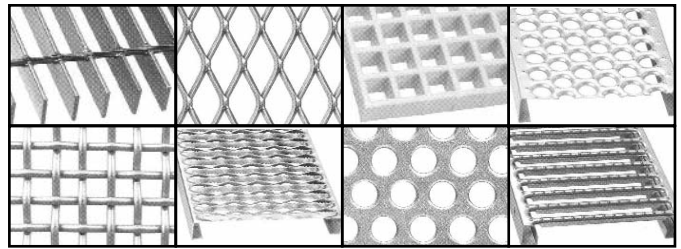


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## Tampa Museum's Modern Metal Skin from McNICHOLS

*Local Perforated Metal Supplier Helps Build Artistic Community*

**TAMPA – OCT 1, 2009** - McNICHOLS Company announces its involvement in the future of Tampa's art community. The Tampa-based perforated metal supplier has provided the aluminum panels that form the metal "skin" of the new Tampa Museum of Art.

The 3,000 perforated panels that wrap the upper levels and atrium of the museum are from McNICHOLS' Designer Metals® line, which was developed specifically for the architectural industry. The one-eighth-inch thick, clear anodized aluminum sheets have three-inch diameter holes spaced in straight rows one inch apart. All panels are precisely positioned for exact alignment from piece to piece, end to end, and top to bottom.

Most of the museum's facade consists of two layers of these perforated panels positioned slightly off-center from one another, creating a wavy moiré pattern during the day.

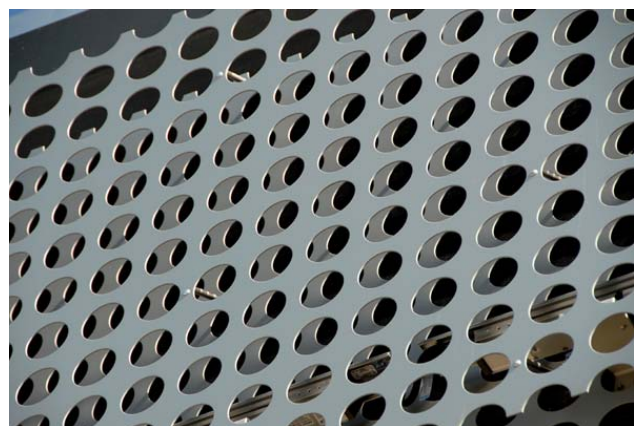
The perforated panels offer unique advantages for the museum's design, appearance and finish. The aluminum components optimize natural lighting, enhance energy management and support the contemporary design. The panels also offer sustainable and recyclable properties, giving the museum an environmentally-friendly design element.

### Museum Metal Skin Details:

- One-eighth-inch-thick, clear anodized, aluminum panels
- Panels feature three-inch perforations placed one inch apart in straight lines
- Nearly 300 varying sized panels were utilized
- Approximately 900,000 perforations
- 18,000 stainless steel mounting brackets secure the perforated panels to the building
- Panels cover approximately 96,000 square feet of the building surface
- Panels cover the exterior walls, cantilevered soffits, entryway and interior atrium



Tampa Museum of Art features McNICHOLS Perforated Metal.



Two layers of McNICHOLS Aluminum Perforated Panels wrap around the Tampa Museum of Art.