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## Pan American Airways (Pan Am) Footage

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Air and Space Museum Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Pan American Airways (Pan Am) Footage
<b>Date:</b>	1963-1986
<b>Identifier:</b>	NASM.2008.0016
<b>Creator:</b>	Pan American World Airways, Inc.
<b>Extent:</b>	0.4 Cubic feet (8 reels and 1 cassette)
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Summary:</b>	Pan American Airways (Pan Am) was active in the airline industry from 1927, when it established a regular scheduled international service, to its bankruptcy in late 1991. This collection consists of six films, two video tapes, and a 1/4 inch audio tape pertaining to Pan Am.

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Doug Miller, Gift, 2008, NASM.2008.0016

### Processing Information

Arranged and described (2008) and encoded (2020) by Jessamyn Lloyd.

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical / Historical

Pan American Airways (Pan Am) was active in the airline industry from 1927, when it established a regular scheduled international service, to its bankruptcy in late 1991. Pan Am was the first American airline to operate a permanent international air service. From its first route between Key West and Havana, Pan Am extended its routes into the rest of the Caribbean, Central America and South America. In 1936, Pan Am inaugurated passenger service in the Pacific, and began service in the Atlantic in 1939. Pan Am started around-the-world commercial air service in 1947. Besides establishing many "firsts" with routes, Pan Am

also set "firsts" in aircraft technology, as when they became the first to use Boeing 747s in regular scheduled services.

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## Scope and Contents

This collection consists of six films, two video tapes, and a 1/4 inch audio tape. The films in this collection are as follows "Wings to the Land of the Maya" (1965); "Birth of a Jet"; "The Pan Am Story;" "Panamac - What it is...What it Does;" "50,000;" and end titles to a longer film. The video tapes in this collection are "C. E. Acker on Sale of Pacific Division" (4/25/1986, U-Matic); "Pan American/National Merger" (internal version, U-Matic). The audio tape is a recording of the "Old Timers Program" for October 10, 1963.

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## Arrangement

Collection is arranged by type of material.

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## Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Aeronautics  
Airlines

Types of Materials:

Motion pictures (visual works)  
Video recordings