



The New York Times Building is to Receive AIA National Honor Award at AIA National Convention in San Francisco

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The New York Times Building by Renzo Piano Building Workshop and FxFowle Architects was awarded a National Honor Award by the American Institute of Architects at the convention in San Francisco. The curtain wall was supplied by Benson Industries of Portland, Oregon and it included almost a million lineal feet of Alphatube ceramic sunscreens from Shildan. The sunscreens act as a decorative element that reflect the sky as well as reflect light into the building. The “baguettes” or sunscreens also allowed the architects to use clear glass while shielding the interior from excessive heat from the sun.



Bruce Fowle said that the baguettes provided the shading necessary to meet the new building and energy requirements for the building. The sunscreens are five feet in length and are supported by an aluminum tube and attached to a pre-assembled vertical ladder. The cylindrical tubes have a glazed, white finish and the tubes can be removed and replaced when necessary.

Completed in 2008, the Times Building is a strong anchor to the re-development of the Times Square area of Manhattan. Shildan is proud to have participated in this attractive and interesting project.