Condition Report for three-dimensional objects

1. IDENTIFICATION

Artist: Panamarenko

Object: The Aeromodeller 00-PL

Date: 1969-1971

Inventory number: 80 MHK 089 (artist)

Owner/ collection: S.M.A.K. (1980)

Location:

Dimensions:

- balloon: length 26.087 m; diameter: 6.190 m
- gondola: height: 2.029 m; length: 6.272 m; width: 3.280 m

Description:

The artwork consists of different parts:

- 1. The balloon was made by adhering fifteen large pieces of polyvinyl chloride film (PVC) to each other. A synthetic rubber adhesive was used.
- 2. The gondola (the cabin underneath the balloon) is made of cane, wood and metal.
- 3. A construction with servo engines, propellers and gas tanks was made on a wooden frame.
- 4. One 220V ventilator [Hadek, type AOM0150 (EU)].
- 5. Two sets of heat and fire protection clothing.
- 6. White nylon ropes.
- 7. A PVC flag, triangle shaped.

Former restoration/ former measures:

O document, paper, report O executive

2. MATERIALS

Basics		Basics	Paint		Compound	
O wood: fir	3	O photos	O oil paint		<mark>O</mark> adhered	1
O paper		O video	O acrylics		O welded joint	3
O textile: asbestos,	5/6	O collage	O laquer		O plugged	
nylon						
O wax		O leather	O vinyl paints		<mark>O</mark> screws	2/3
O stone		O glass	O 'plastic' paint		O wood	
O ceramics		SPECIFI	O pigments		<mark>O</mark> nails	2/3
		С				
O gypsum/ plaster		0	O metal paint		O central point of	
					support	
<mark>O</mark> metal: aluminium,	2/3/	0	O coating: alkyd	2/3	O loose	
steel	5		resin			
O synthetic material:	1	0	O plaster		O tape	
PVC						

O neon		0	O wax	O staples	
OTL lights		0	O ink	<mark>O</mark> tied up	6
O machine /electronic	4	0	O charcoal	0	
parts					

3. CONSTRUCTION / ARRANGEMENT

O 1 material	O several materials :		
O 1 piece	<mark>O</mark> several pieces	O loose	<mark>O</mark> fixed

Comments about material construction and arrangement

The balloon has 45 suspension points. Nylon ropes are tied to most of these suspension points. The gondola is connected to the balloon by 30 of these nylon ropes.

Nine ropes coming from the suspension points and 4 ropes placed around the balloon are connected with the ceiling of the exhibition hall: these ropes hold the balloon up.

The wooden frame with the engines and their corresponding propellers (two propellers for each engine) is located above the gondola. A metal support for 4 gas tanks is held to the structure with nylon ropes. A triangular PVC flag hangs on the back of the balloon. The flag has a rope at each corner. The two ropes at the top of the flag are tied onto one of the nylon ceiling ropes that pass around the balloon. The rope at the bottom end of the flag is connected to the gondola. Between the balloon and the gondola there is a PVC tube for the air that is supplied by the ventilator pump inside the cabin.

4. SKETCHES / DIAGRAMS



The gondola rests on a wooden frame. The gondola consists of five sections made of cane. The wooden frame also has five sections. Each cane section is screwed onto the corresponding panel of the frame. The panels can be attached to each other with a metal system. There is an eye screw in each of the four corners of each panel. When two panels are placed next to each other, a threaded rod can be put through the eye screws of the two panels. The threaded rod can be locked with a butterfly nut on each end. Thus the five panels are assembled.

The five sections of the gondola are connected to each other with metal plates: bolts go through the holes of two corresponding metal plates and are secured with nuts.

When the five sections of the frame are connected to one another, as well as to the sections of the gondola, then it is easier to move the entire assembly. The frame is equipped with metal wheels.



5. CONDITION

estimated	local	
O solid	O tears	1
O stable	O cracked	1
O weak	O scratched	3
O wobbly	O dented	3
O rather clean	O blister/stir	
O dusty	O threadbare	2
O soiled	O loose splinter	2
O fingerprints	O old corrections/retouches	2/3
	O loose pieces	
	<mark>O</mark> broken pieces	1/2
	O deformations	
	O oxidation	3/4
	O infestation	
	O mould	
	O water damage/water ring	
	<mark>O</mark> stains	1/3
	O discolouring	
	O faded	
	O influence of several materials	
	O damage caused by installation/	
	reinstallation	
	O damage caused by climate	
	O damage caused by visitors	
		0/0
	otner damage: painting gaps	2/3

Comments on the present condition

The artwork is dusty on the outside. There are some new and different cracks on the balloon due to the pressure of the air. For the same reason some points of connection for the nylon ropes have yielded (the no. 1 and no. 4 suspension points on the balloon are broken due to the action of the nylon ropes).

