



living cube

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The *in.home Living Cube* is an update of the living room coffee table. To address the challenges of contemporary usage patterns, it features advanced technology specially designed to heat and cool food.

Today's living rooms aren't just for tea parties; they serve a multitude of purposes, each with its own set of priorities. For example, players in middle of a video game tour-

namement are more interested in easy access to caffeinated soft drinks than they are in finding a nice place to set their teacups. To sports fans watching the big game on TV, a celebration beer is more important than a place to display art books. And typing up a presentation while sitting on the couch calls for a warm snack, not a pile of magazines. The *Living Cube* recognizes that people now use their living rooms for many different purposes, and it has the flexibility to support

each of these ever-changing needs. Specifically, the *Living Cube* introduces a built-in food cooling and heating system to the living room without adding additional furniture to an already busy environment.

form

The *Living Cube* evokes a traditional coffee table, but with a distinct difference: when the leather 'saddle' slides to the side, the *Cube's* design ceases to be furniture and becomes instead a technology, complete with displays, controls, functional surfaces, and storage compartments.

The cooling compartment includes a bottle carrier for four to eight bottles, reflecting the times when the living room serves more as a drinking area than an eating area. And for the times when snack food is the focus, the heating surface has two different compartments underneath: one for the storage of small induction heating cookware and another for silverware.

interaction

When closed, the *Living Cube* emits only a slight glow of diffused white LEDs to indicate the temperature of the cooling compartment, communicate that the Cube is on, and help identify it in the dark.

In recognition of the task-specific way in which people will use the product, the sliding motion of the saddle has been designed to create a small transformation ritual that signals the transition from one kind of activity to another, while revealing only the controls for either the cooling side or the heating side.

dimensions

- Overall 50 by 90 by 50 cm
- Cooling unit 32 by 46 by 30 cm
- Warming zone 36 by 17 cm
- Saddlebag 24 by 22 by 6 cm

materials

- Leather,
- Satinized glass,
- Stainless steel,
- MDF

