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Collection Summary

Title: American Rocket Company Records

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Creator: American Rocket Company

Extent: 6,000 items

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Language: Collection material in English

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Summary: Space rocket company. Business plans, correspondence, financial records, legal records, legislative material, meeting minutes and notes, printed matter, reports, and technical papers relating to the commercial use of space by a private company.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

Organizations

American Rocket Company.

ARC Technologies. ARC Technologies records. 1961-1984.

Space Enterprise Consultants. Space Enterprise Consultants records. 1981-1984.

Starstruck Corporation. Starstruck Corporation records. 1978-1985.

Subjects

Aeronautics, Commercial.

Aeronautics--Safety measures.

Space industrialization.

Provenance

The records of the American Rocket Company were purchased by the Library of Congress in 2008.

Copyright Status

Copyright in the unpublished writings of the American Rocket Company in these papers and in other collections of papers in the custody of the Library of Congress has been dedicated to the public.

Access and Restrictions

The records of the American Rocket Company are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, American Rocket Company, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The records of the American Rocket Company span the years 1958-1991, with the bulk of the material dating from 1981 to 1984. The records are in English and are organized into the following sections: Space Enterprise Consultants, ARC Technologies, Starstruck Corporation, American Rocket Company, legislation, policy development, and miscellany.

The American Rocket Company was preceded by a sequence of companies beginning with Space Enterprise Consultants followed by ARC Technologies and Starstruck Corporation. These companies developed and launched rockets into space for commercial purposes. Space Enterprise Consultants, based in Washington, D.C., existed alongside the other companies and served as a liaison between them and legislative and military bodies. The companies' records, arranged alphabetically by type of material, include business plans, correspondence, financial records, legal records, meeting minutes and notes, organizational structure, reports, and technical papers.

The officers of the companies regularly engaged in developing a national policy for the transition from government and military control of space to private commercial uses. Various legislative bills that were proposed are arranged alphabetically by the title of the bill. The collection documents the efforts of numerous government committees and private consultant groups as they attempted to formulate policies regarding launch safety and insurance, government agency oversight, licensing procedures, and fair pricing systems, among other issues.

A miscellany section contains conference material, printed matter, and technical papers.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged chronologically by the company's development and therein alphabetically by type of material.

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