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*National Air and Space Museum*

## Videodisc Imagery Collection

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Air and Space Museum Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Videodisc Imagery Collection
<b>Date:</b>	(bulk 1983-1998)
<b>Identifier:</b>	NASM.XXXX.1000
<b>Creator:</b>	National Air and Space Museum (U.S.)
<b>Extent:</b>	340.2 Cubic feet ((756 box))
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

NASM Archives generated

### Preferred Citation

Videodisc Imagery Collection, Accession XXXX-1000, National Air and Space Museum, Smithsonian Institution.

### Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

### Conditions Governing Use

Material is subject to Smithsonian Terms of Use. Should you wish to use NASM material in any medium, please submit an Application for Permission to Reproduce NASM Material, available at [Permissions Requests](#)

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## Biographical / Historical

The NASM Archives reproduced many of its photographic images on analog videodiscs. These videodisc allow researchers to look at images in the collection without handling the actual images, and since the videodisc could be distributed to repositories across the national, part of the Archives collection could be viewed without visiting the Archives. The videodisc format addressed preservation concerns and as aided the researchers by providing accelerated access to the images. The first NASM videodisc was made available in 1983, and eight discs were completed before the end of the videodisc program. Disc 1 contains images of aircraft, both domestic and foreign, arranged alphabetically by manufacturer or designer. Disc 2 includes images of aviation and space subjects, more aircraft photographs, balloons and airships, personalities, commercial airlines, events, trophies, military aviation, communications, equipment, museums, philatelic covers and models. Discs 3 and 4 reproduce the US Air Force pre-1954 still photo collection, which was filmed while it was on loan to the Archives. Discs 5 and 6 reproduces a set of the NASA public release collection, including lunar mission from Ranger 7 through Apollo 17 and Space Shuttle missions STS-1 and STS-61C. Disc 7 images from the Archives collection, including propulsion images, space history files and images from personal collections, including scrapbooks. Disc 8 includes images of Mars' surface.

## Scope and Contents

This collection consists of the images captured on Discs 1, 2, and 7. These images are from the NASM Archives collection, mostly from the NASM Technical Files.

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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
- Air pilots
- Aircraft
- Astronautics
- Space flight

Types of Materials:

- Photographic prints