

General Electric Numerical Control Collection

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Collection Overview

Repository: Archives Center, National Museum of American History

Title: General Electric Numerical Control Collection

Date: 1952-2005

Identifier: NMAH.AC.0937

Creator: Thomas, Richard A.

General Electric Company

Extent: 4.5 Cubic feet (4 boxes)

Language: English .

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisiton

Collection donated by Richard A. Thomas.

Ownership and Custodial History

Donated to the Archives Center in 2007 by Richard A. Thomas.

Processing Information

Collection unprocessed.

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Collection is unprocessed.

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Biographical Note

General Electric was an early pioneer in the use of numerical control, and strongly influenced the machine tool industry.

Scope and Contents

Papers and audiovisual materials compiled by Richard A. Thomas, mostly printed materials, documenting the General Electric Company's role in the development of numerical control.

Arrangement

Divided into 4 series. Series 1: Trade literature; Series 2: Instruction books, specifications and technical information; Series 3: Articles and printed materials on numerical control; and Series 4: Audiovisual materials.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Machine-tool industry Machinery industry Numerical control Periodicals

Types of Materials:

Advertising Articles Audiovisual materials Manuals Specifications

Container Listing

Box 1A	Unprocessed material
Box 1B	Unprocessed material
Box 2	Unprocessed material
Box 3	Unprocessed material
Box 4	Unprocessed material
Box 5	Unprocessed material
Reel OF 937.1	Accent on Accuracy, 1952 1 Film reel (color, composite optical soundtrack, print; 16mm, 760 feet)
Reel OF 937.2	Unidentified numerical control precision instruments film, 1961 1 Film reel (color, silent, reversal; 16mm, 175 feet)