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Collection Overview

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

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Collection donated Frank J. Martin in 2002 and Raymond R. Woodruff in 2005.

Processing Information

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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

Box 1, Folder 1 Articles and newspaper clippings, , 1951-1999 and undated

Box 1, Folder 2 Correspondence, 1951

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Series 2: Photographs, undated

Box 1, Folder 3

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Series 3: Newsletters, 1947-1984

The AMF Pinspotter Newsletter, , 1947-1948

Box 1, Folder 4

Box 1, Folder 5 *Bowling, , 1984 August*

Box 1, Folder 6 *Bowling Products Group News,, 1967 July*

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Series 4: Service Manuals and brochure

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| Box 1, Folder 7 | AMF Pinspotter brochure, , circa 1940s
Image(s) |
| Box 1, Folder 8 | <i>AMF Pinspotter Division Service Manual, Volume 1, 1952</i> |
| Box 1, Folder 9 | <i>AMF Pinspotter Division Service Manual, Volume II, 1952</i> |

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