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## Airline Baggage Label Collection

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Air and Space Museum Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Airline Baggage Label Collection
<b>Date:</b>	(bulk 1920-1990)
<b>Identifier:</b>	NASM.XXXX.0146
<b>Creator:</b>	Institute of Aeronautical Sciences
<b>Extent:</b>	13 Cubic feet ((18 boxes))
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Institute of Aeronautical Sciences, Gift, Unknown

### Preferred Citation

Airline Baggage Label Collection, Accession XXXX-0146, National Air and Space Museum, Smithsonian Institution.

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No restrictions on access.

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## Biographical / Historical

Baggage labels were first supplied by steamship companies to passengers for identification purposes during the 1800s, and hotels, resorts, and railroad companies soon followed suit. In the 1920s, airlines began to offer them to their commercial passengers as well. The baggage labels were a valuable advertising tool for the companies as passengers began to accumulate these often artistic labels on their luggage as travel status symbols.

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## Scope and Contents

This artificial collection consists of a wide variety of airline timetables, memorabilia, baggage tags, and logos, aircraft company logos, aviation school logos, bumper stickers, and balloon prints. The material covers airlines and aircraft companies from around the world. There are also 1986 - 1987 Air Transport Label Catalogs.

## Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Aeronautics
- Airlines
- Luggage

Types of Materials:

- Advertisements
- Labels