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ALEXANDER GIRARD pre-production coffee table

Herman Miller | USA, c. 1965 | Emerald Pearl granite, aluminum
15¾ h × 36 w in (40 × 91 cm)

This form is a test example of the tables produced for Braniff airlines. Originally, the welded x-section in the center of the base was designed for a smaller top, however, late in the process after the final castings were made, the design was changed to accommodate a larger top. Girard chose this particular granite because it is highly stain resistant and impervious to typical stress fractures; he also liked the unique sparkle of the minerals in the stone.

Provenance: Jack Tanis, Grand Rapids, MI | Private collection, Grand Rapids, MI

Estimate: \$3,000–4,000

Result: \$2,640

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