

## Facts & Figures

**Owner:** CarSpa Incorporated,  
Dallas, TX

**Type of Project:** Renovation of an  
existing car wash

**Architect:** Randall-Paulson  
Architects, Incorporated, Roswell

**General Contractor:** CD Partners,  
LLC, Roswell

**Size:** 12,947 square feet

**Construction Time:** Completed in  
September 2004

**The Need:** To create an upscale,  
quality car care facility

**The Challenge:** Staying on budget  
while creating a new design that  
was compatible with local design  
guidelines

## Supportive Team Members

**Southern Glass Company**  
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## Roswell, Georgia CarSpa

Completed in September 2004, Roswell's CarSpa in no way resembles what we've come to expect from traditional car washes. In short, the design is beyond impressive.

"We were commissioned by our client to redesign and renovate a couple of existing local traditional car wash facilities into quality car care centers as they entered the Atlanta market," said Lucy Williams, project manager for Randall-Paulson Architects, Incorporated, the project's architect. "The design goal was to create a comfortable, upscale environment with superior customer service. Our client wanted the facilities to differ from the traditional by creating an experience for their customers that was welcoming and recurring. This experience was achieved in contemporary design, developed to visually involve the customer in the car care operation from washing a car to changing the oil."

While the car is being serviced, patrons are invited to relax in the facility's interior, which features a children's play area, a coffee bar, flat-screen televisions and wireless computer access. Warm interior

colors and natural textures are found throughout.

Williams said being in a design overlay district and utilizing the building's existing shell to create a new design — one that is compatible with the city's design guidelines — proved challenging, especially with limited funds. "With a tight budget, the exterior was successfully remodeled to incorporate common elements used on other facilities — the tower at the carwash tunnel, signage and lighting," she said. "The existing building featured a strong structural radius component that became the focal point from which the curved glass storefront and skylights radiated."

Curvilinear forms were expressed in the soffits and flooring as well, according to Williams. "Existing ceilings were removed to expose structure, and accent lighting was used throughout the space to highlight the artwork, flooring and structure and create an overall theatrical ambiance within the space," she said. "Hanging glass pendants with bubbled textures were selected [for] over the service desk and the coffee bar. Frosted

glass window panels with the company's logo provide natural lighting in the space, and a suspended translucent curved ceiling panel system hangs in the observation carwash tunnel, alluding to a continuous wave."

According to Frank Daniels, principal for CD Partners, LLC, the project's general contractor, one of the most unique aspects of the construction process was the lobby rotunda renovation, which included the replacement of the existing skylight system.

According to Daniels, one of the toughest challenges came in renovating the exterior and customer areas, while at the same time providing assistance to CarSpa employees. He said, "The owner's project manager was on site for the duration of the project and was critical with regard to coordination of design, permitting, construction, fixturing and equipment installation."

Such teamwork resulted in the successful completion of a facility that truly pampers your car — and you in the process. ■

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