



Hillcraft Grows and Achieves AWI Quality Certification



Hillcraft's expansion has allowed the introduction of additional equipment and more workspace for custom projects.

Hillcraft has satisfied the requirements and is now a certified member of Architectural Woodwork Institute's (AWI) Quality Certification Program. In order to achieve this certification, we had to pass four areas: First, our project managers had to pass a 150 question test, which they scored very high on. Second, we needed ten trade references including architects, contractors and building owners. Third, we had to pass a plant inspection examining everything from material handling and safety to workmanship. Finally, we had to pass two job site inspections by the AWI representative. The certification puts Hillcraft in an elite group of millwork manufacturers to achieve this status. AWI QCP certification is required on certain high end projects such as the new University of Wisconsin Microbial Science building Hillcraft will be doing in the next few months.



Also, Hillcraft's 22,000 square foot expansion started last year is complete and in full swing just in time for the busy summer construction season. The new area is primarily used for cabinet assembly, custom layout and fabrication and special project assembly. Very little machining is done in this area to keep wood dust to a minimum. Lighting is remarkable and will aid in improving our quality. Additional parking and new landscaping complete the outside. With the expansion, we were able to add some new equipment to help our production including a Streibig panel saw and Holzer edgebander. We welcome anyone interested to stop in for a plant tour.

These accomplishments are a result of Hillcraft's dedicated employees and loyal customers. Thanks to all. Enjoy your summer.

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Associated Bank

With more offices in Wisconsin than any other bank, Associated Bank wanted their new Madison branch to be special. Here is what Associated Bank President Gary Schaefer had to say:

“When we at Associated Bank made the commitment to expand our banking presence in the Madison market we knew how important it was to build a banking facility that would demonstrate just how committed we were to quality service with a first class facility.”

Hillcraft was selected as a partner in the construction of our facility because of their attention to quality. Their craftsmanship and attention to detail is without a doubt the best among its competitors. We plan to use them again for future expansions.”

Hillcraft worked with Planning Design / Build's team to bring together maple trim, walnut paneling, plastic laminates and granite tops (by Badger Granitewerks) to create a functional bank with a cordial feel. Hillcraft manufactured and installed the teller line with many angles and several materials at different floor levels to make each teller station an individual unit for one on one service. Walnut wall and ceiling panels add to the warmth and separate different areas of the bank. With three reception desks, several check writing desks and internet kiosks, Associated Bank's new Madison branch is professional, functional and user friendly.



Architect & General Contractor:
Planning Design / Build,
Madison, WI



Summit Credit Union

Another example of Hillcraft's workmanship for financial institutions, Summit Credit Union opened its Westport branch in Dane County.

“We wanted the interior of our newest branch to convey the same sense of warmth that we extend to our customers when they walk in,” says Barb Unger, Facilities Director at Summit Credit Union. *“So many financials see their lobbies as simply a place for transactions. We wanted ours to be functional, yet inviting for our visitors. The casework completed by Hillcraft has become a focal point for visitors when they walk in, and it completes the look and feel we were trying to achieve.”*

Hillcraft worked with the architect to blend maple with birch to create warmth without extravagance. Centering the whole branch is a beautiful circular reception desk with a raised transaction top of Zodiac by Twin City Tile. With all activity emanating from there to a children's play area, over 53 feet of teller lines, check writing desk and offices. It is open yet each area is distinct by virtue of the birch paneled sloping half walls delineating them. A beautiful design well coordinated by Krupp Construction, and custom casework executed and installed by Hillcraft adding the finishing touch.



Architect: Linville Architects
Madison, WI

General Contractor: Krupp Construction
Madison, WI

Zodiaq: Twin Cities Tile & Stone
Minneapolis, MN



Emirates Tower Hotel – Dubai

Interior Security More Important Than Ever

Hafele's New "Dialock" System Meets Today's Security Needs and Designs

Patient files, employee records, confidential financial data, personal items - these are just a few of the items where interior security comes into play in casework. Hafele America Co. has developed a new electronic locking system that brings your design ideas to reality.

Hafele, a recognized leader in the hardware industry adds this flexible and clever locking system to their broad scope of products. Dialock can be designed into retail, office, hospitality, health care, educational and fitness facilities. Using proximity readers and a variety of formats, Dialock simplifies the locking/unlocking process.

For example in an office application, an entire work station drawers and doors can be locked with a wave of a hand. This ensures that the areas are locked more often, a key to keeping records and valuables safe. Another wave of the card unlocks them.



Programming is as simple as presenting a keystick or access card to the proximity reader. Or it can be a more complete programming with a full audit trail using a Windows based software module. The terminals are programmed to analyze access rights, time and day limitations and expiration dates. Audit trails and blocking of lost keys is also supported.



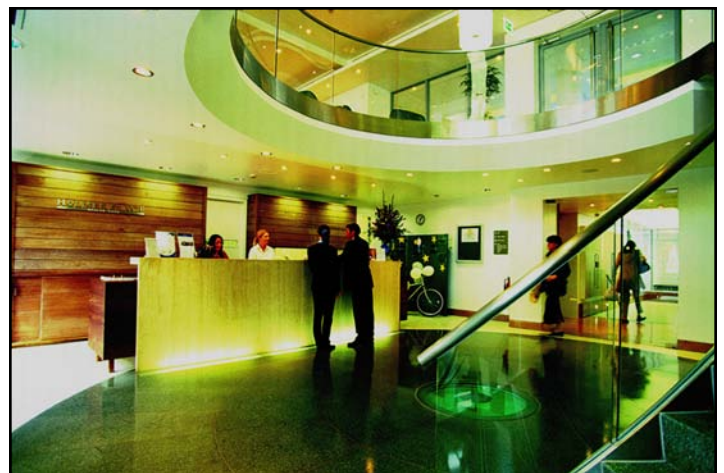
The variety of devices allows for flexible design and implementation in small or large applications. The keys can be cards, key fobs, wrist bands, watch clips and key clips. They are durable, reliable and reprogrammable (over a million times) and are resistant to magnetic, heat, cold and other environmental exposures.

A perfect example of the product in use locally is a version of the Dialock system at the UW Hospital Pharmacy and Nurses Station.

With all of the high tech options, installation is simple in a *Plug and Play* solution.

Dialock can keep it simple allowing one or more locking devices to operate from one key. Or handle your most complex installations up to 10,000 openings, 250 employee types and 30,000 keys.

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