



Case Study

Georgia Aquarium – Atlanta

Solid Plastic Lockers Prevent Maintenance Headaches for World's Largest Aquarium

Challenge

The Georgia Aquarium opened as the world's largest aquarium in November 2005 with more than eight million gallons of water and more aquatic life than any other facility. It drew more than 3.6 million visitors in its first year alone.

The back-of-the-house areas are an important part of the Aquarium's world-class operations, and lockers play an important role behind the scenes in a number of key areas: the employee break room, veterinary services, animal husbandry and dive operations.

According to Mike Hurst, director of engineering and plant operations for the Georgia Aquarium, metal lockers were never a consideration. "We have a corrosive environment. I've seen metal lockers used in similar facilities – they don't hold up. We knew we didn't want to go that route."

Solution

Hurst specified solid plastic lockers because of the amount of water and salt the lockers would be exposed to at the Aquarium. Lenox® Lockers from Bradley Corp. were selected for their durability. Mike McLeod, a Bradley representative with Harry Warren of Georgia, Clarkston, Ga. worked with Accessories Unlimited in Stone Mountain, Ga., to supply the lockers color coordinated to each locker area throughout the facility.

Solid Plastic Stands Up to Wet Conditions

Lenox Lockers were the ideal choice for the Georgia Aquarium because they are unaffected by moisture, humidity, chlorine or salt water – they are completely corrosion-proof and built to last in virtually any type of facility. With an absorption rate of nearly zero, annoying odors will not permeate the locker's solid plastic surface.

The ready-to-install plastic lockers save time and can reduce installation costs by up to 50 percent. Made of solid high-density polyethylene (HDPE), Lenox Lockers are easily cleaned with standard cleaning products. The textured surface of the plastic doesn't show dirt or water spots. Moreover, Lenox Lockers withstand dents and impact that would easily damage metal lockers.

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While all Lenox Lockers contain post-industrial recycled plastic, Bradley now also offers the lockers in 100% post-consumer recycled plastic. On average, each of these lockers prevents more than 500

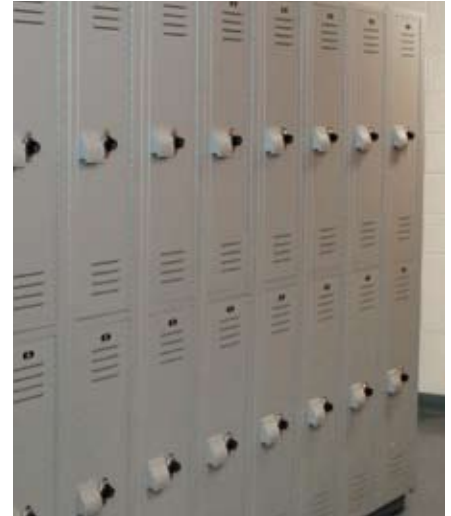
gallon-size milk containers from going into landfills. All Lenox Lockers carry a 20-year guarantee against breakage or delamination.

"The lockers have been fantastic," said Hurst. "We've had no issues and they're holding up well to a lot of use. In the diver's locker room, the lockers hold wet gear everyday and they're performing very well.

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Mike McLeod (left) and Mike Hurst take a closer look at a few installed lockers.



Lockers installed at the Correll Center for Aquatic Health coordinate with the existing décor.



Mike Hurst appreciates that his operations team can focus on maintaining the Aquarium, not the lockers.