

Sewing-machine museums in France

This is only a short list of the main museums, rather than an exhaustive list of all the historical or local museums with a few sewing machines in their collections.



1 - MUSEE DE LA MACHINE À COUDRE in Rouillé



More than 300 machines, from 1830 to nowadays, make up this private collection, in which needles and old lithographs can also be found. It includes a richly decorated 1871 "Florida", a rare model, few of which have been distributed. Another rare item is the "Countess" sewing machine, made in 1889, to 64 copies.

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Open each day from Monday to Friday : 8h to 12h and 14h to 18h
Saturdays and Sundays with previous arrangement with the curator.

2 – MUSEE DE CHALONS-EN-CHAMPAGNE



This is one of the most important museums on the old sewing machine in France, both in number of copies and in rarity. It traces the history of this industry back to the 1850s. It was created by Lucien and Huguette Cordier who sold sewing machines at Bar le Duc and Chalons-en-Champagne, for nearly fifty years. This is a preservation of a worldwide industrial and domestic heritage.

Features:

500 domestic machines by leading global manufacturers: Howe, Thimonnier, Singer, Peugeot, Opel, Pfaff, Hurler: some models are unique in the world.

600 small sewing machines for girls, many of whom have served our great-great-grandmothers.

Free tour (previous appointment with curator necessary)

Address : 13, place des Buttes - 51 000 Châlons-en-Champagne
Tél : 03.26.65.62.46

3 – MUSEE DES ARTS ET METIERS

French industrial museum in Paris and documentation centre.

Address : 60 rue Réaumur - 75003 Paris
Métro : Arts et Métiers, Réaumur-Sébastopol
Bus : 20, 38, 39, 47
<http://www.arts-et-metiers.net/>
Tél.: 01 53 01 82 00
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Open from Tuesday to Sunday included, from 10 h to 18 h.
Night opening Thursday to 21 h 30.
Closed Monday and holidays

4 – MUSEE BARTHELEMY THIMONNIER d'AMPLEPUIIS

Sewing machines collected since 1965 by the Historical and Archaeological Research Group of Amplepuis; collection cycles from the Henry and Renée Malartre 1987 donation.

First French public collection of sewing machines; historical and technological comparison of the progress of sewing machines and cycles.

Address : Place de l'Hôtel de Ville
69550 Amplepuis
<http://www.ville-amplepuis69.fr/page.asp?pole=4&id=8>
Tél : 04 74 89 08 90
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Open every day from 14h30 to 18h30
Closed : school holidays for Christmas (end December-beginning January)

5 – MUSEE DE LA MACHINE A COUDRE DE NANTES

Personal collection to visit only on appointment.

Adress : Musée de la machine à coudre de Nantes

33 rue Gambetta, - 44000 Nantes

Visits on appointment

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