

Guidelines for the Care of Larger and Working Historic Objects



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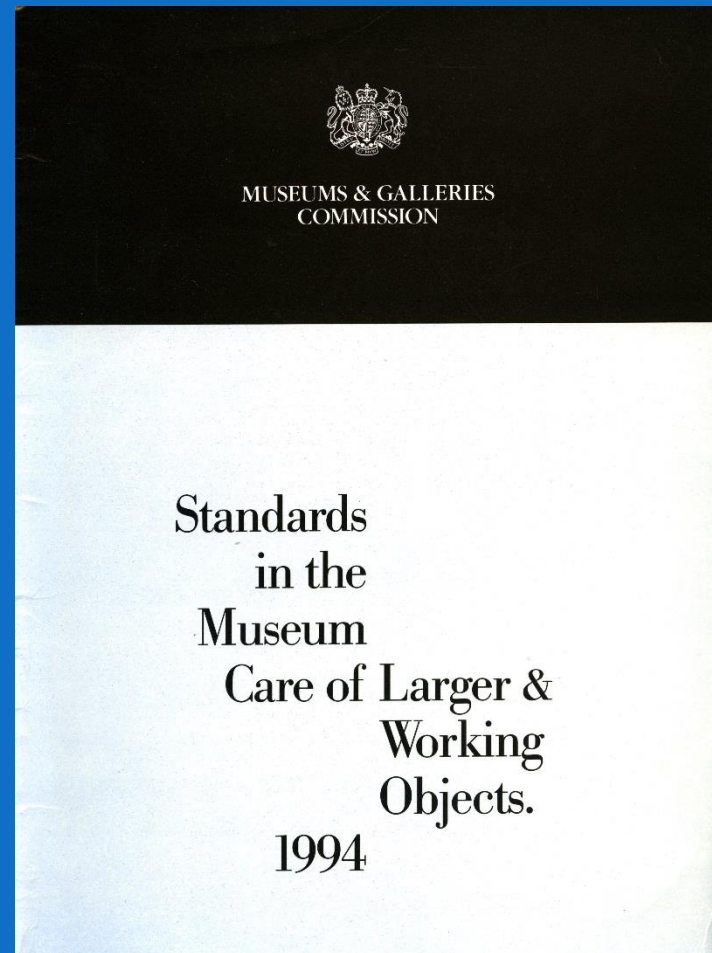
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- A network providing a forum for museums, sites and volunteer groups and societies in the transport, engineering and industrial heritage sector
- Established in 1962
- Regular seminars and events themed around collections-based topics
- Became an ACE-funded subject specialist network in 2012
- Merged with the STI-SSN and now has range of memberships



The 'Original' Standards

- Standards in the Museum Care of Larger & Working Objects (MGC 1994)
- Larger & Working Objects: A guide to their preservation and care (MGC 1997)
- Larger & Working Objects: a guide to standards in their preservation and care (Collections Trust 2009)

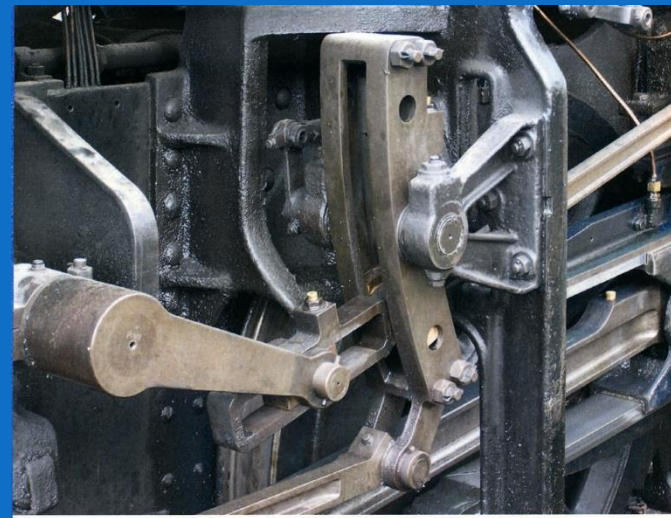


The Process

- Funding from Arts Council in 2015
- Scoping work facilitated by Rob Shorland-Ball involving consultation with stakeholders
- July 2016 - £47,465 from Arts Council in 2016 Resilience grant programme
- November 2016 – January 2017: recruitment of IRHC to review and produce new 'Guidelines' not 'Standards'.

