

PROJECT DATA

TOYOTA TECHNICAL CENTER ADDITION
ANN ARBOR, MI

Client

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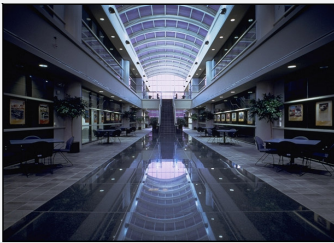
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Size

72,000 sf

Cost

\$9,800,000



JM Olson corporation was awarded the contract to add 72,000 sf of space to the existing Toyota Technical Center (TTC.) Upon entering new two-story addition, visitors are greeted with a stunning two-story atrium flooded with natural lighting from a large Barrel-shaped skylight. However, a more intriguing feature of the building is beneath visitor's feet. Approximately 90% of the facility is located on access flooring, a foot above the actual floor. The reason is two-fold; the new Technical Center is geared for flexibility and there is extensive use of CAD Stations and other computer-related systems that must be readily moveable. Access flooring allows for ease in changes to mechanical and electrical wiring and cable systems.

Many of the working areas utilize interchangeable cubicle systems, which are also flexible, and meet Toyota's growing needs. The TTC's new structural steel addition with brick veneer is a continuation of the automotive company's commitment to improvement. JM Olson completed this fast-tracked project within ten months and provided more than \$250,000 in value engineering savings.

"...Key functions of the building included open office area with raised floors—and substantial data and electrical wiring...The Olson project team displayed professionalism, maintained solid and clear communication lines and ensured that TTC quality expectations were implemented..."

Robin Haugen,
Plant Engineering, Manager
Toyota Technical Center USA, Inc.