

Designed to Rust

Most people think of rust as something to avoid, but as an architectural metal finishing technique, rust can be very effective. When Harley Davidson built their new museum back in 2008, the architects HGA and Pentagram came to Grunau Metals to fabricate many of the facility's unique metal design elements. Grunau was in on the ground floor before the project began, the use of Cor-Ten steel was suggested, a metal which rusts naturally providing a protective and distinctive finish. Combined with stainless steel rivets, which don't rust, Grunau constructed the outside rivet wall which now provides a rich design aspect to the overall appearance of the building. Rusty metal, when fabricated by Grunau Metals, can be an effective design enhancement to nearly any building. But that's just one of many things we did, watch the video of the highlights of our work at the Harley Davidson Museum.





















