

Wet copier that could handle thicker documents and pioneered the widespread use of wet copiers

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Registration Date	September 12, 2023	Registration Category	Category 1

Name (Model, etc.)	Ricopy BS-1
Location	Ebina-shi, Kanagawa
	Ricoh Company, Ltd.
Owner (Custodian)	Ricoh Company, Ltd.
Manufacturer (Company)	Ricoh Company, Ltd.
Year Manufactured	1965
Year first appeared	1965
Reason For Selection	This is a copier that uses wet development with zinc oxide (ZnO) photosensitive paper. Unlike diazo photocopiers (blueprint), which use transmitted light, this type of photocopier uses reflected light and could therefore copy bound documents. The wet process and optics were designed to achieve compactness and high reliability. Together with its successor, the BS-2, it paved the way for the "age of copying everything," and is significant as the model that spearheaded the widespread recognition of Japanese photocopiers in the world market.
Registration Standard	2-B (Made a notable contribution by facilitating an epoch-making advance in Japan's economy and place in the world.)

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