



### Seats, Incorporated

Scope: Fire Restoration  
Location: Richland Center, Wisconsin  
Designer: FM Global

Seats, Incorporated suffered a fire in December of 2013, which destroyed one bay and damaged another at their bulk tank building in Richland Center, Wisconsin. As a result of the fire, about 25% of the structure was damaged, and some of the manufacturing and storage needed to be relocated to Seats’ other facilities. Prior to the fire, Seats had ordered new manufacturing equipment to be delivered to the Richland Center location, so it was imperative that reconstruction of the facility proceed as quickly as possible.

Friede & Associates worked closely with team members from Seats and FM Global, their commercial mutual insurance company, to establish the project’s scope and design, and to begin ordering items with long lead times. The original building was a pre-engineered metal structure and Friede made plans to replace it with another pre-engineered metal building.

In all, 12,600 square feet of the damaged building was completely replaced and 4,400 square feet of structure was restored and partially reconstructed. A connecting 2,400-square-foot bulk storage facility required the cleaning of tanks and reinstallation of piping, insulation, and electrical. The entire process—from execution of agreement to completion—was accomplished in just four months.

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