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A Project Update from The Douglas Company



Ed Schmidt HUMMER

Maumee, Ohio

Owner	Ed Schmidt Auto Group
Project Type	Automobile Dealership
Completion	March 2005
Contract Amount	\$1.9 Million
Challenges	The construction schedule needed to be greatly accelerated, on a site with restricted area. The specified materials were in short supply due to the unique materials used.

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HUMMER, the most uniquely recognizable vehicle on the road today belongs in, and around a facility that is equally distinguishable. When The Douglas Company was approached by the Ed Schmidt Auto Group about the construction of the new dealership in Maumee, Ohio we immediately understood the obstacles that would lie ahead. Those obstacles were not on the test track that would be part of the dealership but were in the owner's required completion date for the project.

That test track, however, was critical to this project. It includes a 40 percent side slope, 60 degree incline, a log cross section, 22 inch and 16 inch vertical step area, and a segment containing one and two foot diameter boulders in order to allow prospective HUMMER owners to put the vehicles through their paces. Design Services Company was engaged

to assure that the test track would fit neatly onto the site, in a setting that would be partially secluded from the street.

The rugged exterior design of the Quonset Hut shaped building speaks well of its roots as a military work horse vehicle. But the design features didn't stop there. The facility is virtually wrapped in glass with massive exposed structural beams and open duct work to showcase the strength and simplicity of the HUMMER. The roofing system, with its "galvalume" coating is specially manufactured for the U.S. military, and designed to resist the harshest atmospheric conditions. And the Steel Master roof system contains nearly 10,000 hand torqued self sealing bolts!

To act as a beacon to all potential owners, a 21 foot high steel framed glass "H" stands at the front entrance of the dealership.

As you would imagine, the interior of the building needed to have as many extraordinary characteristics as the exterior. A uniquely designed lighting package was developed to look rugged and fit within the concept and to showcase the vehicles indoors. The customer contact areas contain "Absolute Black" granite counter tops, solid birch doors and desks, aluminum veneer cabinets, and leather furnishings.

Due to the combined efforts of Ed Schmidt Auto Group and The Douglas Company, the dealership was awarded an early completion bonus!

