



## Penguin Donkey

Designer: **Egon Riss**

Manufacturer: **Isokon Plus**

£900

## DESCRIPTION

**Penguin Donkey** by **Egon Riss** for **Isokon Plus**.

First designed in 1939 to hold penguin books, the Penguin Donkey bookcase has become a classic piece of design. The central section is ideal for storing books and magazines, accommodating up to 80 paperback books.

The original design was named the Donkey because it had four legs and two compartments resembling the panniers placed on this beast of burden. Publisher Allen Lane was an early fan of the design and since it was apparent that the shelves were perfectly sized to accommodate the newly launched, distinctive orange Penguin paperbacks, the Donkey was renamed the Penguin Donkey.

The Penguin Donkey was launched just as World War Two broke out, with around 100 manufactured and sold before production ceased due to the war. Now reissued by Isokon Plus, this characterful design icon enjoys an enduring appeal.

## DIMENSIONS

59w x 41.5d x 43cmh

## MATERIALS

Made from natural birch plywood.

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