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Object type: Patented wheel

Museum number: BCX342.9999499.1

Title: Frictionless Pulley

Description: Pulley comprised of two anodized blue disks linked to an internal ballbearing and held within a folded aluminum blank. Patent number information etched on surface of disk.

Culture/period: Industrial America

Date: Nov 8, 1955

Production place: Parry Sound, MA

Findspot: Donated by the estate of Mrs Loukissas-Battles

Materials: aluminum, anodized aluminum, steel

Technique: Industrial manufacturing;

Curator's comments: Charles B Franklin's frictionless pulley revolutionized laundry day for countless American households. After entering the market in 1953, the wheel was already a best-seller and ubiquitous part of the suburban backyard, by the time the patent was awarded in 1955. This special edition of the pulley, anodized in a limited edition cobalt blue, was created to commemorate the official grant of the patent. Only 27 were made as gifts to the PULLCO staff.

Bibliography

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Acquisition date: 1988

Department: Industrial Tools & Equipment

Exhibition History

'Patently Ingenious'

'Aluminum: Our Friend'

'Domestic Bliss - Home Inventions of the 1950s'

'Lucky 13, the history of Aluminum'