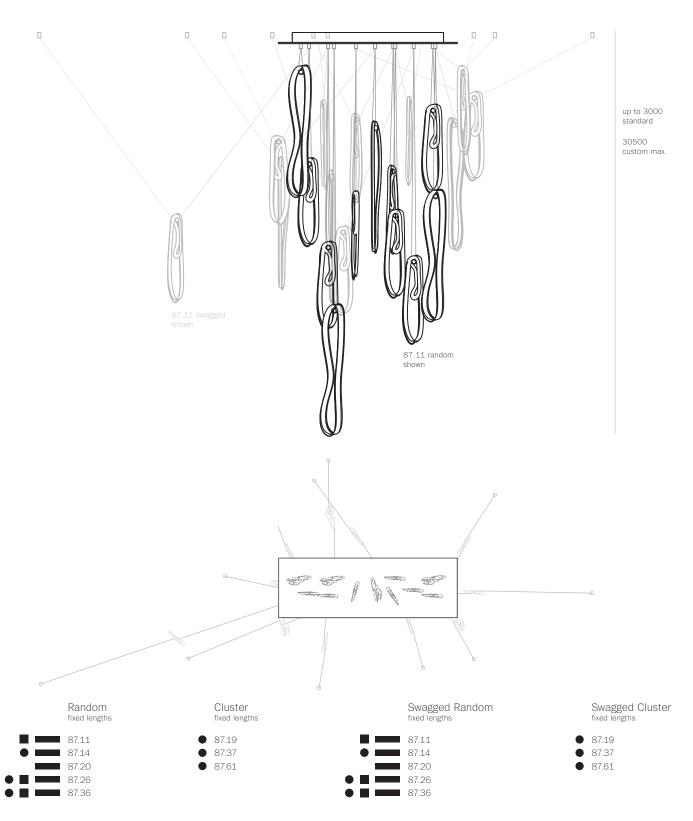


- 84s
- 84sp

coaxial cable options



coaxial cable options



Credits

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