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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Star Trek Starship Enterprise Model Drawings
Date:	(bulk 1964)
Identifier:	NASM.2016.0028
Creator:	Columbia Broadcasting System, inc.
Extent:	0.16 Cubic feet ((1 folder))
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

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Biographical / Historical

The weekly hour-long Star Trek TV show (NBC-TV), which aired from September 1966 until June 1969, became one of the most popular shows in the history of television. The show's depiction of a racially-integrated, multinational crew of men and women working together successfully, as well as its attention to contemporary social and political issues, pushed the boundaries of network television, earning Star Trek a dedicated fan base.

Biographical / Historical

The principal designer of the Star Trek Starship Enterprise model, Walter "Matt" Jefferies, worked with concepts provided by Star Trek's creator Gene Roddenberry. A 33 inch model mostly of solid wood was then built by model-maker Richard C. Datin under subcontract to the Howard Anderson Company. This model, created as a study model and for publicity shots, did appear in some episodes. For production, however,

Desilu/Howard Anderson ordered a larger model, the 11-foot Star Trek Starship Enterprise studio model (held by the Museum since 1974) which was built from enlarging the 33 inch model plans.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of two original paper drawings of the Star Trek Starship Enterprise 33-inch model plans, drawn by Matt Jefferies in 1964. One of the drawing is 56 by 30 inches, the other is 42.5 by 27.75 inches. The back of one of the drawings also include a sample of over sprayed paint from the base color of the 33-inch model, and both have handwritten notes and diagrams from model-maker Richard C. Datin.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Popular culture
Science fiction

Types of Materials:

Drawings

Preferred Titles:

Star trek (Television program : 1966-1969)