



When Reyner Banham introduced, back in 1965 in his essay "A Home is Not a House", the Transportable Standard-of-Living Package (protected by the Environmental Bubble and powered by a Car Battery) he did so in praise of the American standard of living of the 60's: The Great Outdoors and the notion of Suburban Utopia that was developing at the time.

50 years later, the need of a compact mobile home with very little relationship to the permanent infrastructure of civilization comes back to the forefront not as a praise to a notion but as pure necessity. The Refugee Crisis combined with global Economic and Environmental Extremities, suggest a new reality in which massive numbers of people are in a state of constant flux. At the same time, globalization mandates that in order for a person to remain relevant in the 21st century he must satisfy an increased variety of needs, aside from sustenance and cover from the natural elements, such as communication and digital presence. In fact, the current situation suggests that the idea of what consists a Shelter is rapidly changing.

The **EDHU** (Emergency Deployment Habitation Unit) is a module designed to satisfy all basic needs. The module is square in plan with each side able to provide different functions: **sustenance**, **cleanliness**, **rest** and **communication**. It is designed as a unit of minimum dimensions with storage space provisions. The modules' energy requirements for heating, power and water are satisfied by an outside source, like a car battery in Banham's utopia, able to cover the needs of multiple of these units. The cover provided in the top of the module is an inflatable, double-layered, insulated material which, with the support of arachnoid legs creates a roof which completes the Shelter Unit.

