

SIDE GALLERY

TENDO MOKKO



Sofa

Manufactured by Tendo Mokko
Japan, 1960s
Bent plywood, metal, upholstered fabric

Measurements

185,3 × 75 × 65h cm
73 × 29,5 × 25,6h in

Provenance

Private Collection, Japan

About

Manufactured by **Tendo Mokko** in Japan during the 1960s, this three-seater sofa reflects the innovation and craftsmanship of postwar Japanese modernism. Its three upholstered seats are framed by curved plywood panels, with exposed circular fasteners highlighting the structure's construction. The contrast between dark wood, soft blue upholstery and slender metal legs creates a balance between sculptural solidity and visual lightness. Combining comfort, technical experimentation and refined craftsmanship, the sofa exemplifies Tendo Mokko's innovative use of molded plywood in modern 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.