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New FBI Offices and Parking garage San Diego, California - USA

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) recently moved into a six-story building, which accommodates 400 special agents and support staff. Consolidating multiple offices into one building in San Diego was quite ambitious. One of the biggest challenge was for the design team to create a discreet parking facility which would allow agents and support staff to come and go from the facility with some level of anonymity.
This project was initially created in 2009 and took over 4 years to finalize and install.

Project information

Type of building: Parking building
Site & construction: San Diego (CA) - United States

Architect: HGA Associates
Client: Molasky Group - Las Vegas
General contractor: Clark Construction
Manufacturer & installer: CR & A Custom -Los Angeles, CA

Serge Ferrari composite materials:
- Soltis FT 381: 4 500 sqm
- Colors used:
  - FT 381-3113 Slate
  - FT 381-3125 Beaten metal
  - FT 381-3129 Alpine-green
  - FT 381-3128 Silver-metallic

Specificity

Facility subject to strict security designs
Remove the ability for passerby's to see into the facility
Meet the code requirements for air circulation
Ensure the integration of the building in its environment

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Description

Soltis FT 381 was installed on (FACID) frames to clad the building facades and to ensure the parking natural ventilation. With its 20% porosity, Soltis FT 381 provides excellent outward visibility while behaving like an opaque visual barrier when looking from the outside during daylight hours. : Soltis FT composite material effectively prohibits people seeing into the parking structure. The colors were chosen by the design team and the GSA (the government body which does the purchasing for the US) to not only block the view but also look good in the local community. By lighting it up from the front at night it blends very well in the area.

Characteristics	Benefits
Openwork material	Ensures natural ventilation. Maintains an excellent outward visibility while preserving privacy
Lightweight and flexible	Easy to handle and to install.
Mechanical resistance	Withstands wind stresses. Once tensioned, Soltis FT transforms itself into a veritable shield ensuring long-term resistance
Durable dimensional stability	Stays tensioned in the long term without maintenance
Solar radiation shield	Improves the thermal regulation of the building
Large range of colors	Ensures the integration of the building with the site and its natural environment.
100% recyclable through Texyloop	Limits the environmental impact

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