



# Smithsonian

*National Air and Space Museum*

## "Air Transportation 2076" Collection

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Air and Space Museum Archives
<b>Title:</b>	"Air Transportation 2076" Collection
<b>Date:</b>	1975-1977
<b>Identifier:</b>	NASM.XXXX.0683
<b>Creator:</b>	National Air and Space Museum
<b>Extent:</b>	0.2 Cubic feet (1 slim document box)
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Summary:</b>	This collection consists of photographs of artist's concept color illustrations that appear to have been prepared for "Air Transportation 2076," an interactive exhibit or display in the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum's original Air Transportation gallery (opened July 1976) dealing with the different kinds of vehicles that might be used to transport people in the year 2076.
<b>Digital Content:</b>	<a href="#">Image(s): NASM-9A02302, Concept for Small Airport Intercity Transport Aircraft (1976), "Air Transportation 2076" Collection, NASM.XXXX.0683</a> <a href="#">Image(s): "Air Transportation 2076" Collection</a>

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

NASM Collections, transfer, 2008, NASM.XXXX.0683

### Processing Information

Arranged and described by Jessamyn Lloyd and Melissa A. N. Keiser, 2008; revised and encoded by Melissa A. N. Keiser, 2022.

### Preferred Citation

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### Restrictions

No restrictions on access

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## Biographical / Historical

The Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum's original *Air Transportation* gallery, opened July 1, 1976, in the museum's National Mall Building, explored themes of air transportation in the United States including commercial air travel, moving of mail, and government regulation of aviation. When it opened, the gallery included a number of components, including "Air Transportation 2076," an interactive exhibit or display imagining the different kinds of vehicles that might be used to transport people in the year 2076. The *Air Transportation* gallery was updated periodically throughout the 1980s and 1990s, and replaced in November 2007 by a new exhibition, *America by Air*.

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## Scope and Contents

The collection contains 47 color slides, 62 color 5 x 3.5 inch photographic prints, and 66 color 5 x 4 inch negatives; many of the slides, prints, and negatives are duplicates. The images show artist's concept illustrations of various types of hypothetical aircraft including a large amphibian aircraft that runs on nuclear power, an intercity transport, a personal electric fliver, an electric commuter jet, a transonic business jet, a hypersonic transport, a supersonic transport, a transonic transport, a flying wing, and a moon cruiseship with a ground to orbit shuttle. Not all of the negatives are represented as prints.

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## Arrangement

Images are arranged in original order.

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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
- Space flight

Types of Materials:

- Slides (35mm transparencies)