

# VAN LEEUWEN EXPERIENCE CENTRE

Architect  
Client  
Location  
Year

LUGTEN MALSCHAERT ARCHITECTEN  
VAN LEEUWEN BUIZEN GROEP  
ZWIJNDRECHT (THE NETHERLANDS)  
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A new transparent glass showroom welcomes visitors to the Van Leeuwen Buizen Groep in Zwijndrecht. From this light-flooded location, visitors have a unique view of the advanced transport and sorting system in the impressive warehouse. Octatube realised the supporting structure and facades of this new experience centre. To accommodate the experience centre, a section of the warehouse wall was demolished. The concrete bumper remained in tact. Adjacent to it, we built a rectangular glass extension measuring 23 metres wide,

8 metres deep and 10 metres high. The glass facades are supported by silver-grey powder-coated tubular columns. The three glass facades, covering an area of 545 m<sup>2</sup>, consist of 132 laminated double-glazed glass panels. At their corners, we fixed these panels using round nodes that are connected to steel swords attached to the tubular supporting structure. The experience centre functions as an exhibition and presentation space for Van Leeuwen Buizen Group and its expertise in steel pipes and pipe components, among other things.

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