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ALVAR AALTO

Early Cantilevered armchair

O.y. Huonekalu | Finland, c. 1934-35 | laminated birch, canvas 35 h × 24½ w × 29 d in (89 × 62 × 74 cm)

A predecessor to model 406, this early example was made by Huonekalu-ja Rakennustyötehdas Oy Turku, circa 1934-1935. Model 406 was officially launched in 1936 when Aalto established his own furniture maker, Artek. Striations to the wood from sawblades are visible under the lacquer and the original canvas webbing remains intact.

Impressed number to underside of each leg '34'. Penciled to each leg '406'.

Literature: Alvar Aalto: Designer, Lahti, pg. 167

Estimate: \$1,200-1,500

