

# MODERN DESIGN



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## ALVAR AALTO convertible sofa, model #63

Heteka Oy or Wohnbedarf AG | Finland, 1930 | chrome-plated steel, enameled wood, leather  
24½ h × 79½ w × 29 d in (62 × 202 × 74 cm)

This rare and early design by Aalto illustrates the influence of Marcel Breuer and tubular steel furniture being developed at the Bauhaus. Ironically, Breuer developed his Isokon furniture based on the designs of Aalto. The convertible sofa by Aalto folds flat to become a bed. This noteworthy design was first shown at the "Minimal Apartment Exhibition" in Helsinki in 1930.

**Literature:** \*Swiss Furniture and Interiors in the 20th Century\*, Ruegg, pg. 343 \*Alvar Aalto Designer\*, Lahti, pg. 163

**Estimate:** \$5,000–7,000

**Result:** \$10,800

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