

Los Angeles Report

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1. Container shops in Los Angeles Arts District

Project Overview

This month LA report will be focusing on a unique type of shop: container shops. Located at the intersection of Colyton and Palmetto Streets can be found 2 distinct containers converted into a coffee shop and a guitar repair shop (which formerly was a food shop). Both of them have a very simple design and are built simply with the container cut in half to make the service counter. The containers are typical ocean freight types with a size of 8' x 20', the cut open panels become canopies and are equipped with auto shock absorbers to close and open the counter. As the L.A City Building Dept. has been encouraging business toward water conservation materials the turf is artificial. As for the blue container (the guitar repair shop) rather than a counter only, half of it is open for customers to freely enter it to see the merchandize. The lower part was used as a ramp to give access to people with disabilities, it is a very clever design since the container is approximately 5' off the ground and 1/12 slope is required for the ADA (American Disability Act).

The shops appear to be well crowded during lunch time or for coffee breaks. Yoga sessions organized by ShreebsCofee take place every Saturday mornings on the turf in front of the shop.

Project Details

1. Business : Cafe and Guitar repair shop
2. Location: Art District - 527 Colyton Street, Los Angeles, 90013
3. Construction: 2005
4. Target Customer: Everyone
5. Website: <http://www.shreebscoffee.com/>

Location Map





