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Willem Hendrik Gispen, Modernist Art Deco Round Coffee Table, Steel Tube Frame, Bau Style



1 250 EUR

Signature : Willem Hendrik Gispen

Period : 20th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Metal

Width : 96

Height : 60

Depth : 96

Description

Art Deco coffee table with Bauhaus-style modernist accents, reminiscent of the work of Marcel Breuer. This round table, bearing a stamp (see image), was designed by Dutch designer Willem Hendrik Gispen and produced by Gispen in the late 1930s. As shown in the images, the tubular metal frame (brushed steel) is perfectly assembled and welded; the table features a black linoleum top, and all components are original. Entirely authentic, it stands out for its remarkable condition; however, there is a slight burn mark on the edge of the tabletop (see photos). Diameter: 96 cm, height: 60 cm. A must-see for fans of 20th-century design. This table is being offered for sale individually here, but it is part of a set consisting of a table and three armchairs (Model 413) that we are also

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offering for sale on this site (see our other listings). Biography: Willem Hendrik Gispen (1890-1981). After training as an architect, he became more interested in the applied arts. In 1916, he founded a workshop specializing in metal art and craftsmanship. In 1927, he began producing lamps and experimenting with tubular steel furniture. The first catalog was published in 1930. He designed most of the company's models, with the help of C.J. Hoffman. Gispen was a member of the "Opbouw" group and maintained good relations with Rotterdam's modern architects, which led to numerous projects, such as furnishing the Van Nelle factory and the Bergpolderflat building with Gispen's tubular steel furniture. With a few exceptions, Gispen's designs were not particularly original, but they were of good quality. After World War II, he left the company and founded a new firm, "Kembo." Lit. : J. van Geest, O. Mácel, pp. 80-81, 152; A. Koch: Industrial Designer W.H. Gispen (1890-1981): A Modern Eclectic, Rotterdam 1988; M. Mual: Gispen Tube Furniture and Lighting 1920-1940, Nijmegen 1990; A. Koch: W.H. Gispen: Working with and for Van der Vlugt, Wiederhall 1993, no. 14, pp. 45-47; A. Koch (ed.): Gispen Collection, Rotterdam 1996; A. Koch: W.H. Gispen, Mass-Produced Items 1923-1960, Rotterdam 2005.