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## FUTURO: THE SPACE AGE RECREATION HOME WITH AN IMAGINATION

Vacationers can practice for living on the moon today. The saucer-shaped, flyable, floatable, livable FUTURO gives every impression of being built by Martians and will be popping up all over the country for summer and winter enjoyment.

One of the most imaginative modular housing ideas to roll off an assembly line, the fiber glas structure was designed in Finland by architect Matti Suuronen. Its sole licensee and manufacturer in the United States and the Caribbean is the Futuro Corporation of Philadelphia. Futuro Enterprises located at 1416 N. Harmony Dr., Janesville, Wisconsin is handling the franchising of FUTURO dealers in the Midwest.

Star Enterprises, P.O. Box 912, Janesville, Wisconsin is a franchised dealer for FUTURO and has a FUTURO Home set up and open for public inspection, located at "The Playboy Club-Hotel, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

The flying-saucer home requires no site preparation, except for concrete piers for the four steel tube legs, individually built for a 0 degree to a 20 degree slope. It is equipped with a sewage disposal unit, or can be specially fitted with independently operated utilities for remote areas. FUTURO can be delivered, and moved, by helicopter. The two pieces that form the shell and the more than 700 pieces that are the built in furnishings could also be shipped by truck, rail or barge and assembled on site.

The FUTURO II is an 8,000 lb. oblate spheroid (approximately 26' in diameter; 12' high; 5,000 cu. ft. volume) whose shell is a two inch thick stressed fiber glas sandwich with polyurethane foam insulation. Exterior colors and interior decor will complement the owners choice.

The large, half-moon shaped main room holds a 23 foot sofa which converts (with two coffee tables) for comfortable sleeping. The indirect lighting system and ceiling spotlights illuminate the stereo

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area and the double wall barbecue and fireplace. Shelves, closets and different seating and lighting arrangements are all up to the owner to decide on. Thick shag wall-to-wall carpeting really adds a tranquil touch to the FUTURO. A spacious separate bedroom sleeps two in comparative privacy and complete comfort.

Housework is taboo in all recreation homes.....and hard to find in this one. The hull and practically everything else inside are fiber glas that resists soil. The wife saving kitchen is unique in design. A refrigerator, freezer, "U" shaped counter, sink, disposer, stove, oven and ample cupboard space are all standard. Micro-wave oven, washer/dryer and dishwasher are optional, but Star Enterprises President, Gene Ruchti, really belives in paper plates, and not just because he's a bachelor.

The bathroom holds a pentagonal fiber glas shower with extensible "phone" shower apparatus; formica vanity and wall cabinet, formica counter and built-in porcelain or stainless bowl and fittings; vitreous china wall hung w.c. (chemical or electrical toilet optional); shower curtain, towel bars; resilient floor with removable shag carpet; makeup lights, mirror and exhaust fan.

The entrance hall is one main storage area. Shelves, bins and racks are built in. The retractable door offers maximum security when closed. The stairs come down with a turn of a key and retract at the push of a button. Sixteen elliptical double flexible glass windows ring the home. One section of two or four large viewing windows (which are alternate exits) can be put in the upper or lower half of the viewing deck near the dining area, depending on your view.

The entire home is preplumbed and prewired and has a utility pod at the bottom of the home for conection to electric and water supply and waste line. Complete self-contained electric fan coil heating provides positive pressure ventilation system (6 air changes per hr.) which will heat the house from below zero to 72 degrees in less than

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30 minutes. The sealed joint system makes the home virtually impenetrable to air, dust or moisture. Air conditioning is included.

Sealed against all water, dust or air infiltration, with a snow load in excess of 10 feet and a wind speed of over 100 mph, FUTURO could serve as a ski chalet, executive suite, sales office, guest house, motel, beach house, or any number of things. By moving the stairs to the upper hemisphere and building a deck, the saucer could even be a floating home. The entire interior is modular and other arrangements are possible. Two, three or four units may also be clustered by interlocking sections, and 10 foot legs can be added to provide area for a lower room.

A firm from San Francisco, Calif., plans to use several as motel units in the Bahamas, because they are air-conditioned and termite proof. A man from Minnesota is going to utilize some river shore line, because now he need not worry about floods or hard to build in places. A businessman in Chicago is putting one on the roof of his building as a special penthouse. A general contractor is going to use one as a plush, portable, sales office and move it from site to site, and a 69 year old lady in Tampa, Florida will join the space age and use one for just plain comfortable, relaxing, and maintenance free living. A school in Connecticut plans to use several as classrooms....and the kids will love it. A family in southern Wisconsin are putting two of them, conected by a hall way, near a lake for pleasent year around living. Price depends on what you put in it and how you want it put together.....WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO USE A FUTURO FOR?

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