

Tornier USA Headquarters
 Stafford
 TEXAS

DESIGN 2004
 CONSTRUCTION 2006

The site for this project is the northeast quadrant of the main intersection in a fast-growing business park. The desire to capitalize on the corner's potential for corporate identity led to organizing the major program elements—entry lobby, main conference center, break rooms, and office call center—along the main street frontages. While this solved the program, it forced people in these areas to face due south and west into the intense Texas sun.

A formal strategy was employed where each program element was expressed as a volume overlapped by planes. This allowed for the development of depth on these high-exposure surfaces through subtraction (volumes) and addition (planes). This was the basis for the building's character, which was then activated with a 'kinetic' series of bands in the public area that were inspired by the product this French company produces—mainly prosthetic limb and joint replacements. This formal combination was further exploited to allow the building to 'intensify' on the exterior at the corner, and 'dilute' at the secondary areas of the site. The deep-set break and call center areas were screened by metal shades in the company's corporate color. One was carved out of the program volume and the other was the result of a build-up of planes and bands.

The interior was organized by a main corridor/gallery space that unites all three major areas of the facility. The corridor is placed as a seam between the planes, volumes, and kinetic strips, which all converge to form its space.



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- 1 Front elevation
- 2 Band diagrams
- 3 Sunscreen wall with metal shades in the company's corporate color



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