



EMS Provides Products and Support for Phipps Towers/Plaza



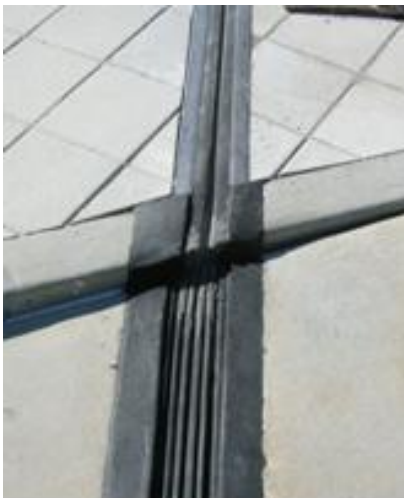
EMS was selected to provide the exterior expansion joints for the recently completed Phipps Towers office building and parking garage complex located in Buckhead, Georgia. The Phipps Towers is a 20 story LEED certified building and five-level parking deck located adjacent to the Phipps Plaza mixed use development. This complex includes a large shopping mall, condominiums, movie theaters, and restaurants.

The installation of the expansion joint systems and related waterproofing was performed by L.S. Decker, Inc. (*see Contractor's Corner for related article*). The design of the parking garage and plaza deck located in front of the building incorporated many unique and challenging configurations relative to expansion joints.

The plaza deck in front of the building is located above the below-grade loading dock for the building (see building diagram below). This configuration required that expansion joints be used in the plaza deck. In addition, the design for the plaza deck incorporated various planters, curbs, and green spaces. The installation of the expansion joints

presented some unique challenges that were overcome by the crew at L.S. Decker working closely with the experienced personnel at EMS. The end result is a building, parking garage and plaza deck that are not only highly functional, but very aesthetically pleasing.

At EMS, we are very proud to have been involved in this project, and for the opportunity to work with contractors to help to resolve challenging installation configurations.



Curbs on plaza decks where different types of expansion joint are required to be interfaced.



Expansion joint along plaza planter wall



Diagram of Phipps Tower and Parking Garage