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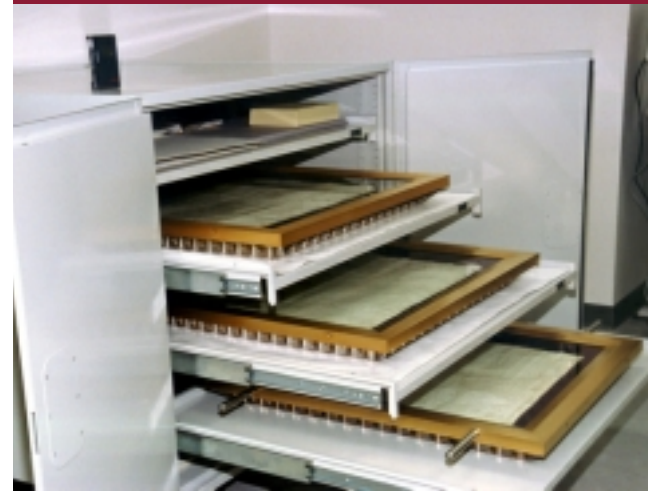
FOR ARCHIVES

NATIONAL ARCHIVES TAPS SPACESAVER TO HELP PRESERVE CHARTERS OF FREEDOM DURING ROTUNDA RENOVATION

- WHAT:** The National Archives, Washington, D.C. & National Archives II, College Park, MD.
- PROBLEM:** The National Archives embarked on its first major renovation since it opened in the 1930s. The United States' founding documents: the Declaration of Independence, Constitution of the United States and Bill of Rights needed to be protected and preserved during the renovation. These documents - collectively known as the Charters of Freedom - are ordinarily on display in the Rotunda of the National Archives building.
- OBJECTIVE:** Since the Rotunda will undergo extensive remodeling as part of the project, Spacesaver was asked to design special cabinets to safely store these historic documents during the renovation.
- SOLUTION:** The Rotunda closed in July, and the Charters of Freedom (in their respective encasements) were carefully transported to the Archives II facility in College Park, Md.
- PRODUCT:** The documents were placed into special steel storage cabinets, custom-designed to the Archives' specifications. The Charters of Freedom will remain in storage until the Rotunda reopens in 2003.

UNIQUE FEATURES

- Each cabinet features an archival-safe powder-coat finish.
- Sturdy rollout shelves with heavy-duty ball-bearing extension suspensions.
- Special door hinges that rotate 270 degrees, allowing archivists easy access to the documents while preservation work is in progress.



"We are extremely satisfied with the storage cabinets that they designed and constructed for the Charters of Freedom," said Marvin Shenkler, Project Manager for the National Archives' renovation. "The quality is superb."

