

The MIT Museum is conducting a survey to develop a new template for cataloging information about slide rules. By working in conjunction with collectors and curators, we hope this information will help the slide rule community standardize its cataloging practices. Below is a listing of items extracted from a large number of books, catalogs and online databases. Please help us evaluate and rank the importance of these items. Feel free to add comments or definitions. The results of this survey will be shared with the Oughtred Society and others interested in the project. Thank you very much for your help!

Must Have	Nice to Have	OBJECT DESCRIPTIONS	Very Valuable					Less Valuable	No Value
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Title	5	4	3	2	1	0	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Manufacturer	5	4	3	2	1	0	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Designer/Inventor	5	4	3	2	1	0	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Maker/Signature	5	4	3	2	1	0	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Production Model	5	4	3	2	1	0	
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Country of Manufacture	5	4	3	2	1	0	
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Number(s)	5	4	3	2	1	0	
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Materials - rule	5	4	3	2	1	0	
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gauge Points	5	4	3	2	1	0	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Patent Information	5	4	3	2	1	0	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Body Style	5	4	3	2	1	0	
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		OTHER INFORMATION (FILL IN)							
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dimensions	5	4	3	2	1	0	
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Weight	5	4	3	2	1	0	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Condition	5	4	3	2	1	0	

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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conservation Priority	5	4	3	2	1	0
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Damage	5	4	3	2	1	0
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Repair History	5	4	3	2	1	0
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Accessories	5	4	3	2	1	0
		OTHER INFORMATION (FILL IN)						
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Must Have	Nice to Have	OBJECT HISTORY	Very Valuable				Less Valuable	No Value
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Donor/Seller Information	5	4	3	2	1	0
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Copyright/Patent Restrictions	5	4	3	2	1	0
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Copyright/Patent Owner	5	4	3	2	1	0
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	General history of artifact	5	4	3	2	1	0
		OTHER INFORMATION (FILL IN)						
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Must Have	Nice to Have	OBJECT LOCATION HISTORY	Very Valuable				Less Valuable	No Value
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Loans	5	4	3	2	1	0
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Exhibitions	5	4	3	2	1	0
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Restoration	5	4	3	2	1	0
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Permanent Location	5	4	3	2	1	0
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		OTHER INFORMATION (FILL IN)						
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		5	4	3	2	1	0
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Must Have	Nice to Have	VISUAL DOCUMENTATION	Very Valuable				Less Valuable	No Value
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Photograph	5	4	3	2	1	0
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Digital Image	5	4	3	2	1	0
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Front View	5	4	3	2	1	0
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Back View	5	4	3	2	1	0
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Side Views	5	4	3	2	1	0
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Detail Image (Of what? Fill In Below)	5	4	3	2	1	0
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		OTHER INFORMATION (FILL IN)						
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Must Have	Nice to Have	OBJECT VALUATION	Very Valuable				Less Valuable	No Value
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Purchase Price	5	4	3	2	1	0
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Manufacturer/object type (K&E slide rule)	5	4	3	2	1	0
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Manufacturer/Model (K&E Universal Slide Rule)	5	4	3	2	1	0
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Model Only	5	4	3	2	1	0
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	OTHER INFORMATION (FILL IN)	5	4	3	2	1	0
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OTHER INFORMATION:

IS IT IMPORTANT TO MAKE A DISTINCTION BETWEEN SLIDE RULES DEVELOPED BEFORE AND AFTER 1800? YES NO

WHAT IS THE BEST WAY TO DESCRIBE A CIRCULAR SLIDE RULE?

IS IT DESIRABLE TO KNOW INFORMATION ABOUT THE USER (EG: THIS RULE WAS USED BY AIRPLANE PILOTS?) YES NO

IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE THAT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IN THE DISCUSSION OF A NEW STANDARD?

COMMENTS? QUESTIONS?

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN THIS PROJECT? (Please give your name and contact information.)

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