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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Robert Studebaker Oral History
Date:	1998.
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0670
Creator:	Studebaker, Robert (Interviewee) Warner, Deborah Jean (Interviewer) Jerome and Dorothy Lemelson Center for the Study of Invention and Innovation. (Creator)
Extent:	0.25 Cubic feet (1 box)
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Created by the Jerome and Dorothy Lemelson Center for the Study of Invention and Innovation, National Museum of American History, 1998.

Ownership and Custodial History

Oral History was created by Lemelson Center and NMAH staff Deborah Warner.

Related Archival Materials

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

Processing Information

Collection processed by Alison Oswald, 1999.

Preferred Citation

Robert Studebaker Oral History, 1998, Archives Center, National Museum of American History.

Restrictions

Collection is open for research but the original videos are stored off-site and special arrangements must be made to work with it. Contact the Archives Center for information at archivescenter@si.edu or 202-633-3270. Collection is open for research.

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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*

Container Listing

Series 1: Original Videos

Box 1 (Originals)

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Series 2: Master Videos

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Series 3: Reference Videos

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