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Mobile Linear City

Initiator(s)

Vito Acconci

Description

The artist built portable housing that can be replicated to become an entire 'city'. A semitrailer truck carries six self-contained housing units that can be telescoped down into one compact module for hauling, to be set up wherever housing is needed. Inside each house, the wall panels can turn down to form a table, a bench, a bed and a shelf. There are five living units, each essentially a studio apartment with the unit housing shared utilities.

Goals

The artist had hoped it would become a lived-in 'traveling city', but soon he realized that it was not possible due to problems of legal responsibility, permits etc.

Beneficial outcomes

People could live in a 'traveling city'.

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