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TENDO MOKKO



Stool model “Marimo”
Manufactured by Tendo Mokko
Japan, 1950s
Plastic, Styrol

Measurements
56 × 56 × 40h cm
22 × 22 × 15,7h in

Provenance
Private collection, Japan

Literature
Tendo. Eight decades of masterful designs from leading Japanese furniture maker Tendo Mokko. Published by Tendo Mokko. Japan, 2020.

Details
Manufacturer’s Label

About
This rare Marimo stool by Tendo Mokko represents an early collaboration among iconic designers of postwar Japan, including Kenzo Tange, Isamu Kenmochi, and Sori Yanagi. Produced in molded plastic and styrol, the piece reflects the company’s experimentation with modern materials and sculptural, functional forms. Its rounded, minimalist aesthetic embodies Tendo Mokko’s philosophy of integrating traditional Japanese sensibilities with contemporary design techniques. The stool is versatile and robust, suitable for both seating and decorative purposes, and remains a highly collectible example of early Japanese postwar furniture design.

About Tendo Mokko
Founded in Yamagata in 1942, **Tendo Mokko** became a leading Japanese furniture manufacturer through its pioneering use of molded plywood. From the 1950s onwards, the company collaborated with influential architects and designers, including Kenzo Tange, Sori Yanagi, Isamu Kenmochi and Riki Watanabe, exploring new possibilities in modern furniture design. Awarded the Mainichi Industrial Design Award in 1964, Tendo Mokko helped shape Japanese modernism by combining technological innovation with traditional woodworking craftsmanship.

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