

Product: **Partitions**

Restroom Renovation Scores Big at U.S. Cellular Field



BACK IN BLACK

These ceiling-hung, graffiti-resistant Hiny Hiders bathroom partitions in Black—featuring a hammered texture and durable continuous brackets and hinges—were a fitting choice for the remodeled restrooms at Chicago's U.S. Cellular Field, since the official team colors of the Chicago White Sox are black, silver, and white.

CHALLENGE: U.S. Cellular Field, home to MLB's Chicago White Sox, has gone through multiple phases of upgrades and renovations over the past decade, with very favorable results. The most recent renovation has been to seating, eateries and restrooms.

Cellular Field's extensive renovation program began with two-tiered terrace seating added next to the Bullpen Sports Bar and, most recently, the addition of an outdoor beer garden, the multi-tiered ChiSox Bar and Grill, a new commuter train station and a 16,500 sq. ft., three-level "Fundamentals" deck housing numerous kids' events and developmental baseball activities.

Another integral element was the remodeling of all the stadium's restrooms. In early 2011, Prestige Distribution renovated the restrooms behind home plate. The program continued into 2013 as funding allowed. The final phase of the total restroom renovation was completed in Dec. 2013.

INFLUENCE: According to Don Esposito, senior director of Purchasing, Construction and Maintenance for the Chicago White Sox, "There is enormous traffic in our bathrooms day in and day out throughout the season. This includes meeting the needs of up to 2.5 million attendees annually."

CRITERIA: Esposito's specification process is far more intensive than most. "We required materials that fit the modern, clean and upscale design of our stadium, while holding up to rowdy fans within a cost frame that fits our budget."

SOLUTION: New materials include the specification of Hiny Hiders bathroom partitions from **Scranton Products** due to their looks, durability and ability to reduce costs and maintenance. After consulting with David Waxman and Adi Klinghofer of Prestige Distribution, he selected black with a hammered texture for the ballpark's 320 stalls. The facility's cleaning staff was immediately impressed with their resistance to graffiti and the ease in which they

clean. Prestige was involved in all phases of the bathroom renovations from 2011 to 2013, assisting Esposito with the specification process and performing all of the demolition of the old partitions and installation of the new ones.

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"Bathrooms at U.S. Cellular Field have exposed, heavy-duty steel beams, which offered fantastic support for the ceiling hung partitions," said Klinghofer. "Because of the high level of traffic in the bathrooms, we recommended that the White Sox consider continuous brackets and hinges, which offer added rigidity to the toilet partition system." Visit www.scrantonproducts.com or Circle 422