



TENSION MEMBRANE ENTRANCE FEATURE SAYS "WELCOME"

TITLE	Hillcrest Baptist Medical Centre
DESCRIPTION	Entrance canopy
LOCATION	Waco, Texas, USA
COMPLETED IN	2008
FABRIC AREA	7,350ft ²
FABRIC TYPE	PTFE – Sheerfill V
ARCHITECT/CLIENT	HDR Architects / Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center

HILLCREST BAPTIST MEDICAL CENTRE WACO, TEXAS USA

The challenge – entrance canopy for arriving patients and visitors

Our brief was to develop a new entrance that extended a warm welcome to patients and visitors, while also providing the practicality of shelter from sun and rain. The Hillcrest Baptist Medical Centre is a comprehensive facility that includes a women's and a children's medical centre.

The solution – an elegant entrance with an ingenious storm water solution

Adorning two entrances of the newly constructed medical centre is a series of white inverted umbrellas that float seamlessly above the walkways and drop-off zones. Beautifully constructed and finished, the umbrellas are an example of ingenious engineering. The inverted cones are designed to channel rain into an integrated downspout that links into the site storm drains. There's no need for unsightly downspouts and gutters.

The highly durable and inert properties of the PTFE-coated fiberglass membranes will deliver decades of excellent performance, while maintaining a brilliant white appearance that suggests health and cleanliness.

