

The Home Depot

Fredericton, New Brunswick

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June 29, 2006 marked the opening of Home Depot's newest store in Atlantic Canada, Fredericton New Brunswick. The world's largest home improvement retailer, currently operates in ten Canadian provinces, 49 U.S. States, Puerto Rico, and Mexico.

When you drive to the newly opened store you will notice the design of the new store. The beautiful brick columns with stone base, a brick soldier course canopy, highly intricate brickwork at the main entrance and brick cladding with limestone banding vertically and horizontally on the remainder of the building. If you drive around to the back of the store you will notice a self supporting brick wall hiding the truck docking area. But as you get closer to the store you will notice that it is not brick at all, It is Insulated Precast Concrete Wall Panels. If brick was used it would have taken four times longer to enclose the building which would have delayed the opening by up to two months.

The Home Depot story began as a vision of warehouse stores filled from floor to ceiling with a wide assortment of products at the lowest prices. Associates were trained to give the best customer service in the industry. The original stores stocked around 25,000 products and were attached to Treasure Island stores. Today, on average, The Home Depot offers 40,000 products and is approximately 105,000 square feet. The founders, Bernie Marcus and Arthur Blank, forever changed the home improvement industry when they opened the first The Home Depot store in Atlanta, Georgia on June 22, 1979.



Project: **Home Depot - Fredericton, New Brunswick**
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Engineer: **Leonard Kalismenko & Associates Ltd. - North York, Ontario**
Construction Manager: **Rideau Construction Inc. - Bedford, Nova Scotia**
Precast Fabricator: **Strescon Limited - Saint John, New Brunswick**



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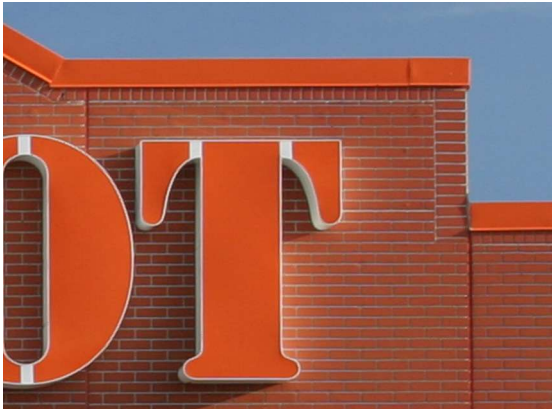
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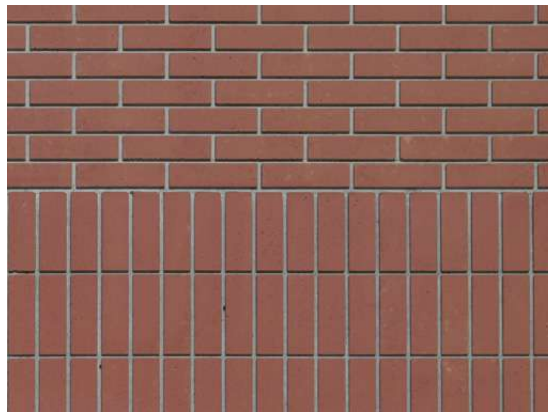


In addition to maintaining and growing its leadership position in the home improvement retail market, The Home Depot will continue its focus on the professional market, by the end of the decade, Home Depot Supply expects to operate more than 1,500 locations, covering all North America, and will be the largest diversified wholesale distribution business in the United States and Canada.

The Home Depot strives to be the best corporate partner possible in the communities they operate. They make positive contributions as a neighbour, and an employer. When Home Depot decided on the site in Fredericton New Brunswick they listened to the concerns of the local people and adopted the design of the store to meet their requirements. The store was created using a look

of brick and stone. After numerous consultations with Strescon Limited, Home Depot came up with a Building layout utilizing Insulated Precast Concrete Wall panels as their cladding of choice.

Strescon Limited manufactured 243 panels using a rubber formliner to create the impression of brick and stone. Once the casting was complete the panels were installed quickly in less than 15 days which helped to speed up the overall construction schedule. The self supporting panels at the back of the building are being held in place by NMB splice sleeves. In the spring of 2006 the contractor stained the building to finalize the look of brick and stone.



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