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National Air and Space Museum's Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center Fact Sheet

Name: The Udvar-Hazy (pronounced OOD-var HAH-zee) Center is named for International Lease Finance Corp. chairman and CEO Steven F. Udvar-Hazy, who donated \$65 million for the project.

Opening: The center opened to the public Dec. 15, 2003, as part of powered flight centennial celebrations

Design: The center's building was designed by Hellmuth, Obata + Kassabaum, the St. Louis-based architecture firm that also designed the Air and Space museum on the National Mall. The entire Udvar-Hazy Center will be approximately 760,000 square feet when completed. A second phase of construction, including a restoration hangar, archive facilities and storage, will occur when adequate funds are raised.

Cost: The total cost for the project—for design, site infrastructure, construction, move-in and start-up—is approximately \$311 million. Congress mandated that only nonfederal funds be used in the construction of the center.

Attendance: The number of visitors to the Udvar-Hazy Center was 1.6 million in 2005.

Web site: www.nasm.si.edu

Exhibition Space

Boeing Aviation Hanger

- 103 feet high, 986 feet long and 248 feet wide (10 stories high and the length of three football fields); total area is 293,707 square feet
- Three levels of aircraft—two levels suspended from hangar's massive arched trusses and the third at floor level
- 21 trusses in hangar
- Elevated walkways run parallel to the two tiers of suspended aircraft

James S. McDonnell Space Hanger

- 80 feet high, 262 feet long and 180 feet wide; total area is 53,067 square feet

Displayed Artifacts: As of July 1, the center holds 127 aircraft, 143 large space artifacts and more than 1,500 smaller items.

Facilities

- Boeing Aviation Hanger
- James S. McDonnell Space Hangar
- Donald D. Engen Observation Tower (164 feet high)
- Udvar-Hazy Center IMAX Theater (479 seats) (Tickets are sold at all Smithsonian IMAX theaters and the Einstein Planetarium)
- Three multimedia classrooms/learning labs
- Museum store and mobile store kiosks
- Public dining facility
- Simulators
- Offices

Amenities

- Free parking for up to 40 buses
- Free docent-led tours
- ATM machines

The Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center is located in Chantilly, Va., off of Route 28. It is open daily from 10 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. (closed Dec. 25). Admission to the Udvar-Hazy Center is free, but there is a \$12 fee for parking.

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