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## Plastics -- Something New Under The Sun

Furniture for outside the home is making big news in 1972 as the preference for outdoor living in the warmer months grows stronger.

"The boom in housing has really brought people out into the open, giving many families spacious backyards, patios, and even swimming pools for the first time in their lives," points out David Vaughn, a leading furniture manufacturing executive.

"Even apartment dwellers have benefitted from the boom," he added. "Many new apartments feature outdoor balconies which permit a modicum of fresh air living. And many new apartment complexes feature community sundecks and pools where the outdoor life can be enjoyed to its fullest."

ALL OF THIS has brought forth even greater interest in suitable furniture for the outdoors. To meet the interest, manufacturers are bringing out new styles and materials.

Among the most eyecatching of the new outdoor designs is Modulus, a line of patented modular seating and table pieces in rigid structural urethane. This is the newest development of Vaungarde, Incorporated, Owosso, Mich., of which Vaughn is president

Consisting of a basic chair, demountable arms, and a variety of connecting tables, Modulus can be used to produce an almost limitless variety of individual or group seating arrangements. Vaughn said.

MODULUS was designed to

have wide application for outdoor use, and to be equally suitable for casual seating inside the house, too

The basic chair is an armless lounge model molded of Uniroyal's Rubicast, a structural self - skinning rigid urethane. Separate molded arms slip easily and snugly into V-grooves on the chair sides.

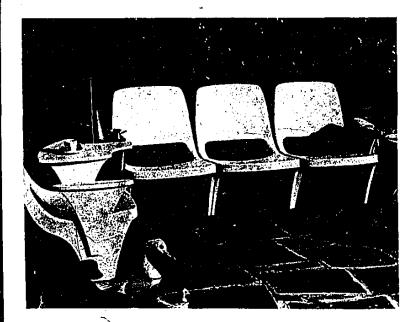
If two chairs are placed side by side, a single arm will lock the two together. If an arm is not desired, a connector fits into the grooves to link adjacent chairs.

"BY USING connector arms and other chairs, the basic piece can be extended to become a love-seat, three-seater sofa, or a row of seats," Vaughn said. "Arms and connectors fit into place without any tools, and can be easily changed by the user. The same applies to the six styles of table pieces designed for the chairs."

For added comfort, Vaungarde offers two-piece seat and back pads at extra cost for the chairs. Pads are foam - filled and covered with Naugahyde in House & Garden colors

The entire Modulus collection is available in a choice of 10 low-luster finishes, all standard House & Garden colors: Beach Plum, Bittersweet, Goldenrod, Lettuce, Moss Green, Oyster White, Space Blue, Sun Yellow, Velvet Brown, and Real Red.

Vaughn sees the Modulus line finding wide residential use on the patio and terrace; at poolside; on the sun porch, and in family and recreation rooms.



FOUR MODULUS SEATING units are lined by a 90-degree table to form an unusual corner arrangement. The pieces are locked together by inserts which fit into grooves in the lags; grooves also hold the arms and the table. An almost unlimited number of configurations can be produced in this manner. The manufacturer is Vaungarda, Inc. of Owosso, Mich.