

Penobscot Building



Identification


EBN	118560
Name	Penobscot Building
Alternative Name	Greater Penobscot Building City National Bank Building Penobscot Building - 47 Tower
Construction Type	skyscraper
Complex Type	office complex
Complex Name	Penobscot Block
Current Status	existing [completed]

Location

Continent Name	North America	Postcode	48226
Country Name	U.S.A.	Address (as text)	633-645 Griswold Street

State Name	Michigan	Main Address	633-655 Griswold Street
Metro Area Name	Detroit-Warren-Flint Combined Statistical Area	Virtual Address	101-125 West Fort Street
City Name	Detroit	Latitude	Contact us
District (1st level)	Downtown	Longitude	Contact us

Description

Structural Material	steel	Architectural style	Art Deco
Facade System	applied masonry	Main Usage	commercial office
Facade Material	granite limestone	Side Usage	shop(s) service branch(es)  restaurant
Facade Color	gray		

Spatial dimensions

Height (structural)	565.17 ft	Floors (underground)	2
Height (tip)	664.91 ft	Floors (overground)	47
Height (top floor)	523.68 ft	Elevators	25
Height (roof)	562.17 ft	Gross Floor Area (GFA)	Contact us
Height (main roof)	551.17 ft		

Years and costs

Year (construction start)	1927	Year (construction end)	1928
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Features & Amenities

- One of the city's famous buildings
- National landmark

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Facts

- The Penobscot Building was Detroit's tallest building for nearly half a century until the Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center overtook it in 1977.
- The Smart Detroit Conference Center occupies space on the 13th floor, and includes Class A conference, meeting, or convention space.
- When built, this was the tallest building in the world outside New York and Chicago.
- It was the 8th tallest building in the world when it was completed and 4th tallest in the United States.
- Clad in Indiana limestone with a granite base, it rises like a shear cliff for thirty stories, then has a series of setbacks culminating in a red neon beacon tower.
- Ornamentation follows American Indian motifs, particularly in the entrance archway and in metalwork found in the lobby.
- The building was designed by Wirt C. Rowland of the leading Detroit architectural firm Smith, Hinchman & Grylls.
- The old framing elevation drawing of this building list is as being 562'-2" to the highest roof, approximately 565'-8" to the parapet wall around the roof, and 654'-2" to the top of the warning beacon atop the antenna.

Involved companies

Architect.....

Donaldson & Meier

Detroit
U.S.A.

Smith, Hinchman & Grylls

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Additional company data available for this building

Owner	Contact us	Shell Construction	Contact us
Property Management	Contact us	Steel Supplier	Contact us

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