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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Air and Space Museum Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Aviation Technical Manuals Collection
<b>Date:</b>	1912-1987 (bulk 1930-1945)
<b>Identifier:</b>	NASM.XXXX.0429
<b>Creator:</b>	National Air and Space Museum. Archives Division.
<b>Extent:</b>	1,765.61 Cubic feet (1375 records center boxes; 1 flat box; 2 microfiche boxes)
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Summary:</b>	The Aviation Technical Manuals Collection contains over 40,000 original aviation technical manuals for aircraft, engines, aircraft components, and ground equipment.
<b>Digital Content:</b>	<a href="#">Image(s): Aviation Technical Manuals Collection</a>

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

No donor information, temporary deposit, varies, XXXX-0429, unknown

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical / Historical

Manufacturers and operators of aircraft and equipment produce large numbers of manuals for their air and ground crews. These manuals generally cover all phases of operation, from assembling the newly-purchased aircraft, operation and maintenance of the equipment, to storage of the equipment. Manuals are updated (revised) as new procedures are developed or modifications are made to existing models. New subtypes generally receive new manuals, although subtypes with the same procedures are generally grouped into the same manual, with new models being added in revisions.

## Scope and Contents

This collection contains over 40,000 original aviation technical manuals for aircraft, engines, aircraft components, and ground equipment. The bulk of the material consists of military technical manuals (United States Air Force and Navy) with some civil aviation manuals as well. The bulk of the manuals relate to American-built equipment, although some foreign types are included. Whenever feasible, revisions are maintained separate from the basic manual.

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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:

- Aeronautical instruments
- Aeronautics
- Aeronautics, Commercial
- Aeronautics, Commercial -- United States
- Aeronautics, Military
- Airplanes
- Airplanes -- Design and construction
- Airplanes -- Motors
- Airplanes, Military

Types of Materials:

- Manuals

Names:

- National Air and Space Museum. Archives Division.