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Summary

BARANA is a reinforced cast stone element with a flat texture and a simple geometry. The most striking feature of this product is its versatility of uses and possibilities, facilitating its integration into the landscape, and its ability to define frontiers inside a public space. This is a bench, a barrier and a railing all at the same time, all merged in the same object. The cast stone includes waterproof and anti-graffiti components which prolong its resistance to erosion and vandalism. The simplicity of its shape and its manufacturing process, with reusable moulds, economizes production costs. This means that BARANA is a highly competitive piece of street furniture in comparison with others that have similar features. Architects Martorell, Bohigas, Mackay and Puigdomenech produced the initial prototype for this bench during the Barcelona Olympic Harbour design process. Their aim was to create an object that would cover several functions with a single form.

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(1) Reinforced cast Stone, Standard color chart, Acid-etched and waterproofed. / Free-standing / 800 Kg.

