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Guide to the Recollections of Leonard Becker

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Recollections of Leonard Becker
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0248
Date:	1976
Creator:	Becker, Leonard, ?-1985 (Author)
Source:	National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Physical Sciences (Collector)
Extent:	2 Cubic feet (1 box ; 5 audiocassete tapes)
Language:	English .
Summary:	Leonard Becker was a major participant in the development and marketing of Vinyl plastic.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Collection donated by Leonard Becker, through J. Harry DuBois and the Plastics Institute of America, 1978.

Provenance

Collection transferred to the Archives Center by Jon Ecklund, Curator of Chemistry (now Division of Medicine and Science), October 1986.

Processing Information

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Biographical / Historical

This collection consists of five cassette tapes recording the reminiscences of Leonard Becker, a major participant in the development and marketing of Vinyl plastic.

Scope and Contents

Tapes contain Leonard Becker's recollections regarding the origin and development of vinyl plastic, covering experiments undertaken in conjunction with Union Carbide & Carbon Co., Nitro, West Virginia. Tapes contain information on the various stages in production of men's plastic belts, including dipping, extrusion, fabrication, sealing, and cementing.

Arrangement

Collection arranged into one series.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Belts (Clothing) -- Plastic
- Plastics
- Vinyl polymers -- History

Types of Materials:

- Oral history

Names:

- National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Physical Sciences
- Union Carbide and Carbon Corporation (Nitro (W. Va.))

Container Listing

Box 1, Item OTC0248.1	Origins of Plastics [Vinyl] 1 Cassette tape (Total Running Time: 08:00)
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Box 1, Item OTC0248.2	Dipping Plastics 1 Cassette tape (Total running Time: 20:00)
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Box 1, Item OTC0248.3	Extrusion 1 Cassette tape (Total Running Time: 30:00)
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Box 1, Item OTC0248.4	Fabrication 1 Cassette tape
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Box 1, Item OTC0248.5	Sealing and Cementing 1 Cassette tape
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