



Smithsonian

National Air and Space Museum

Goodyear ZPG-3W Collection

Jessamyn Lloyd

2020

National Air and Space Museum Archives
14390 Air & Space Museum Parkway
Chantilly, VA 20151
NASMRefDesk@si.edu
<https://airandspace.si.edu/archives>

Table of Contents

Collection Overview	1
Administrative Information	1
Biographical / Historical.....	1
Scope and Contents.....	2
Arrangement.....	2
Names and Subjects	2
Container Listing	3

Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Goodyear ZPG-3W Collection
Date:	1929-1988
Identifier:	NASM.1989.0075
Creator:	Jakmides, Thomas R.
Extent:	1.28 Cubic feet (1 record center box and 1 oversized folder)
Language:	English .
Summary:	This collection consists of approximately 1.28 cubic feet of material relating to the Goodyear ZPG-3W non-rigid airship as well as material on other Goodyear airships as well as general historical airship information. There is also one folder of material pertaining to the DARPA (Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency) Silent Joe II airship.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Thomas R. Jakmides, Gift, 1989, NASM.1989.0075.

Processing Information

Arranged in 1989. Described and encoded by Jessamyn Lloyd, 2020.

Preferred Citation

Goodyear ZPG-3W Collection, NASM.1989.0075, National Air and Space Museum, Smithsonian Institution.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access

Conditions Governing Use

Material is subject to Smithsonian Terms of Use. Should you wish to use NASM material in any medium, please submit an Application for Permission to Reproduce NASM Material, available at [Permissions Requests](#) .

Biographical / Historical

The Goodyear ZPG-3W was an Airborne Early Warning (AEW) airship built for the U. S. Navy. At the time of its construction, the ZPG-3W was the largest non-rigid airship ever built and featured advanced electronics and the largest antenna ever airborne. The ZPG-3W made its first flight on July 21, 1958 and was delivered to NAS Lakehurst (NJ) in June 1959. The ZPG-3W set a new record for continuous time spent on patrol. In total, four ZPG-3Ws were built and delivered to NAS Lakehurst where they were operated by Airship Early

Warning Squadron One (ZW-1). The final ZPG-3W, delivered to Lakehurst in April 1960, was the last airship accepted by the U. S. Navy.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of approximately 1.28 cubic feet of material relating to the Goodyear ZPG-3W non-rigid airship including an Illustrated Parts Breakdown (NAVAER 01-195PDA-504); photographs; news clippings; photocopies of four technical drawings; and press releases. The collection also contains some material on other Goodyear airships as well as general historical airship information. There is also one folder of material pertaining to the DARPA (Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency) Silent Joe II airship which includes photographs and documents.

Arrangement

This collection is in original order.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Aeronautics
- Airships
- Naval aviation
- Newspapers
- Photographs

Types of Materials:

- Correspondence
- Technical drawings -- 20th century

Names:

- Goodyear (Airship)

Container Listing

Box 1, Folder 1	Goodyear ZPG-3W Parts Breakdown, 01-195PDA-504 [Folder 1 of 8], December 15, 1959 Language: English.
Box 1, Folder 2	Goodyear ZPG-3W Parts Breakdown, 01-195PDA-504 [Folder 2 of 8], December 15, 1959 Language: English.
Box 1, Folder 3	Goodyear ZPG-3W Parts Breakdown, 01-195PDA-504 [Folder 3 of 8], December 15, 1959
Box 1, Folder 4	Goodyear ZPG-3W Parts Breakdown, 01-195PDA-504 [Folder 4 of 8], December 15, 1959 Language: English.
Box 1, Folder 5	Goodyear ZPG-3W Parts Breakdown, 01-195PDA-504 [Folder 5 of 8], December 15, 1959 Language: English.
Box 1, Folder 6	Goodyear ZPG-3W Parts Breakdown, 01-195PDA-504 [Folder 6 of 8], December 15, 1959 Language: English.
Box 1, Folder 7	Goodyear ZPG-3W Parts Breakdown, 01-195PDA-504 [Folder 7 of 8], December 15, 1959 Language: English.
Box 1, Folder 8	Goodyear ZPG-3W Parts Breakdown, 01-195PDA-504 [Folder 8 of 8], December 15, 1959 Language: English.
Box 1, Folder 9	[Photocopies of Goodyear ZPG-3W Airship Photographs with Caption Information], 1959-1960, 1988 Language: English.
Box 1, Folder 10	Airship Endurance Records, Historical, 1929-1957, 1986 Language: English.
Box 1, Folder 11	[Goodyear] ZPG-3W - Airship to Navy - Lakehurst and Akron, 1956-1957 Language: English.
Box 1, Folder 12	[Goodyear] ZPG-3W, 1959 Language: English. Notes: Contains photographs and caption slips
Box 1, Folder 13	Airship - Lakehurst (2nd Release) Language: No linguistic content; Not applicable.

Box 1, Folder 14	Airship - Lakehurst Language: No linguistic content; Not applicable. Notes: Folder is empty.
Box 1, Folder 15	Airship - Lakehurst (2nd Release) [2], 1959 Language: English.
Box 1, Folder 16	Airships: [Goodyear] ZPG-3W, 4th Delivery
Box 1, Folder 17	Airship - [Goodyear] ZPG-3W and Sister Ship Language: English.
Box 1, Folder 18	[Goodyear] ZPG-3W - Maiden Flight - Third 3W Language: English.
Box 1, Folder 19	Airship - Close-up Tail View, [Goodyear] ZPG-3W Language: English.
Box 1, Folder 20	[Goodyear] ZPG-3W, 4th Delivery
Box 1, Folder 21	[Goodyear] ZPG-3W, Color [Photographs]
Box 1, Folder 22	Airships: [Goodyear] ZPG-3W [Press Releases and Photographs], 1959-1960 Language: English.
Box 1, Folder 23	Airships: [Goodyear] ZPG-3W and Miscellaneous, 1931-1982 Language: English.
Box 1, Folder 24	[Photos and Calendar Prints], 1960-1983 Language: English.
Box 1, Folder 25	Blimp Over Convoy in Atlantic, 1943 Language: English.
Box 1, Folder 26	[Goodyear] ZPG-3W (General Arrangement) Language: English.
Box 1, Folder 27	[Goodyear] ZPG-3W (Five Ships) Language: English. Notes: Folder contains multiple copies of a photographic print of an illustration comparing the ZP4K (ZSG-4), ZP5K (ZS2G-1), ZPG-2 (ZP2N), ZPG-2W, and ZPG-3W airships.
Box 1, Folder 28	Airship [Goodyear] ZPG-3W Language: English.
Box 1, Folder 29	Airship - First Navy Pilot 1917, 1968 Language: English.

Box 1, Folder 30 The Story of the Airship (Photos that appeared in the book), 1969 and undated
Language: English.

Box 1, Folder 31 Airships - Photos used in When Monsters Roamed the Skies, 1968 and undated
Language: English.

Box 1, Folder 32 Airships - Silent Joe II, 1969-1976
Language: English.

Map-folder 1 [Goodyear ZPG-3W Drawings]
Language: English.