

New Center Building
7430 Second Avenue
Detroit
Wayne County
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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Michigan	COUNTY Wayne	TOWN OR VICINITY Detroit
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) New Center Building		HABS NO. MI-310
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 7430 Second Avenue UTM Coordinates: 17.328960.4692840		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1930-1931	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Albert Kahn	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The New Center Building is architecturally significant as part of a superbly designed complex in which some of the finest craftsmanship of the Art Deco period is displayed.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Art Deco		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS)		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) 10-story, U-shaped structure		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Limestone-faced exterior with tall central section and lower side wings. Detailing includes bronze grille work on 2-story entrance and spandrel panels between the windows. Store windows at first floor level are bronze framed plate glass.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Spacious elevator lobby sheathed in marble and displaying Art Moderne influences in its decoration.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Good condition. Office building with retail shops on first floor.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Pedestrian skywalks planned to connect the New Center Building to a new office building are to be funded by an Urban Development Action Grant. Mitigative documentation was required under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. See National Register nomination for further information on the New Center Building.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING IN NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) National Register nomination, May 1980		
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