

One Prudential Plaza



Identification




EBN	116836
Name	One Prudential Plaza
Alternative Name	Prudential Building
Construction Type	skyscraper
Complex Type	office complex
Complex Name	Prudential Plaza
Current Status	existing [completed]

Location

Continent Name	North America	District (1st level)	Downtown
Country Name	U.S.A.	District (2nd level)	Loop
State Name	Illinois	Postcode	60601

Zone	New Eastside	Address (as text)	130 East Randolph Street
Metro Area Name	Chicago-Naperville-Michigan City Combined Statistical Area	Main Address	130 East Randolph Street
City Name	Chicago	Virtual Address	150 North Stetson Avenue 151 North Beaubien Court

Description

Foundation System	caisson foundation	Facade Color	light brown
Structural Material	steel	Architectural style	early modernism
Facade System	curtain wall	Main Usage	commercial office
Facade Material	aluminum limestone	Side Usage	 restaurant  parking  rail station

Spatial dimensions

Height (structural)	601.02 ft	Height (floor-floor)	13 ft
Height (tip)	912.07 ft	Floors (overground)	41
Height (roof)	601.02 ft	Elevators	30
Height (floor-ceiling)	9 ft	Gross Floor Area (GFA)	Buy full PDF

Years and costs

Year (construction start)	1952	Year (construction end)	1955
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Features & Amenities

- Illuminated logo on the facade
- Pedway access is available
- Plaza is available to the public
- Transmission antenna on roof

Facts

- When the Prudential Building was finished it had the highest roof in Chicago. Only the statue of Ceres on the Board of Trade rose higher.
- The wall next to the main entrance shows a relief carving of the Rock of Gibraltar, the symbol of the Prudential Insurance Company designed by Alfonso Lanelli.
- One Prudential Plaza was built above and beyond office standards of the day and won numerous industry awards for its design.
- Upon completion in 1955, the tower featured the world's fastest elevators.
- When it opened the building included one of the largest parking facilities built within an office building in the world.
- The facade is made of vertical strips of limestone and ridged aluminum.
- Initial design schemes called for two symmetrically placed side masses at the lower floors; instead the western bustle was eliminated and the eastern one heightened to open the building towards Michigan Avenue.
- The building had a public observation deck until a new generation of much taller skyscrapers made it obsolete.
- By 1956 the observation deck had already attracted a million visitors.
- Underneath the building is the Randolph Street terminal of the Metra Electric Line commuter railroad, serving the south side and south suburbs.
- This was the first high-rise office building completed in Chicago since the LaSalle Bank Building in 1934.

Involved companies

Architect.....

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Structural Engineering.....

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