

Contra Floor Lamp

"A traditional counterweight lamp is not as honest as it may seem. Because the pivot, light source and counterweight are all fixed, it wants to balance in one position. This issue is typically masked by adding friction at the lamp's pivot. But, what if this truth about the physics of counterweight lamps could be a feature rather than a bug? We discovered that adjusting the counterweight's position also changes the angle at which the lamp's arm reaches equilibrium. Contra makes the physics of balance transparent, allowing the user to participate in the lamp's narrative by adjusting the counterweight."

— Jamie Wolfond



Designed by	Jamie Wolfond
About the Designer	Jamie Wolfond is a Toronto-based designer whose eponymous studio designs furniture, lighting, and everyday tools for a broad range of clients. His practice is characterized by curiosity and hands-on experiments, where every project starts with an observation about the material world.
Environment	Indoor
Country of Production	China
Description	The Contra Floor Lamp is designed as a striking statement piece, where balance, movement, and scale come together in a refined composition. A counterweighted mechanism allows the lamp to adjust with smooth, intuitive motion, where shifting the equilibrium directly changes how the lamp is used. Expressive, curved pipes form a soft silhouette, while the voluminous shade and diffuser create a layered, atmospheric glow. Crafted from aluminum and steel, with tactile powder-coated surfaces and brushed steel details, and a concrete base, Contra combines durable construction with carefully considered finishing.
Material	<p>The lamp arm is made from powder-coated steel. The lamp shade is made from spun, powder-coated aluminum. The diffuser is made from injection-moulded PMMA. The base is made from colored cement.</p> <p>The light source is a user-replaceable LED with stepless dimming. It provides 750 lumens at 100% brightness. Lumen maintenance (80%) exceeds 35,000 hours. The color temperature is 2700K with a CRI above 90.</p> <p>The lamp arm allows for smooth height adjustment by a subtle twist of the counterweight, ranging from approximately 260 cm to 30 cm from the ground. The base allows for sideways rotation, enabling multiple positioning options.</p>
Cleaning & Care	The lamp should be cleaned with a soft, dry cloth. The electricity supply should always be switched off before cleaning.
Light source included	Yes
Dimmable function	Yes

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Dimensions

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Height: 188 cm / 74"
Width: 256 cm / 100.8"
Cord Length: 300 cm / 118.1"
Diameter: 26 cm / 10.2"



Ready to Ship

Anthracite Black



Lamp Rating

Frequency
IP Rating
Classification
Socket

Contra Floor Lamp

50-60hz
IP20
Class II
User replaceable LED

Light Source Specification

Item
Lumen
Kelvin
CRI

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Built-in, User replaceable LED
750lm
2700k
>90

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