Quick Facts about PRIDE Hangar

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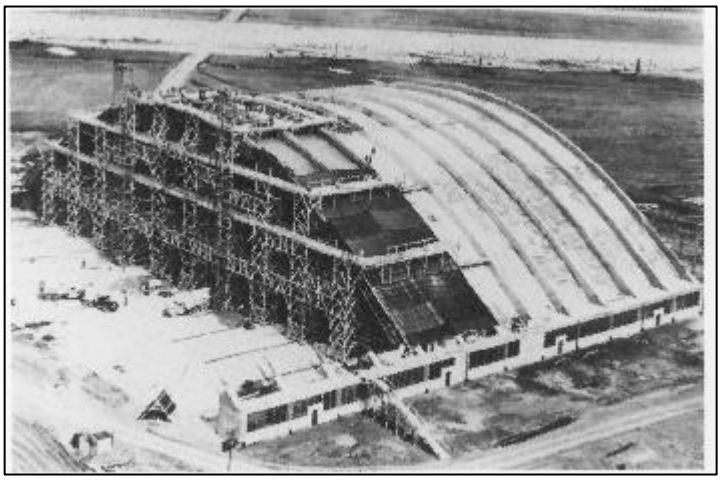
The hangar is 314 feet long, 369 feet wide and 95 feet high.

The hangar is constructed of more than 759 tons of reinforcing steel and 210 tons of structural and miscellaneous steel.

The hangar covers approximately 3 ½ acres of ground

The hangar has (or had) 18 miles of radiant heating pipes in the hangar floor



The PRIDE Hangar Under Construction

At the time of construction, the hangar cost over $1 million

At the time of construction it was reputedly the world's largest hangar and the largest monolithic structure in North America

Convair designed the B-36 for outside storage in any weather; designers anticipated having the hangar temporarily house three B-36s for maintenance during poor weather conditions. The planning team wanted the hangar to hold three B-36s and this worked during the modeling phase of design, but they could never fit more than two inside (the dimensions of the B-36 are: 230 foot wing span and 165 from tip to tail) the real thing. Legend has it that when the design team built the working model of the hangar, they demonstrated the space by putting the aircraft in through the missing roof. This worked fine, except the airplanes had to go through the doors – the end result being that the hangar simply didn't have enough room to maneuver three massive B-36s around to make them all fit inside at the same time.