

Westfalia Technologies

York, Pennsylvania

Project Type: New Manufacturing and Office Facility
Size: 76,500 sf
Completion: 1999
Owner: Westfalia Technologies
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LSC Design was challenged to translate this client's technologically advanced corporate image into built form, on a low budget. An economical structure was created to house manufacturing and office functions. Its exterior is composed of horizontal high-profile ribbed metal cladding, glass, and precast concrete panels. The structure was designed to allow for future expansion - structural members were sized to eventually accommodate a second level above the single-story office space, a closet in the lobby is the right size for the future elevator, and a centrally located skylight offers an opportunity for a staircase.

A common approach to industrial building design is to create an office area divorced from the manufacturing facility it supports. Areas of this facility, however, are visually integrated, sharing simple interior finishes including exposed ceilings, industrial lighting, and durable concrete flooring extending from manufacturing to office space. The interior partitions of the office space were designed to encourage employee interaction. Walls of rolled metal panels with a baked ceramic finish, located in office and circulation areas, can be used with markers, magnets, and projectors, and encourage impromptu brainstorming. Partitions are visually dissolved - cutouts in the reception area wall, for example, allow views into the work areas beyond. A "wall" around the Team Hangout meeting space isn't really a wall at all, but a live stand of bamboo which grows from a narrow trough flush with the floor.



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