

BALANCING AESTHETICS AND ECONOMY IN INDUSTRIAL DESIGN: STRATEGIES FOR AESTHETIC, FRUGAL PRODUCTS

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Context



2008 economic crisis sparked need for cost-effective design



Frugal innovation concepts gained traction



Challenge: Create affordable products without sacrificing quality or appeal

Research Focus



Balancing aesthetics, costeffectiveness, and perceived value



Identifying strategies for cost reduction without compromising quality



Exploring material selection for visual appeal and affordability

Methodology



Systematic literature review (2008-2023)



23 highly-cited papers from Scopus, Google Scholar, ResearchGate



Keywords: "industrial design,"
"product aesthetics," "costeffective design"



Thematic analysis to identify key strategies and trends



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Utilize Aesthetic Design Principles: The application of symmetry, balance, and proportion enhances visual appeal without increasing complexity.

Simplified Form and Function: By focusing on **minimalist designs**, unnecessary features or complex components are eliminated, reducing production costs while maintaining a sleek appearance.

Material Optimization: Choose materials that offer both durability and a premium finish at a lower cost. For instance, alternatives like plastic composites or coated metals can mimic the look of expensive materials.

Design for Manufacturing (DFM): Simplify assembly, reduce components

User-Centered Design: Focus on core user needs, eliminate unnecessary features

Smart Material Selection: Use engineered materials, sustainable alternatives



Philippe Starck's Juic Salif Squeeze **Balance** and Proportion.



Tesla Model 3
symmetry and
simplicity







Muji Products (Furniture and Homeware):

Minimalist & Functional







Polycarbonate in
Consumer Electronics



KEY INFERENCES:



Holistic approach crucial: Consider aesthetics, cost, functionality, sustainability together



Technology as key enabler: New manufacturing and material technologies create opportunities



Shift towards value-driven design: Focus on entire product lifecycle and user experience



Sustainability as central consideration: Influences both aesthetics and production methods



Context-dependent trade-offs: Vary based on market, brand, and product category





MERITS



- Enhanced ECONOMIC sustainability in design practices
- Improved user experience and perceived value



DEMERITS

- Increased complexity in design process
- Potential for higher initial design and development costs
- Challenges in changing established industry practices



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