

# Seattle Tower



## Identification

<b>EBN</b>	119453
<b>Name</b>	Seattle Tower
<b>Alternative Name</b>	Northern Life Tower
<b>Construction Type</b>	high-rise building
<b>Current Status</b>	existing [completed]

## Location

<b>Continent Name</b>	North America	<b>District (2nd level)</b>	Central Business District
<b>Country Name</b>	U.S.A.	<b>Postcode</b>	98101
<b>State Name</b>	Washington	<b>Address (as text)</b>	1218 Third Avenue
<b>Metro Area Name</b>	Seattle-Tacoma-Olympia Combined Statistical Area	<b>Main Address</b>	1218-1222 Third Avenue

<b>City Name</b>	Seattle	<b>Virtual Address</b>	301-309 University Street
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**District (1st level)** Downtown Seattle

## Description

<b>Structural Material</b>	steel	<b>Facade Color</b>	light brown beige
<b>Facade System</b>	applied masonry	<b>Architectural style</b>	Art Deco
<b>Facade Material</b>	brick	<b>Main Usage</b>	commercial office

## Spatial dimensions

<b>Height (structural)</b>	318 ft	<b>Parking places</b>	50
<b>Height (tip)</b>	366 ft	<b>Elevators</b>	5
<b>Height (roof)</b>	314 ft	<b>Gross Floor Area (GFA)</b>	<a href="#">Buy full PDF</a>
<b>Floors (underground)</b>	2	<b>Usable Floor Area (UFA)</b>	<a href="#">Buy full PDF</a>
<b>Floors (overground)</b>	27		

## Years and costs

<b>Year (construction start)</b>	1927	<b>Year (last renovation)</b>	2003
<b>Year (construction end)</b>	1928	<b>Building costs</b>	\$ 1,500,000

## Features & Amenities

- One of the city's famous buildings
- City landmark

## Facts

- Collaborative architects: Webster & Stevens (architects of the Olympic Hotel).

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- The building uses marble from all over the world: France, Spain, Italy, Alaska, Vermont, California, New York and Tennessee; as well as polished pink granite from Texas.
- At one time over 200 flood lights bathed the tower making people refer to it as the Northern LIGHT Tower.
- The building's design was taken from Eliel Saarinen's second place proposal for the 1922 Chicago Tribune Tower competition.
- The building was purchased by Trinity Real Estate and Helix Investment Partners in November 2004 for \$19.2 million.
- Winner of the AIA Honor Award 1962.
- The building was purchased by Legacy Partners Commercial on August 1, 2006 for \$36,090,000.
- In 2000, the FBI occupied 14 floors in the tower.
- First building in Seattle to illustrate the Art Deco style.
- The façade design and colors was inspired by local rock formations.
- Added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1975, record #51505.
- Originally planned as 24 floors, three more floors were added so that it was one floor higher above sea level than the taller Smith Tower.
- The marble lobby features intricate bronze panels with a bas-relief ceiling depicting local flora and fauna.
- Ziggurat exterior is clad with 33 colors of brick.
- The architects controlled the color of brickwork to achieve a subtle gradation, from dark earth tones at the base to much lighter hues descending up, accentuating the building's height and reinforcing its metaphorical relationship with the mountains.

**Involved companies**

Architect.....  
**Albertson, Wilson & Richardson**

**Additional company data available for this building**

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