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## Texas Instruments Reference Collection

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
<b>Title:</b>	Texas Instruments Reference Collection
<b>Identifier:</b>	NMAH.AC.0697
<b>Date:</b>	1950-1985.
<b>Extent:</b>	0.3 Cubic feet (2 boxes)
<b>Creator:</b>	Information, Technology and Society, Div. of (NMAH, SI). Texas Instruments Incorporated
<b>Language:</b>	English

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## Administrative Information

### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Collection donated by Texas Instruments in 1987.

### Ownership and Custodial History

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) 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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## 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.

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## Scope and Contents

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

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## Arrangement

1 series, organized by product.

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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:

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

Types of Materials:

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