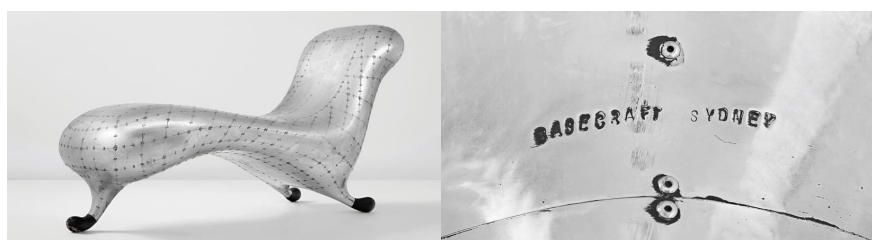
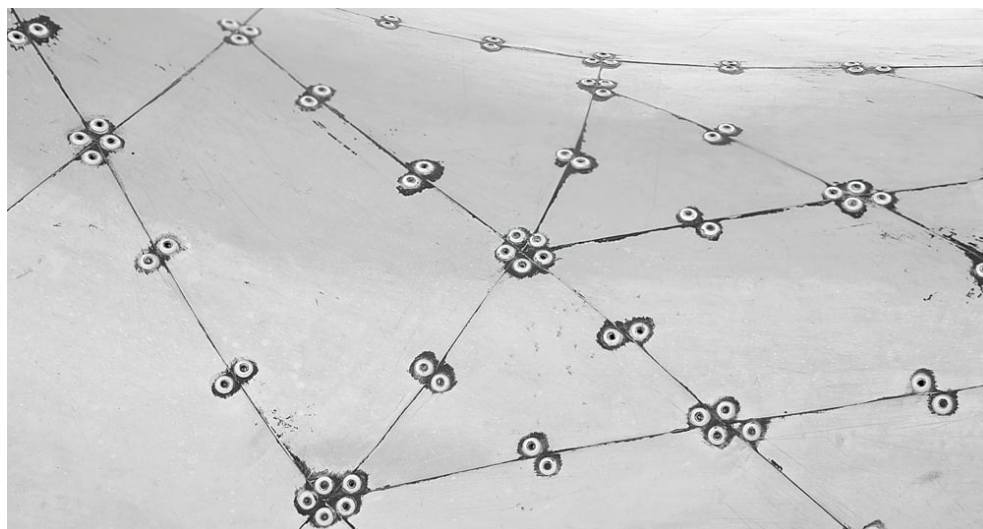


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## [The Lockheed Lounge by Marc Newson is the most expensive sofa in the world](#)

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Lockheed Lounge by Marc Newson is considered the world's most expensive contemporary design object. In 2009, the aircraft-wing-inspired couch was sold at auction for £1.1 million. Today, another example could yield more than twice that figure...

### **Uncomfortable, but expensive**



There might be more comfortable seating than a sofa produced in the style of an aircraft wing - but when the Australian designer Marc Newson first unveiled his streamlined recliner in 1985, at an exhibition in Sydney, the design world loved it. Newson then developed a small series. The organically shaped Lockheed Lounge, named after the American aircraft manufacturer, consisted of glassfibre-reinforced plastic covered with thin, riveted sheets of aluminium. In 1998, the aeronautical furniture made headlines again when an example was sold by the Phillips de Pury auction house for £1.1 million, breaking all previous records. Among the listings of a [London design sale by Phillips on 28 April 2015](#), a [Lockheed Lounge is once again due to come under the hammer](#). The auction house expects the unusual sofa to fetch between £1.5 and £2.5 million.

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