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Manière Noire

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Chaise Carbone, 1985
Carbon fiber and painted steel
75 x 38 x 50 cm.



Heroic Carbon desk, 2010
Carbon fiber
115 x 226 x 75 cm.

Manière Noire Shelf 1, 2013
Carbon fiber
78 x 39 x 29 cm.



Manière Noire comprises two sets of shelving in carbon fibre, **Shelf** and **Tower**. The *Shelf* items are fixed to the wall but seem to hang in space, while the *Tower* elements are amassed to form freestanding parallelepipeds.

Martin Szekely began using carbon fibre in 1985, when his *Chaise Carbone* was a first in the world of domestic furniture. It was followed by *Heroic Carbon* in 2010 and *Manière Noire* in 2013.

Making the most of the material's low density and remarkable resistance to traction and compression, this new series offers light, strong structures that multiply useable space.

Wholly determined by their function, the simple forms of these shelves are open to evolving uses. Made from a single material, they are physically limited to what is strictly necessary. This elementariness reflects Martin Szekely's ongoing research into uses and materials.

The distinctive aesthetic of this series is visually underscored by the alternation of square and rectangular modules, the interplay of full and empty forms, and the silky sheen of the woven material as it modulates the reflected light.

Manière Noire Shelf comprises 5 models, 5 shelves of different sizes and orientations. Each model is an edition of 10 (+ 2 AP).

Manière Noire Tower comprises 3 models, 3 shelf units of different heights. Each model is an edition of 10 (+ 2 AP).

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Manière Noire Shelf

2013

Carbon fiber



***Manière Noire Shelf 1*, 2013**

78 x 39 x 29 cm. - 30.7 x 15.4 x 11.4 in.
Edition of 10 + 2 AP



***Manière Noire Shelf 2*, 2013**

78 x 78 x 29 cm. - 30.7 x 30.7 x 11.4 in.
Edition of 10 + 2 AP



***Manière Noire Shelf 3*, 2013**

39 x 156 x 29 cm. - 15.4 x 61.4 x 11.4 in.
Edition of 10 + 2 AP



***Manière Noire Shelf 4*, 2013**

39 x 234 x 29 cm. - 15.4 x 92.1 x 11.4 in.
Edition of 10 + 2 AP



***Manière Noire Shelf 5*, 2013**

117 x 117 x 29 cm. - 46.1 x 46.1 x 11.4 in.
Edition of 10 + 2 AP

Each *Manière Noire Shelf* is signed and numbered.

The dimensions are given in the following order : height x width x depth.

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Manière Noire Shelf 2

2013

Carbon fiber

78 x 78 x 29 cm. - 30.7 x 30.7 x 11.4 in.

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Manière Noire Shelf 3

2013

Carbon fiber

39 x 156 x 29 cm. - 15.4 x 61.4 x 11.4 in.

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Manière Noire Shelf 4

2013

Carbon fiber

39 x 234 x 29 cm. - 15.4 x 92.1 x 11.4 in.

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Manière Noire Shelf 5

2013

Carbon fiber

117 x 117 x 29 cm. - 46.1 x 46.1 x 11.4 in.

Edition of 10 + 2 AP





Manière Noire Tower 1, 2013

156 x 69 x 69 cm. - 61.4 x 27.2 x 27.2 in.
Edition of 10 + 2 AP



Manière Noire Tower 2, 2013

117 x 69 x 69 cm. - 46.1 x 27.2 x 27.2 in.
Edition of 10 + 2 AP



Manière Noire Tower 3, 2013

78 x 69 x 69 cm. - 30.7 x 27.2 x 27.2 in.
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Manière Noire Tower 1

2013

Carbon fiber

156 x 69 x 69 cm. - 61.4 x 27.2 x 27.2 in.

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Manière Noire Tower 2

2013

Carbon fiber

117 x 69 x 69 cm. - 46.1 x 27.2 x 27.2 in.

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Manière Noire Tower 3

2013

Carbon fiber

78 x 69 x 69 cm. - 30.7 x 27.2 x 27.2 in.

Edition of 10 + 2 AP





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What at first looks like a monolith is in fact hollow: an assemblage of rectangular and square boxes, open at one end and with sides five millimetres thick. They are stuck together and mutually interdependent in the effort that will be demanded of them once filled. Impregnated with and solidified by resin, the carbon fibre unifies the entire structure.

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Manière Noire : Exhibition views

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