

## Appliance creates own personal climate

Heat, cool, and filter your air all with one desktop appliance.

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### NEWS

There is a reason why the thermostat is typically locked at most offices. Nobody can ever seem to agree on a single temperature to be comfortable at. Those employers who don't lock their thermostats probably see some pretty good size energy bills as the thermostat is changed up and down throughout the day depending upon who has access to it. Luckily, someone has come out with a solution that will keep every employee comfortable by allowing them to create their own personal climate.

The C2 Climate Control appliance offered by Herman Miller not only heats and cools the air for an employee, but also it filters it. Cooling is achieved without the need for recharging or water. The C2 just needs to be placed 12-18 inches from a user for it to work its magic. Employers don't have to worry about the C2 taking up too much electricity. It only uses 1.5 amps of DC power, which is 90% less than a space heater.

The C2 Climate Control appliance is part of Herman Miller's "The Be Collection." The product won a Silver award in Workplace [Technologies](#) at NeoCon 2007 as part of the "Best of NeoCon" competition. Retail price for the appliance is US\$300.

Read more from the [Herman Miller website](#) and the [press release](#).

### BRIAN'S OPINION

I work in an office building with a public thermostat, and I can change that thermostat one degree and someone will complain about it being too hot or too cold. So, what do people do rather than change the thermostat? They bring in space heaters, which simply suck electricity right out of the building. At 8a.m. in the winter you can actually see the lights dim as people come in and turn their personal space heaters on.

That's what makes this new C2 appliance so slick. Other than a fan, I've never heard of a personal cooling device that you can stick on your desk that takes up so little power. That it also heats with such [low power consumption](#) and filters the air as well is also nice, since these too are issues employees complain about.

Now the only kicker is getting the company to kick out \$300 a pop to buy one of these for every employee. Like most things, people just need to show the ROI on such a purchase. It's hard to quantify the increase to production due a severe decrease in belly aching.