

Searching for digital images and 35mm slides via.harvard.edu

40,000+ digital images, constantly growing; 250,000+ 35mm slides

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VIA (Visual Information Access), Harvard University's image catalog

- use to search for GSD digital images and slides
- conduct both basic and complex searches
- includes images from 27 Harvard collections
- if a digital image is not available, you can scan the slide in the Visual Resources department

Harvard University Library
Visual Information Access

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The **Visual Information Access (VIA)** system is a union catalog of visual resources at Harvard, focusing on artistic and cultural materials.

VIA includes catalog records for objects or images owned, held or licensed by Harvard. Access to the catalog is open to the general public; all catalog records and thumbnail images are available to everyone. Access to higher resolution images is usually available to the Harvard community, is always determined by an individual repository, and is often dependent on copyright.

Access to original object or image is determined the individual repository. Restrictions on access may be noted in the VIA record.

For more detailed information, see [About VIA](#).

Search for: Sert in Name ①
and Cambridge in Place
and in Anywhere

Limit search to records that have digital images ②
 Limit search to records that have originals at Harvard

Limit search to records with dates from YYYY to YYYY ③

Limit repository to: Loeb Library, Harvard Design School ④

Search

Hints:
Use * as a wildcard. Examples: cat*, *operable and *itics*

Display/Sort Preferences:
Image grid size: Small - 3 rows x 5 columns
Sort by: None None None
Result sets greater than 2000 will not be sorted

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- ① **Drop-down list search menu**
Default Anywhere search = keyword search (the most basic search); also search by name, title, subject, place, nationality/culture, etc for more complex searches.
- ② **Limit search to digital images**
- ③ **Search using date range**
- ④ **Limit search to specific repositories, image collections at Harvard**
Using the drop-down list the search can be limited to search one of the 27 Harvard collections available in VIA. For the GSD's collection, select Loeb Library, Harvard Design School.

example:

A SEARCH with Sert in Name and Cambridge in Place with records limited to Loeb Library, Harvard Design School RETRIEVES records belonging to Loeb Design Library that were created by Sert located in Cambridge.

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How to read a VIA record

Below is a "Full Record" display of a VIA record; "Grid View" is the default display.

The screenshot shows the Harvard University Library Visual Information Access (VIA) interface. At the top, there is a search bar and navigation tabs: About VIA, Search, Browse, Search History, Portfolios, and Help. The main content area is titled "Full Record" and "Grid View". It displays a record for "Ricola Europe Storage Facility" with the following details:

- Title:** Ricola Europe Storage Facility, Mulhouse, France
- Classification:** KB726 (Loeb Library, Harvard Design School)
- Work Type:** storage facilities
- Creator:** Herzog & de Meuron (1978 -), Switzerland, firm; Herzog, Jacques (1950 -), Switzerland, architect; de Meuron, Pierre (1950 -), Switzerland, architect
- Production:** Mulhouse, France
- Date:** 1992-1993
- Topics:** factories; industrial buildings
- Materials/Techniques:** concrete; silkscreen ink

The interface also shows a list of 20 surrogates (with 20 images). The first surrogate is expanded, showing a thumbnail image of the building's exterior. Below the thumbnail, there is a "Save this..." dropdown menu and descriptive information for the surrogate:

- Title:** ext., under cantilevered roof
- Classification:** KB726 c
- Work Type:** color slide
- Topics:** exterior views; doors; interior views; exterior walls; cantilevers; roofs
- Repository:** Loeb Library, Harvard Design School 136720

At the bottom, there are two more surrogate entries, each with a "+" icon and a "Save this..." dropdown menu.

Work record information

- 1 Save entire record or Bookmark ...**
This dropdown menu is a convenient way to share your findings with others or save for yourself to refer to later.
- 2 Components:** 20 surrogates (with 20 images)
Of the 20 image records attached to this record, 20 have digital images.
- 3 Classification:** KB726 (Loeb Library, Harvard Design School)
All slides for this building can be found in Visual Resources using this call number.

Surrogate (image) record information

- 4** Viewable thumbnail
This slide has been digitized. Click on it to view the larger JPG. Then save it to your computer's desktop. You may need your HUID and PIN to access larger images.
- 5** **Classification:** KB726 c
Work Type: color slide
This is a digitized slide. If you need this slide, use the above call number to find it in Visual Resources.
- 6** +
Click on the + to see the descriptive information and digital thumbnail for the other image records attached to this building's work record. Alternatively, "Expand All" at top of VIA screen.