The New Guidelines

- Published February 2018
- Will be updated on an annual basis – a ‘living document’ – contributions welcomed via www.abtemguidelines.org.uk
- This is one of many seminars to promote it
- Other promotional efforts – your help appreciated



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Early Evaluation and Acquisition

- Condition Survey
- •Stabilisation
- •Research

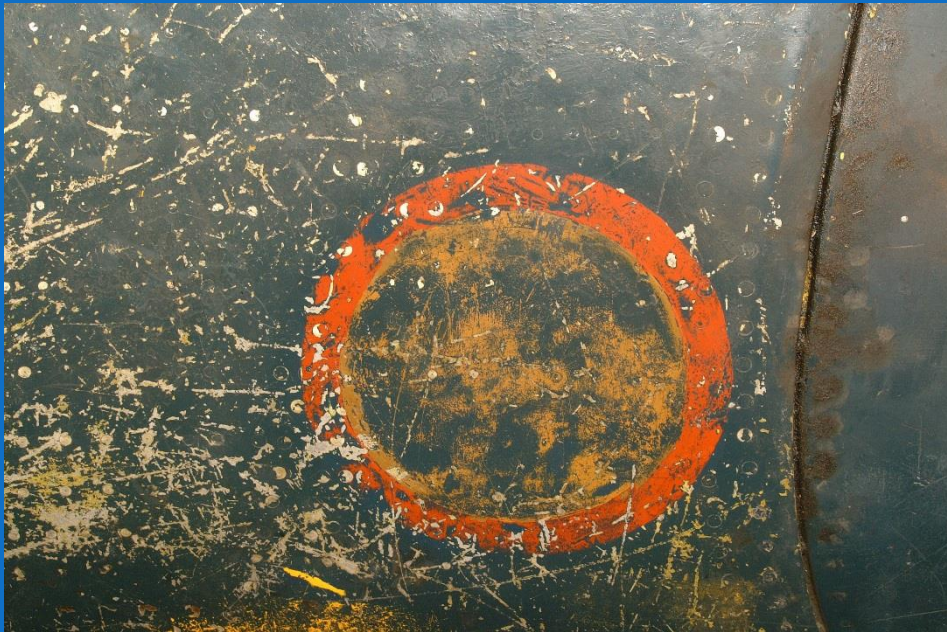


Understanding Significance



- The Conservation Plan
- Making the Decision whether to Operate
- Regulating the Operation of Working Objects

Conservation



- Selecting a Conservation Route
- Conservation Processes
- Preservation
- Restoration
- Reconstruction
- Adaptation
- Use of Replicas

Maintenance

- Movement as a preventive measure
- Cleaning
- Materials or Components with Limited Lifespan
- Maintenance Aspects of Certain Object Types



Documentation and Record-keeping



- Understanding the Environment
- Environmental Monitoring
- Temperature and Humidity
- Light
- Pollution
- The Impact of People
- Buildings
- Objects Kept Outside
- Housekeeping and Pest Control

Health and Safety



- Working Objects
- Legislation
- Emergency Planning
- Fire (including common causes of fire in larger and working objects)
- Flood
- Security
- Weather
- Accreditation and Good Practice

Useful Information



- Bibliography and references
- Contacts
- Grants
- Definitions

Accessing the Guidelines

- PDF Download: www.abtemguidelines.org
- 'Flipbook' version:
<http://online.fliphtml5.com/wffb/bclk/>
- 'Print on Demand' hard copy from Collections Trust:
<http://www.collectionstrust.org.uk/product/guidelines-for-the-care-of-larger-and-working-historic-objects>

Further information:

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