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**H05-1564.5.** Slickcraft Boat Division of AMF (1969-1980).

**Abstract**


Accession No: H05-1564.5  
Provenance: AMF SlickCraft Boat Division  
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**History**

The Slick Craft Boat Company was purchased by American Machinery and Foundry (AMF) in the fall of 1969 eventually renaming the company the Slickcraft Division of AMF with Leon Slikkers as president. AMF was founded in 1900 and was once one of the largest recreational equipment companies in the United States. Up until the mid-1980s, they produced many types of leisure equipment including tennis racquets, snow skis, lawn and garden equipment, wheelgoods, Ben Hogan golf clubs, Voit inflatable balls, exercise equipment, Alcort sailboats (including the Sunfish), Hatteras Yachts, SCUBA gear, and once owned Harley-Davidson Motorcycles and Dewalt Tools. In 1971 American Machinery and Foundry became the AMF Company. Slikkers remained the president until resigning in 1974 to start S2 Yachts to build sailboats.

After Slikkers resignation AMF added the Robalo line of fishing boats to the conglomerate’s holdings. Originally made in Sanford, Florida, the line was brought to Holland in the early 1970s. They continued building this series until AMF left Holland. In 1974, the division newsletter, *AMF Slickcraft Soundings*, recorded 14 models of Slickcraft and at least 2 Robalo models for the 1975 model year being sold in not only the United States, but also Italy, Escomer, and Japan.

The Slickcraft Division continued manufacturing power boats in Holland until closing the plant and ending the manufacturer of SlickCraft boats in 1980.
Scope and Content


Container List

**Brochures and Price Lists**
- AMF Powerboat (Crestliner, Robalo, Slickcraft), 1981

**Clippings**
- SlickCraft/Grew, 1977

**Decals**
- AMF SLICKCRAFT, n.d. (2 items)

**Photographs**
- n.d., 1973 (3 images)

**Publications**
- *AMF Annual Report*, 1969
- *AMF News*, 1975 (Oversized)
- *AMF Slickcraft Soundings* newsletter, 1972-1976

**Sales packet for dealers**, 1976

**Slickcraft Employee’s Manual**, ca. 1974 (2 copies)