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## WHAT'S IN THE CATALOGUE? Herman van Herwijnen

This is the question we will have to ask and answer as the number of items being fed into the catalogue database is growing quickly.

What is in the catalogue, said with three words, is: **logarithmic**, **goniometric** and/or **technical**.

Let us start with those that should **not** go into the catalogue:

- 1 Calculating machines and even the Curta falls into that category.
- 2 Addiators when not on the back of a slide rule.
- 3 Those simple calculating rules in which no logarithm is involved often based on a table that can be moved and shows the answer in windows that are only used and/or for adding, subtraction, multiplication and division. Child type rules.
- 4 Normal linear rules without a small electrical pocket calculator or with addiator.
- 5 Graphs or nomogrammes without cursor or slide.

What qualifies are (and some of the points may overlap):

- 1 All rules, discs, cylinders, watch types, slide charts, etc (in short: SR) that use at least one logarithmic or non linear scale.
- 2 All SR that use a goniometric relation to do the calculation.
- 3 All SR that may not have a logarithmic or goniometric scale but that can be qualified as technical in the widest sense of the word including those that qualify as a table with technical data provided it



has a cursor or slide. A graph or nomogram does not qualify.

- 4 All SR that use degrees to indicate an angle.
- 5 All SR that give conversion factors from one system of units to another be it the metric system (m, s, kgf), the Imperial system (ft, s, lbf), oil field units (Mmcf, Btu, HP), or SI system of units (m, s, kg, N, J, W, etc) or other. See Mear.
- 6 Classical SR like the Educated Monkey is a border case but age and rarity may cause it to classify.
- 7 Protractors, sectors, Gunters and other classical items in the mathematical sphere belong in the catalogue.

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