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Plus: Design Disasters of the Year

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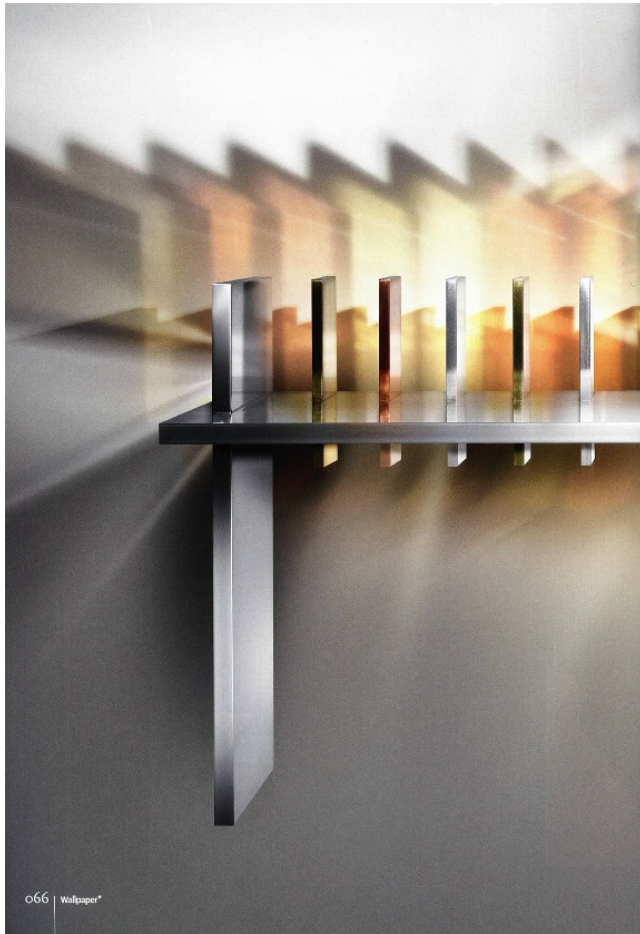
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IN A NEW TAKE ON JOINERY, THE DESK'S ALUMINUM LEGS AND BRASS COPPER AND STEEL PANELS WERE FROZEN TO CONTRACT FRACTIONALLY BEFORE BEING SLOTTED INTO THE TABLETOP AND EXPANDING TO HOLD IT IN.

BEST BIG CHILL

'Freeze' desk, by Paul Cockledge, from Friedman Benda

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British designer Paul Cockledge went to extreme lengths, and temperatures, to perfect the fabrication of his latest design. "I was seeking a new way to create metal tabletops set on columnar bases without a single visible joint exposed, so I hurried copper table bases and legs in the snowy Swiss Alps and there, while they froze, their circumference shrank two thousandths of a millimeter," explains Cockledge. Later, when the legs were slotted into place in an aluminum tabletop and "unfrozen," the pieces locked together without a touch of glue or welding. Other items, like this beautifully reflective desk, were frozen in liquid nitrogen at a ship foundry in Liverpool. ★
 *Freeze' desk, prototype, \$50,000, friedmanbenda.com

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