



Rare 'WPDW' (Wound Ply Dinner Wagon)
Gerald Summers
1930

Designed in 1934 and likely executed the same year.
Stained ash plywood, brass

Ref. 2210045

Provenance:

Barry Friedman Ltd, New York, U.S;
Sandy and Sherwin Schreier, Southfield, Michigan,
U.S.

Literature:

Ostergard, Derek (ed.), *Bent Wood and Metal Furniture 1850-1946*, New York, 1987, p. 319, fig. 107 (this example illustrated).

Steve Dunn, 'Gerald Summers: Furniture for the Concrete Age', 2011, p.14/15.

Exhibited:

Bent Wood and Metal Furniture 1850-1946, New York, 1987.

Another example in the collection of the Victoria and Albert Museum, London, under accession number W.7-2020.

History:

This trolley design is Summers' only documented design for the company Isokon. Isokon was founded by Jack Pritchard and Welles Coates and sold furniture by other mid-century modernist designers such as Alvar Aalto and Marcel Breuer. Jack Pritchard commissioned Summers to create a dinner wagon, however, the trolley was not a commercial success. Only very few were sold, and after a few

years Isokon declined to take up the licence. The trolley was featured in the 'Bent Wood and Metal Furniture 1850 - 1946', September 1986 to October 1988, organised by The American Federation of Arts and which travelled to nine institutions around the US.

Produced by Isokon

H.67cm/26.4" W.96cm/37.8" D.43cm/16.9"



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