

Logistics Company Revamps Their Historic Office Space with ADA-Compliant Restrooms Featuring Scranton Products® Hiny Hiders®



A logistics and trade solutions provider in Mobile, Alabama, occupying a historic building from the 1800s, needed a major renovation to bring their facilities up to modern standards, including ADA-compliant restrooms. The project involved transforming the cramped and outdated restrooms into spaces that were comfortable, functional, and accessible. The revamped office space aimed to honor the building's history while meeting today's compliance and design requirements.

The design and construction team included Architect Douglas Kearley and Chris Pringle, general contractor at Chris Pringle Inc. They led the building's renovation, gutting the first floor to remove the lay-in ceilings and exposing the original pressed metal ceilings. This helped to create an open office concept. However, the most important part was making the restrooms ADA-compliant.

Building Better Restrooms

The existing men's and women's restrooms required a complete overhaul. To emphasize the historic architecture, a simple, neutral palette of bronze, beige, gray, and other tones was chosen throughout for the partitions, tiles, and paint. This allowed the exposed brick and metal ceilings to take center stage.

Haley Ladd, Office and Sales Manager at Ladd Architectural Door & Specialty Co., provided samples of different partition styles and guided the design team toward Scranton Products® Hiny Hiders® and urinal screens.

"Because of how small the bathrooms were, we needed to find a way to minimize sight lines as much as possible without using a different partition that would put them out of their price range," she said. "I also wanted to brighten the space up because it was cramped."



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After evaluating the samples, the team agreed that Hiny Hiders were perfect for the job for several reasons:

- **Quality:** The product's durability immediately stood out compared to the other products being considered. The team was looking for durable HDPE material that would last long and maintain its good looks over time.
- **Availability:** The design team had several supply chain delays throughout the renovation and appreciated that the Hiny Hiders could be delivered on time.
- **Privacy:** Personal security is always important in restrooms and they valued that Hiny Hiders offer reduced sightlines

The design team remarked that the most difficult part of the job was choosing from the wide selection of colors. They ultimately went with Bronze in a Brushed texture.

"I thought the Brushed Bronze was beautiful, and when I gave the architect the sample, he ended up choosing the one I really loved," said Ladd. "Words can't describe how gorgeous they look. They really helped brighten up the space"

The installation was quick and straightforward. Each restroom took about a day to complete.

"The measurements were perfect and all materials shipped on time," said Pringle. "We were very pleased when we opened the partitions and started installing them. We consider it a very high-quality product that will serve our customers for years to come."

Overcoming the Challenges of Historic Renovation

As with many historic restoration projects, unexpected challenges arose, such as thick brick walls and unplanned plumbing obstacles. These required creative problem-solving to maintain compliance with modern standards.

“You’ll find that over the years people have made unusual construction choices, and you scratch your head and go, ‘What were they thinking?’” said Pringle

Kearley agreed that unexpected challenges are part of the job when working on historic sites. “With any remodel, there’s always surprises that we discover during the process,” he said. “There were water lines outside of where we thought they’d be and things like that. I do a lot of restoration work so this was pretty standard for me. We were able to adapt to keep the client happy and stay within budget.”

After it was revealed that some pipes and water lines extended further than anticipated, the team worked together to make adjustments to the restroom design so it still met all accessibility standards.

“The beauty of historic restoration is it’s not cookie-cutter,” said Pringle. “You have to work collaboratively with the architect, your client, and your crew. When everybody works together, you can work out the problems.”

Results and Feedback

The completed renovation delivered modern, ADA-compliant restrooms and functional office spaces while preserving the building’s historic character. The client was particularly pleased with the increased space in the restroom which reduced wait times and congestion.

“The client was thrilled. They much prefer the modern bathrooms to the previous ones, which were extremely small, not ADA compliant, cramped, and very dark.”

Kearley agreed, adding, “The partitions especially look good, the color is nice, and everyone is satisfied.”

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