



Emile Guillot for Thonet, Tubular Steel Modernist Armchair

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£1,700

MAKER	Thonet
DESIGNER	Emile Guillot
PERIOD	Bauhaus , 1830-1839
YEAR	1930
STYLE	Modernist
ORIGIN	United Kingdom
MATERIALS	Steel
DIMENSIONS	H: 18 in (45.72 cm) W: 22 in (55.88 cm) D: 21 in (53.34 cm)

About this piece

Armchair in **tubular steel**, of the *Bauhaus* period (1919–1933). Designed by **Emile Guillot (1890–1956)** and produced by **Thonet (established 1819–present)**, the chair exemplifies the early Modernist movement's embrace of industrial materials and structural clarity. The shaped **headrest**, **arms** and **seat** are in ebonised beech, their dark tone contrasting with the steel frame.

The continuous tubular construction provides both strength and visual lightness, looping in a single geometric circuit that defines seat and back. The design reflects Thonet's transition from bentwood to tubular steel production, merging precision manufacture with the sculptural restraint of inter-war design. The chair expresses the Modernist belief in form through function and remains a confident example of Bauhaus-era craftsmanship.