Some pieces of new PVC are also cracked, and there is a small tear on the air tube. One side of the PVC flag is partially unstuck. On the gondola there are different loose splinters and some parts of the woven cane are worn. A small part of the cane in element no. 5 cane is broken.

Some original metal plates are oxidised. The propellers and their metal structure are dusty. The metal is oxidised. There are some cracks, scratches, dents and oil stains. There are also some old corrections on the structure made with polyester to hold some broken parts.

There are little spots of paint on the wood. On the wooden frame for the propellers there are splinters, scratches and loss of paint. The heat and fire protection clothing is dusty, dirty and worn. The metal parts are oxidised, and there are some scratches

on the plastic shield. The metal of the jerrycans is a little oxidised, and there are some red spots (oil stains) and scratches on the surface.

6. INFORMATION AND CONTACTS

O reconstruction

- O closer verification of the art-historical
- O closer verification of the material-technical O written
- O artist's treatment instructions

O verbal

O tests for a possible treatment procedure

- O treatment under direct supervision of management
- O in cooperation with externs: proposal:.....

7. REGISTER OF MEASURES TO BE TAKEN (conservation card)

	To do		Date
	Urgent	desirable	
- basic cleaning			
- thorough cleaning			
- partial cleaning	Х		
- consolidation			
 reconstruction of the original 	Х		
- restretching			
- treatment of deformation			
- replacement of keys			
 supporting construction 			
- new stretcher			
- new framing			
 hanging system 			
- fillings			
- retouches			
- protective coating			
 disinfecting of mould 			
- insect control			
- conservation measures			
- restoration measures			
- packing	x		
packing	~		

8. GENERAL COMMENTS

The artwork is in good condition. It is fragile. It is better to repair the tears on the balloon before the next installation.

9. REFERENCES

9.1. PRESENTATION	O installation plan/ guidelines O hanging O standing O free (standing) O with plinth O needing a plinth O accessories/aids:extra nylon ropes
	O persons with practical knowledge
9.2. CONSERVATION	O guidelines for temperature:18 ℃ O guidelines for humidity:45% O guidelines for lighting:150 lux
9.3. STORAGE	O supporting construction O no supporting construction O keep free of dust O storage packing O necessary special storage packing
9.4. MANIPULATION	O number of persons needed:12 for the installation O aids: net system with ropes to hang O special care for:the PVC structure and the artwork in general. It is very fragile
9.5. PACKING	O climate-crate O basic crate O storage packing O none O necessary to build

10. GUIDELINES FOR PACKING

Each element of the artwork has its own packaging:

1. After the de-installation, the balloon is folded into a rectangular shape (about 8 meters long and 2.5 meters wide) and placed with the black net on a plastic film in a crate. This crate is made of wood and on the inside the walls are covered with cardboard (honeycomb). All the sides of the crate can be opened. One side of the balloon is folded and leaned against a long side of the crate, which is about 2 meters long.



2. Each section of the gondola is packed separately. The section is placed in a wooden crate. Inside the section a metal structure is placed to support it. You can regulate the height of this structure. It is composed of two parts and the one at the top can be inside the other one. You can lock the two parts with a screw at four different levels of height. The top and the base of this structure are composed of polycarbonate sheets. The crate is made of wood and polycarbonate sheets.



- 3. The propellers are placed in a wooden crate with the fire protection clothes. The clothes are packed in Tyvek sheets.
- 4. The old ventilator has its own crate.
- 5. Each jerrycan is placed in a bag made with bubble plastic and all the jerrycans are placed in a wooden crate.
- 6. It is necessary to build a crate for the wooden frame and the structure for the propellers, as well as for the new ventilator with the frequency regulator.

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11. PHOTOGRAPHS

See photos in condition report 2006 (7).

12. TREATMENT REPORT

1. Remove the dust with flannel textile during the de-installation.

13. ENCLOSURE