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Table Lamp 'Acrilica 281'

Joe Colombo for Oluce, table lamp model 'Acrilica 281', acrylic, metal, Italy, 1960s

The Acrilica 281 table lamp, designed by Joe Colombo in collaboration with his brother Gianni Colombo for Oluce in 1962, is a landmark in Italian lighting design. Its innovative use of curved transparent acrylic allows light to travel from the metal base through the body of the lamp, creating a glowing, sculptural arc. The Acrilica earned Joe Colombo the Gold Medal at the 1964 Milan Triennale and later became part of major museum collections worldwide. At its debut, the lamp astonished audiences, appearing more like a kinetic sculpture than a conventional light source, while showcasing a groundbreaking technical feat. At the time, it pushed the boundaries of what was possible with plastic, merging art, design, and innovation into a single luminous form.

DESIGNER	Joe Colombo
MANUFACTURER	Oluce
PERIOD	1960s
ORIGIN	Italy
MATERIALS	Acrylic, Metal
STYLE	Mid-Century Modern
CONDITION	The lamp is in very good vintage condition, showing only minor signs of use consistent with age. There a two chips of paint missing from the black metal.
REFERENCE	BV-000117
DIMENSIONS	24cm (W) x 26cm (D) x 24cm (H) 9.4in (W) x 10.2in (D) x 9.4in (H)

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