

Southside Constructors, Inc. Steps Into The Driver's, err, Erector's Seat For Ford

Earl Tindol Ford selects General Contractor to build new world headquarters



One Hundred percent satisfied with work completed on the Earl Tindol Ford Body Shop, the Tindol family selected Southside Constructors, Inc. to be their design and building

partner once again, this time on their new showroom facility also in Gastonia, North Carolina. The two teams put their heads together in January of 2001 to formulate a design plan. The mutual collaboration developed into a two-story structural steel building with an EIFS skin. Demolition of the existing dealership began in March of that same year. Southside fast-tracked the project so as to cause the least disturbance to the dealership's work activities. Southside's team members quickly erected the metal frame of the new showroom utilizing the Ford signature wedged design including eye-catching exposed structural features in the interior's high bay that were further accentuated by "Ford" blue spiral duct work. Other interior features included top quality acoustical ceiling with insulation to aid with temperature control and sound management.

In 2008 Southside performed an exterior façade upfit and interior renovations to the existing 27,478 SF Ford dealership to allow for the addition of Lincoln Mercury. The project included a new parapet structure, structural steel and all connections required to tie new steel to existing building structure, as well as a new electrical signage system. Interior modifications in the showroom consisted of carpet and the replacement of porcelain tile.



Demolition of the existing Earl Tindol Ford Dealership facility (far left) began in March 2001. The new showroom / world headquarters was completed just five months later (near left). The interior of the new dealership utilized signature "Ford" blue spiral duct work and coordinating vinyl composite tile (above).

Other building additions included:

- A two-story parts department
- Several administrative offices
- Separate departments for finance and insurance
- An open sales and training area
- Renovated service department with an air conditioning system equipped with carbon monoxide filtration and monitoring devices, additional metal halide lights, and newly painted walls and deck.
- CAT 5 wiring throughout the facility in order to network all of the dealership's data to one central server.

Owner:

Tindol Family Ltd Partnership

Area:

40,000 SF / 27,478 SF

Completion Date:

2001 / 2008

Construction Cost:

\$3.29 Million

Services Provided:

Design-Build

General Construction

"We couldn't be more thrilled with our project here at Tindol. Southside kept everything running on time and smoothly by communicating with us daily with either updates or opportunities." -- Natalie Tindol, General Manager

