

SCANDINAVIAN DESIGN



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ILMARI TAPIOVAARA

Armchair

Gebrüder Thonet | Finland/Austria, 1947 | lacquered birch, leather
30 h × 21½ w × 21 d in (76 × 55 × 53 cm)

This design was created for the *International Competition for Low-Cost Furniture Design* in 1948 at the Museum of Modern Art, New York and included in *Prize Designs for Modern Furniture* by Edgar Kaufmann, Jr. In the text, Kaufmann writes that of the many Knock-down chairs presented in the competition, Tapiovaara's chair showed the clearest understanding of factory procedures and shipping problems.

Provenance: Private Collection, New York | Acquired from the previous in 2000 by the present owner

Exhibited: *Ilmari Tapiovaara, Interior Architect*, March - June 2001, R20th Century, New York *Modern in Your Life: The Good Design Phenomenon 1934-1959*, 6 November - 3 January 2019, R & Company, New York

Literature: *Ilmari Tapiovaara*, Korvenmaa, ppg. 86-87 *Ilmari Tapiovaara, Interior Architect*, Kane, ed., ppg. 24-25 illustrates this example *Scandinavian Design*, Fiell, pg. 618

Estimate: \$1,500–2,000

Result: \$1,260

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