

Tampa Museum of Art Has Modern Metal Skin

*900,000 perforated holes create the look of moving art
with help of local metal supplier McNICHOLS Company*

TAMPA, Florida – February 5, 2010 – McNICHOLS Company has provided one of the most prominent features of the new Tampa Museum of Art. The aluminum panels from this Tampa-based perforated metal supplier form the unique metal “skin” of the celebrated art facility that opens to the public on February 6, 2010.

Most of the museum’s facade consists of two layers of perforated metal panels positioned slightly off-center from one another, creating a wavy moiré pattern during the day.

The 3,798 perforated panels that wrap the upper levels and atrium of the museum are from McNICHOLS’ Designer Metals® line, a series of metal products developed specifically for the architectural industry. The one-eighth-inch thick, clear anodized aluminum sheets have three-inch diameter holes spaced in straight rows one inch apart. All panels are precisely positioned for exact alignment from piece to piece, end to end, and top to bottom.

The perforated panels offer unique advantages for the museum’s modern design, appearance and finish. The aluminum components optimize natural lighting, enhance energy management and support the facility’s contemporary look. The panels also offer sustainable and recyclable properties, giving the museum an environmentally-friendly design element.

Museum Metal Skin Fast Facts:

- Approximately 900,000 perforations.
- One-eighth-inch-thick, clear anodized aluminum panels.
- Panels feature three-inch diameter perforations placed one inch apart in straight lines.
- Nearly 300 varying sized panels were utilized.
- 18,000 stainless steel mounting brackets secure the perforated panels to the building.
- Panels cover approximately 96,000 square feet of the building surface.
- Panels cover the exterior walls, cantilevered soffits, entryway and interior atrium.
- McNICHOLS® Perforated Aluminum contains an average 10%-35% post-consumer and 50%-90% post-industrial recycled content, which supports green design and can contribute to LEED credits.

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