ARMANI EXCHANGE STORE
PALM BEACH GARDENS MALL: PALM BEACH GARDENS, FL

SHEET METAL CONTRACTOR: METALFAB, INC., SAN ANTONIO, FL
This project, in the Palm Beach Gardens Mall, in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida consisted of cladding the entire Armani Exchange storefront with 1/8 inch high polished mirror finish stainless steel.

Metalfab, Inc. was contacted by Armani, after they had difficulties finding a contractor competent to perform the job.

Metalfab, Inc. had to devise methods of making the bends that the Armani store called for in their specs. The brake work on this project was challenging. The folks at Metalfab came up with their own methods and special dies to complete the job.

Metalfab and the glass company had to work closely with each other.

Sheet Metal Contractor: Metalfab, Inc., San Antonio, FL
because the stainless worked into their aluminum glass framing as the installation proceeded.

Armani Exchange was very pleased with the work done by Metalfab. Since the installation of the project in Palm Beach Gardens, Armani engaged Metalfab, Inc. to do another store for them at the International Mall in Tampa, Florida.
The scope of the project, performed by Lapin Sheet Metal Company, Orlando, Florida consisted of fabrication and installation of 2289 linear feet of HVAC galvanized sheet metal ductwork into the Nephron Pharmaceuticals Corporation building in Orlando.

The Nephron building is a large warehouse used for the storage of medical respiratory medications which are shipped throughout the country to hospitals and pharmacies.

The most unusual challenge presented by the construction of the building was sequencing of the work. The structure was erected from the inside out. The steel for palletizing racks was installed first along with their automated cranes.

Lapin had to devise a method to simultaneously hoist its ductwork 100 feet to the top of the racks while steel erection was going on. The ductwork was installed in both low bay and high bay areas of the building.
With close coordination and working together with J. Raymond, the General Contractor, and Schaefer Systems International, Inc., the steel erectors, Lapin flew its ductwork up with the steel.

After racks and cranes had been installed, the outside enclosure could be placed on the building for drying in.

Another challenge of the project was a three month start to finish schedule. The motto of the project became “do whatever it takes to get your work done” in order to meet schedule.

Due to the height of the work and stacking of the trades to meet schedule, safety played a major role in the project which experienced no major accidents.

The building was completed on December 31, 2011.

Lapin Sheet Metal thanks J. Raymond, the General Contractor, W. W. Gay Mechanical, Orlando and all contractors involved for making it a safe and successful project.

The company also recognized its key personnel: Ron Irby, Superintendent, Jaime Soto, Foreman, and those employees responsible for fabricating and installing the ductwork to bring the project to fruition.
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The International Energy Conservation Code 2012
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- Architectural Sheet Metal Inspection Guide.
- Guide for Steel Stack Construction.
- Guidelines for Roof Mounted Outdoor Air-Conditioner Installations.
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