

# ALRO Linear Slide Rules

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The full company name was “*All-Round*” but is better known as: **ALRO**. In 1959 this Dutch company became a major supplier of plastic credit cards. They are best known for their “flagship” metal cased circular slide rules they started making **1936**. Less known is that in **1953** ALRO briefly started producing plastic linear slide rules. However, the plastic chosen (Perspex™) proved too brittle. Therefore shortly after going into production ALRO abandoned the manufacture of linear slide rules. Not long after, in 1960, ALRO stopped all slide rule production.



In **2020** the *Dutch Circle for Historical Calculating Instruments* (KRING) published “THE ALRO CATALOGUE” by Otto van Poelje (ISBN/EAN: 978-90-81-550-024). In it every calculating disc, slide rule and slide chart ever made by ALRO is meticulously catalogued and photographed. Order it from the KRING website: <http://www.rekeninstrumenten.nl/ALRO/> . This abbreviated “quick-reference” list features all the classic pre-1960 linear slide rules from the published catalogue.

Model #/name	Type	Size (cm) <sup>1</sup>	Comments	ALRO Cat. #
<b>10 RL</b>	Mannheim	15		AC-1.51
<b>200 RL</b>	Rietz	28	Later version monochrome	AC-1.49
<b>ST 9-430/2</b>	Artillery	32	Duplex	AC-1.34

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<sup>1</sup> Physical length