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# VOS ONLINE SCOOP

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## Vos Glass, Inc.

Full-service and locally-owned, we have served families and businesses throughout West Michigan for over 27 years.

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## Featured Projects



## Steelcase Inc.

Steelcase Learning Center  
Grand Rapids, MI

General Contractor: D&D Building, Inc.

Architect: ProgressiveAE

Vos Glass: curtainwall system, over 20,000 square feet of glass, aluminum entrances, custom hardware, automatic operators, translucent canopy, insulated metal panel systems, glass partition walls, back-lit glass floor, all interior glass entrances, 100 feet of glass railing

## Introducing Vos Glass, Inc. e-News

Vos Glass, Inc. is committed to remaining a leader in the glass and glazing industry. This e-newsletter will bring you the scoop on our areas of expertise: automotive glass, residential applications, commercial contracting and our one-of-a-kind Resource Center.

Read the latest, then be sure to visit us in person or at [www.vosglass.com](http://www.vosglass.com) for more details about our products and services. We welcome the opportunity to serve you.



## Resource Center Evolves

Vos Glass Resource Center opened in May 2005 to provide a convenient location where architects, designers, builders and homeowners can see nearly every option of architectural and decorative glass and related products.

Four years later, the space continues to evolve by showcasing innovative products and services.

The Center was recently updated to include more decorative glass options, more glass performance information, a cast glass shower display, new shower and tub hardware and a stand-off hardware display. A custom-framed mirror display featuring our partnership with LaFontsee Galleries/Underground Studio completes the renovation. [Visit our website for more information about our new partnership and what we have to offer.](#)

Arriving soon: new Tubelite® and Kawneer displays featuring products and information to assist in LEED® certification projects. Tubelite and Kawneer are



### Davenport University

Davenport University Student Center & Field House  
Grand Rapids, MI

Construction Manager: Rockford Construction Company, Inc.  
Architect: Integrated Architecture  
Vos Glass: combined 14,000 square feet of glass curtainwall, strip windows, storefront, aluminum entrances, custom hardware, automatic operators, interior glass storefront and entrances, all glass partition wall systems with glass doors, interior glazing



### Holland Hospital

Holland Hospital Façade Enhancements  
Holland, MI

Construction Manager: Elzinga & Volkens, Inc.  
Architect: Mattei & Colin Associates  
Vos Glass: sixth story operational hospital window replacement, 20,000 square feet of prefabricated curtainwall and aluminum windows, archtop framing, operable project-out awning vents, custom, special-rated detention windows, security screens, fire-rated floor stop system

### Employee Spotlight

#### Welcome Jason Ahlberg, Project Manager



In May, Jason Ahlberg joined our project management team.

He has six years of project management and

suppliers who provide aluminum entrances, storefronts, curtainwalls and ribbon window systems for the commercial construction industry.

"The Center is designed to do more than show what we sell and install," said Vos Glass, Inc. President Linda J. Vos-Graham. "It is a creative, hands-on environment that encourages people to think, research and generate ideas."

Products are integrated throughout the Center, creating a space filled from floor to ceiling, wall to wall, with a wide variety of functional displays that demonstrate product attributes and applications.

"We have taken ideas gathered over the years and assembled them in ways that help our customers make the right decision," says Vos-Graham.

Visual displays are augmented by a large selection of samples, an expansive digital photo library of projects, and a computer station for Internet research.

"Essentially, it's a place where people can get all the help and guidance they could possibly want," she added.



### Experienced Auto Team: Among the Best in the Business

If experience is the best teacher, Vos Glass, Inc. goes to the head of the class. Four of our auto glass technicians each have between 25 and 40 years of experience in auto glass replacement.

Our experienced, trained auto-glass technicians provide a safe, quality installation using original equipment manufacturer's (OEM) parts, state-of-the-art tools and the highest quality urethane adhesives.

Trust Vos Glass, Inc. for proper installation to help prevent serious bodily injury during vehicle impact.

"Windshields are actually just as important as seat belts today," said Terry Myers, Director of Retail Operations. "Airbag systems in cars actually deflect off the glass first to keep the occupants inside the vehicle in the event of a crash."

"All of our installations meet federal motor vehicle safety standards. When the job is done, we want our customers to be able to drive away with no worries down the road," said Myers.

### Featured Supplier

#### New, Environmentally Friendly Anodizing Process

Vos Glass, Inc. is proud to offer a new green coating process for commercial construction from supplier Tubelite®—a distinct advantage for architects and building owners. Tubelite has changed their etch chemistry in the anodize process from traditional caustic etch to a more environmentally-friendly acid etch process. In addition to its green attributes, acid etch creates an aesthetically appealing, "frostier" matte finish.



Headquartered in Grand Rapids, Michigan, Tubelite supplies Vos Glass, Inc. with

estimating experience from one of the state's largest contract glazing companies, and a master's degree in architecture from the University of Detroit Mercy.

### Upcoming Seminars

Vos Glass, Inc. keeps professionals in the know with a variety of monthly presentations. Everyone is welcome to attend.

For more information or to register, contact:

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#### July 8, 2009

##### *Technical Glass Products*

Burning Issues—Understanding Today's Fire-Rated Glass & Framing

Presenter: Dave Vermeulen  
1 AIA LU

#### August 19, 2009

##### *Statre Corporation/Citadel Architectural Products, Inc.*

An Introduction to Metal Composite Material (MCM)

Presenter: Ted Wantuck  
1 AIA LU

#### September 16, 2009

##### *The Eisen Group/EFCP*

Condensation Resistance

Presenter: Andy Cook  
1 AIA LU

aluminum storefronts, curtainwalls and entrances.

Benefits:

- Aesthetic matte finish
- Reduced glare in bright sunlight due to low gloss levels
- Ability to use higher recycled content in billet while providing consistent finish and less landfill waste compared to caustic process
- Recyclable process by-products from acid-etch
- Reduction of energy used in the acid-etch process
- Limited number of finishers offer this type of product

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