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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Texas Instruments Reference Collection
Date:	1950-1985.
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0697
Creator:	National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Information, Technology and Society (Collector) Texas Instruments Incorporated (Creator)
Extent:	0.3 Cubic feet (2 boxes)
Language:	English .
Container:	Box 1
Container:	Box 2

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Collection donated by Texas Instruments in 1987.

Provenance

Texas Instruments donated several hundred artifacts to the Division of Information, Technology and Society (then called the Division of Electricity and Modern Physics, Department of the History of Technology, now Division of Medicine and Science) in 1987. In 1999, the archival portion of the collection was transferred to the Archives Center.

Processing Information

Collection processed by NMAH Staff, undated.

Preferred Citation

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Collection open for research on site by appointment. Unprotected photographs must be handled with gloves.

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Biographical / Historical

Texas Instruments was started in 1930 as an oil exploration company called Geophysical Science. It quickly branched overseas and into other fields of technology, changing its name to Texas Instruments in the 1950s. The company was the first to mass-produce silicon transistors and designed the first transistor radio in the 1950s, the first hand-held calculator in 1967, and the first single-chip microcomputer in the 1970s, in addition to many other innovations.

Scope and Contents

Reference materials, including photographs, internal memoranda, newsletters and other printed material, relating to various Texas Instruments' products.

Arrangement

1 series, organized by product.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Calculators
- Computers
- Information technology
- Microelectronics
- Microelectronics industry -- 20th century
- Transistors

Types of Materials:

- Memorandums -- 1950-2000
- Newsletters -- 1950-2000
- Photographs -- 1950-2000