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Collection Overview

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| Repository: | National Air and Space Museum Archives |
| Title: | Continental, Inc Archives |
| Date: | 1941-1955 |
| Identifier: | NASM.XXXX.0059 |
| Creator: | Continental, Inc. |
| Extent: | 4.5 Cubic feet ((10 legal document boxes) (6 shoeboxes)) 4.2 Linear feet |
| Language: | English . |

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

No donor information

Restrictions

No restrictions on access

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Biographical / Historical

Continental, Inc. was formed in 1945 to develop a "roadable" aircraft designed by Robert E. Fulton, the company's president. The Fulton "Airphibian" was designed to convert from a light aircraft to a small, two-seat convertible for ground travel. The prototype Airphibian first flew on 7 November 1946. The Airphibian was awarded a Civil Aeronautics Authority Approved Type Certificate in December 1950, becoming the first roadable aircraft ever certified. Unfortunately, the Airphibian never found a place in the light aircraft market and the company collapsed in 1954.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains the files of Continental, Inc. from early planning documents predating Continental's creation through the company's collapse in 1954. It consists of technical reports and engineering drawings from the development of the Airphibian; correspondence between Continental, the CAA, and Continental's suppliers concerning marketing and certification of the aircraft; and the general correspondence of the company.

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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
- Aeronautics, Commercial -- United States
- Continental Inc Airphibian Family
- Periodicals
- Works of art

Types of Materials:

- Correspondence
- Drawings
- Manuscripts
- Photographs
- Publications

Names:

- Continental, Inc.
- Fulton, Robert E.