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Collection Overview

Repository: Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title: AMF Automatic Pinspotter Records
Date: 1947-1996
Identifier: NMAH.AC.0823
Creator: American Machine & Foundry Company. (Buffalo, New York)
        Martin, Frank J.
        Woodruff, Raymond R.
Extent: 0.5 Cubic feet (1 box)
Language: English

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Processing Information
Collection processed by Alison Oswald, 2011.

Preferred Citation

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Accruals
Additional materials were donated in 2005 by Raymond R. Woodruff and in 2010 by Frank J. Martin.

Biographical / Historical
At the time of the publication of this manual, AMF was just starting large-scale production of automatic pinspotters, which eliminated the need for manual resetting of pins and increased the popularity of ten-pin bowling.
Scope and Contents

A service manual in two volumes, on the maintenance and repair of automatic pinspotters for bowling alleys; two photographs; photocopies of the company newsletter *The AMF Pinspotter*, and newspaper clippings and articles on the introduction of the automatic pinspotter to bowling alleys; and other items including a letter and resume relating to the retirement of Raymond Woodruff, who developed the pinspotter for AMF.

Arrangement

Collection is arranged topically.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Bowling
- Bowling alleys
- Bowling alleys -- Equipment and supplies

Types of Materials:

- Books -- 1950-1960
- Manuals
- Newsletters
## Container Listing

### Series 1: Historical Background, 1947-2006 and undated

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The AMF Pinspotter Newsletter, , 1947-1948

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