



PASSIVE ISOTERMIA

(needless household appliance)

Recently I have been concerned about the artistic aspect of experimenting. I have built installations which give the impression of being scientific though they cannot be closely connected with science. I based them on the assumption that an experiment - from a scientific aspect - makes sense only if - starting out from the conjecture and after the experiment - it is ended with a conclusion. From an artistic aspect, however, the experiment itself can also be extracted as a sovereign, frozen state. Therefore I named these installations needless experiments.

Passive Isoterma is the brand name of a hybrid appliance which was born as a result of building together two kitchen utensils that can be found in most typical households. It is the hybridization of a refrigerator and a microwave oven. By building the object I deliberately oppose the environment conscious lifestyle teaching - against the unnecessary use of energy and for saving energy -, often demagogic propagandas. Thus I call attention to the necessity of the same attitude indirectly. Also, I would like to hold up a distorting mirror to the irrational wish to accumulate in conformist consumer societies. Externally the object does not differ from a standard refrigerator. It could be a simple ready-made but its black colour can rouse suspicion in the spectator. Opening its door the change can be realized at once since the storage section is covered with a piece of black plexiglass with only one window-like part clipped out, through which objects can be placed on the revolving plate of the prepared microwave oven. The microwave oven is turned on by opening the door of the fridge. The positive and negative thermal energies interfere therefore the temperature of the object placed inside does not change. Installing the work is at the same time the demonstrative proof of its needlessness.

