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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Skylab (McDonnell-Douglas) Collection
Date:	1970-1974
Identifier:	NASM.XXXX.0090
Creator:	McDonnell Douglas Corp. McDonnell Douglas Astronautics Co.
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Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

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Biographical / Historical

Skylab was a manned space station launched into Earth orbit by the United States in May 1973. It was made from the third stage of a Saturn V launch vehicle. A crew of three astronauts occupied Skylab during each of three missions. The longest mission, which ended in February 1974, lasted almost three months. The Skylab missions obtained vast amounts of scientific data, and they demonstrated to the American public that people could live and work productively in space for months at a time. The Orbital workshop (OWS) was a modified Saturn 4B stage that served as crew quarters. It could hold provisions for a three-man crew for up to 84 days each. Skylab crews lived and did most of their scientific research in the workshop.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of McDonnell-Douglas Astronautics Co. documents relating to the construction of NASA's Skylab Orbital Workshop in 1970-1972. It contains still photographs covering the construction of the vehicle and its transportation to Kennedy Space Center, Florida, which were submitted to NASA every month during the project. Also included are daily status reports during the operating life of Skylab (29 May 1973 - 8 February 1974), as well as engineering drawings of the vehicle prepared by McDonnell-Douglas for the Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum.

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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:

- Astronautics
- Astronautics
- Manned space flight
- Skylab Orbital Workshop
- Space vehicles

Types of Materials:

- Drawings
- Photographs
- Reports

Names:

- McDonnell Douglas Corp. McDonnell Douglas Astronautics Co.
- Skylab Program
- United States. National Aeronautics and Space Administration