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(54) **Tablet arm for nesting chair**

(57) According to various embodiments of the present invention, a tablet arm (100) for a nesting chair (102) including a first rigid support member (110) affixed to a nesting chair, a second rigid support member (112) swivelably coupled to the first rigid support member, a tablet (104) rotatably and slidably coupled to the second rigid support member by a collar, a first stop (222) coupled with the second rigid support member and configured to abut one end of the collar in the tablet's forward

operable position, and a second stop (1328) coupled with the second rigid support member and configured to abut another end of the collar in the tablet's rearward operable position. According to some embodiments, a plurality of nesting chairs having swivelling rotatable tablets movable from an operable position to a nested position, the tablets positioned over seatbacks of the chairs in the nested position and configured to slide horizontally in the operable position.

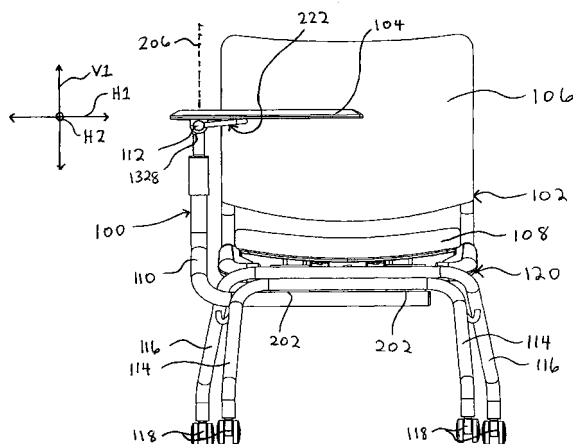


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1. claims: 1-14,19,20

Tablet arm

2. claims: 15-18,21

Nesting chair system

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