

A. Alfred Taubman Center for Design Education



Identification

EBN 195977

Name A. Alfred Taubman Center for Design Education

Alternative Name Argonaut Building

Construction Type high-rise building

Complex Type university

Complex Name College for Creative Studies Taubman Center

Current Status existing [completed]

Location

Continent Name North America **District (1st level)** Central

Country Name U.S.A. **Postcode** 48202

State Name	Michigan	Address (as text)	485 West Milwaukee Street
Zone	New Center	Main Address	435-501 West Milwaukee Street
Metro Area Name	Detroit-Warren-Flint Combined Statistical Area	Virtual Address	500 West Baltimore Street 6400-6432 2nd Avenue
City Name	Detroit		

Map



Description

Structural Material	steel	Architectural style	Art Deco
Facade System	curtain wall	Main Usage	university
Facade Material	brick	Side Usage	commercial office shop(s) school
Facade Color	light gray		

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dark brown

Spatial dimensions

Height (structural)	184.6 ft	Height (main roof)	140 ft
Height (tip)	184.6 ft	Floors (overground)	11
Height (roof)	184.6 ft	Gross Floor Area (GFA)	Contact us

Years and costs

Year (construction start)	1928	Year (last renovation)	1936
Year (construction end)	1930		

Features & Amenities

- Fire escape attached to facade

Facts

- The building was originally constructed as General Motors' first research facility in 1926, and was enlarged in 1936. The company largely vacated the building when they moved from New Center to downtown in 1997, and completely left the building by 1999.
- Fire Insurance Maps indicate this building is 140 feet to the main roof, not including the prominent penthouse.
- Orton Development of California was to renovate the building for mixed-used starting in the spring of 2006, but due to the economy the plan never came to fruition.
- The College for Creative Studies of Detroit announced on June 18, 2008, that they had begun to renovate the building for classroom space and 300 beds of student housing, and will occupy 70 percent of the building. The \$145 million renovation is scheduled for completion in fall 2009.

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Project Management

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Renovations

Renovation 1936

Companies involved in this renovation

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