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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Robert Studebaker Oral History
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Creator:	Studebaker, Robert Warner, Deborah Jean Jerome and Dorothy Lemelson Center for the Study of Invention and Innovation.
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Administrative Information

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Related Archival Materials

LaserPlane models located in NMAH Division of Science, Medicine and Society.

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Scope and Contents

Collection documents Robert Studebaker, inventor of the LaserPlane, the first modern alternative to the liquid level. The first model was introduced in 1965.

Arrangement

Divided into 3 series: (1) Original videos; (2) Master videos; (3) Reference videos.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Civil engineering -- 1960-1970
- Inventions -- 1960-1970
- Inventors -- 1950-2000
- Level indicators -- 1960-1970
- Leveling -- 1960-1970
- Tools -- 1960-1970 -- United States

Types of Materials:

- Interviews -- 1980-2000
- Oral history -- 1990-2000
- Videotapes -- 1990-2000

Names:

- Process Equipment Company
- Spectra Precision

Preferred Titles:

- LaserPlane*