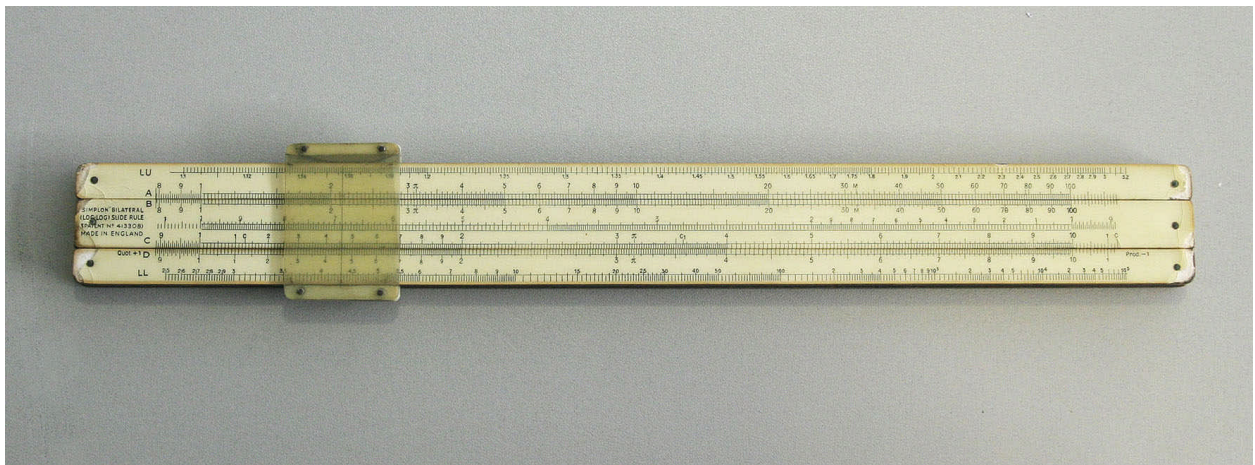
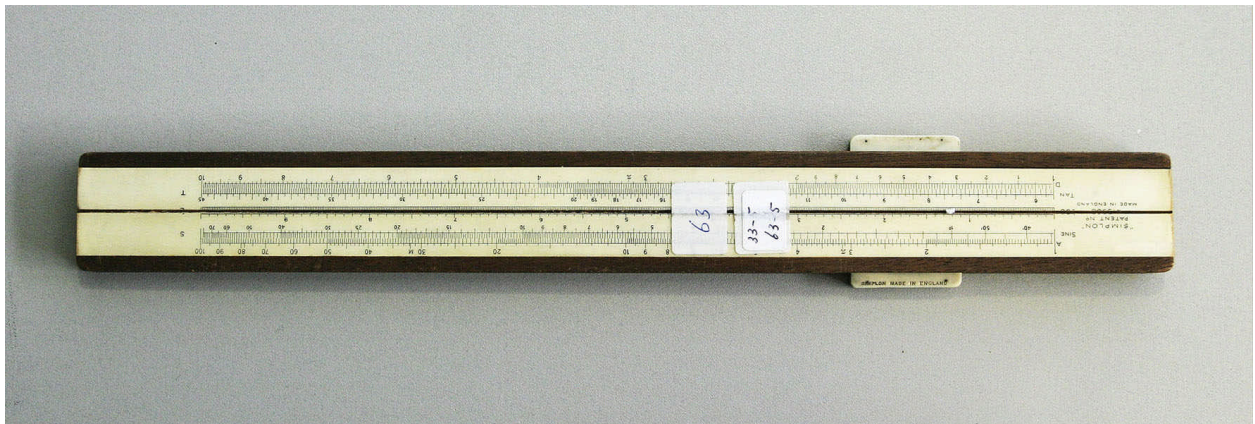




In summer 1946, the first year after WW-2, I took part in a group of scholars of my secondary school, going on a 2-weeks holiday to England. When my teacher-mathematics heard of this holiday of mine, he advised me to buy a slide rule when I was in England. He knew that I had planned to go to Delft-University in 1947 to start there a study for civil engineer. Because there was hardly any slide rule for sale in the Netherlands so short after the war and needing such one during my study, he gave me that advice.



I bought a Simplon Bilateral LogLog slide rule and have used this during my student period on Delft-University and all the years after in my many technical professions. In the early 1980's it was the first item in my slide rule collection and it is still the most beloved one.



63 Years have passed between buying it and today. That slide rule did not change, it has only signs of being used intensively. A comparable change took place in my appearance. The added pictures are taken in 1946 and 2009. There is some difference as you see.