

Comcast Building



Identification

EBN	115419
Name	Comcast Building
Alternative Name	30 Rockefeller Center The RCA Building GE Building
Construction Type	skyscraper
Complex Type	mixed-use
Complex Name	Rockefeller Center
Current Status	existing [completed]

Location

Continent Name	North America	Lot Number	Contact us
Country Name	U.S.A.	Postcode	10112

State Name	New York	Address (as text)	30 Rockefeller Plaza
Metro Area Name	New York-Newark-Bridgeport Metro Area	Main Address	30-32 Rockefeller Plaza
City Name	New York City	Side Address	30-64 West 50th Street 1240-1256 6th Avenue 31-81 West 49th Street
District (1st level)	Manhattan	Latitude	Contact us
District (2nd level)	Midtown	Longitude	Contact us
Block Number	Contact us		

Description

Structural System	rigid frame	Facade Color	light brown
Structural Material	steel	Architectural style	Art Deco
Facade System	applied masonry	Main Usage	commercial office
Facade Material	limestone	Side Usage	shop(s)

Spatial dimensions

Height (structural)	850 ft	Floors (overground)	69
Height (tip)	850 ft	Elevators	60
Height (roof)	850 ft	Gross Floor Area (GFA)	Contact us

Years and costs

Year (construction start)	1931	Year (construction end)	1933
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Features & Amenities

- One of the city's famous buildings
- City landmark
- Floodlighting at night
- Illuminated logo on the facade
- Observation deck on roof

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- Observation floor is available
- Plaza is available to the public

Facts

- The Comcast Building is the focal point of the entire Rockefeller Center complex.
- The building looks dramatically different when viewing its narrow and wide facades. From 5th Avenue it is an elegant, narrow shaft while looking down 6th Avenue it forms an enormous slab.
- The vertical and Gothic-inspired detailing of the austere Art Deco facade is integrated with a slim, functionally expressive form. Inside, this modern skyscraper features an open floor plan.
- The lobby's rich materials and reduced black and beige ornamental scheme are enhanced by dramatic lighting.
- Granite covers the base to a height of 1.2 meters (four feet), and the shaft has a refined facade of Indiana limestone with aluminum spandrel panels.
- An escalator - a striking feature for its time - provides access to the shopping concourse below.
- Nicknames include "The Slab" and "30 Rock".
- The building was awarded landmark status in 1985.
- Whilst under construction in 1932, this building is where the famous photo "Lunchtime Atop a Skyscraper" was taken by the photographer Charles C. Ebbets. The photo shows 11 construction workers eating whilst sitting on a steel beam seemingly suspended in mid-air.
- The "Top of the Rock" rooftop observation deck closed in May 1986, and reopened on November 1, 2005. Its elevators have glass ceilings facing into illuminated shafts.

Awards

Name	Category	Rank	Year
Twenty-five Year Award			1969

Involved companies

Architect.....

The Associated Architects
 New York City
 U.S.A.

Master Plan Architect.....

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Additional company data available for this building

Developer	Contact us	Owner	Contact us
Elevator Supplier	Contact us	Property Management	Contact us
Fire Protection Engineering	Contact us	Structural Engineering	Contact us
MEP Engineering	Contact us	Tenant	Contact us

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