

UpCycle Office



Converting a former recycling warehouse into a modern shared office space.

UpCycle is a shared office and creative space in the heart of East Austin. Designed by Gensler, the design repurposes almost all of the original 1972 warehouse building.

Highlights:

- Utilized over 95% of the existing historical warehouse in new retrofit design
- Kingspan KarrierPanels provided an energy-efficient and cost-effective way to reuse the original single skin cladding
- The ethos of the building seeks to highlight its industrial past, and even includes a repurposed train car

Project Overview

Completion Date:

2017

Location:

Austin, Texas, USA

Architect:

Gensler

General Contractor:

The Burt Group

Installer:

Ferris Structures LLC

Insulated Metal Panels:

KarrierPanel

Sq. Ft. :

81,711 sq. ft.

Challenge:

The goal of the UpCycle office in Austin, Texas is to provide a modern shared office space with high-tech amenities, while simultaneously reusing elements from the existing warehouse real estate that is was built upon.

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The modern office space features amenities such as conference space, collaborative areas, a coffee bar and a fitness center.

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The building's original metal skin was turned inside-out to reveal the original finish, and was used on top of Kingspan KarrierPanels to keep the building envelope energy efficient.

Solution:

The design reuses 95% of the existing structure, even the building skin, which is turned inside out to reveal its natural finish. The building becomes energy efficient by using Kingspan KarrierPanel under this skin, insulating the building envelope.

Kingspan KarrierPanel is the ideal barrier wall to support secondary rainscreen systems, such as the vintage single-skin metal facades repurposed from the original warehouse design.



Influence:

The ethos of the building seeks to highlight its industrial past, and even includes a repurposed train car which serves as a front porch lounge equipped with seating, WiFi, and music.

This addition is a symbolic metaphor of the buildings purpose –to highlight the past, but also capturing the spirit of traveling into a new era.

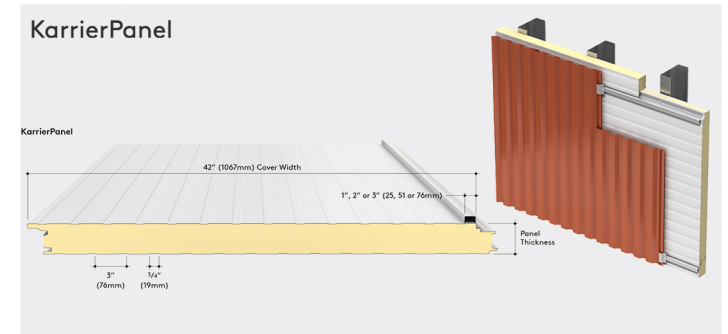
In addition to reincorporating outdoor panels that had already been sprayed with graffiti, Gensler commissioned five graffiti artists for the lobby and interior social areas.

Clerestory windows and garage-door-style roll-up windows were also added to bring in more natural light into the interior office space.

UpCycle office is a great example of the revitalization that can happen when we repurpose existing warehouses into modern, energy-efficient offices and creative spaces.



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