

Bridgestone Arena

Nashville, Tennessee

Owner

The Sports Authority

Team

NHL Nashville Predators

Client/Architect

POPULOUS (formerly HOK Sport Venue Event) and Hart Freeland Roberts, Inc.

General Contractor

Turner Construction Company and Perini Building Company

Completion Date

1996

Construction Cost

\$100 million

Total Area

750,000 sf

Seating Capacity

Basketball 19,000
Hockey 18,500
Concert 20,000

Number of Suites

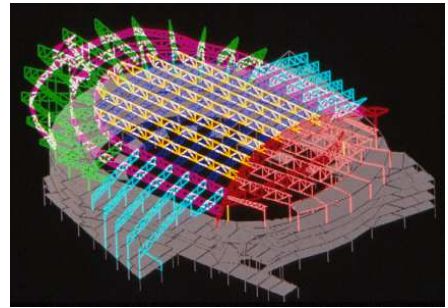
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Number of Concourses

4

Former Name

The Sommet Center
Gaylord Convention and Entertainment Center



Bridgestone Arena, situated in downtown Nashville, features a distinctive roof design that slopes in a downward longitudinal direction to minimize volume. Thornton Tomasetti provided structural design services for the new arena. Analysis of the roof for eight different stages of construction was performed to provide minimal shoring during erection. A series of economical structural systems to frame the building's unique icons includes the 22-story spotlight shaped visitor center/icon tower. The 750,000-square-foot arena offers flexibility to accommodate civic and entertainment events with a 15,000-square-foot rehearsal hall, 10,000-square-foot exhibit space, and 15,000-square-feet of meeting rooms.

Bridgestone Arena serves as home to the NHL Nashville Predators and has hosted Men's NCAA, SEC and Men's and Women's OVC tournaments along with a variety of concerts and community events.