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Zeppelin Airship Pop-Up Models

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Zeppelin Airship Pop-Up Models
Identifier:	NASM.XXXX.0932
Date:	1910
Extent:	0.05 Cubic feet (1 folder)
Language:	This collection contains materials in Russian, French, and German.
Summary:	The Zeppelin Company, founded in 1908 by Ferdinand von Zeppelin, was a pioneer company renowned for its airships and transoceanic commercial air service. This collection consists of three copies of a pop-up model of a Zeppelin airship, dated 1910, printed in full color and with parts marked by number.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

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Processing Information

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Biographical / Historical

The Zeppelin Company, founded in 1908 by Ferdinand von Zeppelin, was a pioneer company renowned for its airships and transoceanic commercial air service. Ferdinand von Zeppelin had been experimenting

with rigid airships since the late 1800s and the Zeppelin LZ 1 made its first flight in 1900. Further models followed until the LZ 4 was introduced in 1908. The LZ 4 crashed during a test flight which led to an outpouring of support and monetary donations from the public which made possible the founding of the Zeppelin Company (Luftschiffbau Zeppelin GmbH). Beginning in 1909, Zeppelin airships were used for passenger transport by the Deutsche Luftschiffahrts Aktiengesellschaft (DELAG).

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of two copies of a pop-up model of a Zeppelin airship, dated 1910, printed in full color and with parts marked by number. One copy is mounted in a folio printed in Russian and the other copy is inside a folio printed in French that identifies this model as number 4 in a series. The French version includes a sheet identifying each part of the airship that is numbered. Both folios measure approximately 14 x 10 inches. The collection also contains a third pop-up model of a Zeppelin airship, dated 1909, mounted in a folio printed in German that measures 13.25 x 9 inches. The German example also includes identification of various parts of the airship along with several pages of introductory text.

Arrangement

Collection is in original order.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Aeronautics
Airships

Types of Materials:

pop-up book

Names:

Zeppelin (Luftschiffbau Zeppelin GmbH) (Germany)