

# MODERNIST 20TH CENTURY



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## GERRIT RIETVELD

### Crate desk

Metz & Co. | The Netherlands, c. 1934 | painted pine  
28 h x 39½ w x 23½ d in (71 x 100 x 60 cm)

"...a piece of furniture of fine wood, made wholly according to traditional methods, is shipped in a crate to prevent damage and breakage. Someone receiving such a crate at home says, at most: well packed. But it has never been established that such a crate represents a freely rendered method of carpentry aimed straight at its goal. The plain materials of which it is composed make it stronger than its precious contents. . . Therefore, there must finally be someone who chooses the crate instead of the piece of furniture." Literature: Complete Rietveld Furniture, Voge, pg. 88-89 fig 136

**Estimate: \$7,000–9,000**

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