

# Resilient Products Make Lasting Impressions

Over the years there has been much discussion regarding sustainable design. While considering this, designers and facility managers are charged with ensuring the sustainable products they choose are truly resilient as well. Resilient designs should incorporate sustainable products that will also endure damage caused by natural events, such as hurricanes and earthquakes, and everyday abuse in facilities like hospitals, nursing homes and schools.



*"First impressions of a building will often set the mood and comfort level of visitors and potential clients when they enter a building. Hallways and open spaces that look run-down or in need of repair can be perceived as a lack of professionalism or a business in financial crisis. In a hospital environment, scuffed or damaged doors and walls give patients and visiting family members the idea that the facility is unsanitary. For students evaluating potential colleges, scuffed walls and surfaces damaged from desks and chairs can project a 'low quality' environment. With proper wall protection, a heavily trafficked space can remain a clean, attractive, productive environment. Safeguarding the interior of the building helps to protect the investment of interior design."*

~ Hunt, Andrew A.

*"Improving the Mind and Body with Wall Protection"*  
Architect Dec. 2013: 74-77. Web. 27 Nov. 2013.

For commercial buildings, there are several high abuse areas throughout the interior space. Walls and doors are particularly susceptible to damage caused by wheeled traffic like food carts, luggage carriers, hospital beds and maintenance equipment. Incorporating wall and door protection products is a key design element for the longevity of a building's interior finishes.

Wall and door protection products are designed to safeguard heavily trafficked areas prone to accidental abuse. By preventing scrapes, gouges, etc. caused by normal use, these products ultimately help reduce the building's maintenance costs.

Historically, wall protection was intended to be a functional and practical part of the built environment and was designed with a more industrial look and feel. Today, wall protection systems come in a wide selection of colors, patterns and styles. Modern wall protection systems that include corner guards, bumper guards, door coverings, rigid sheets and wall panels can be color and design coordinated to create aesthetically pleasing interior spaces.

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