



**PROJECT TYPE**  
New Construction

**BUILDING AREA**  
42,500 Sq. Ft.

**CONSTRUCTION COST**  
\$5 Million

**CONSTRUCTION DATES**  
May 2004 - March 2005

**CONTRACTOR**  
O'Haver Contractors

**SERVICES**  
Schematic Design  
Design Development  
Construction Documentation  
Regulatory Approvals  
Bidding and Negotiating  
Construction Contract Administration

Project Architect on Record: Thorn & Graves

## Gunn Acura

San Antonio, Texas

As part of a nationwide image update program, San Antonio's only Acura dealership was required to be brought to current standards in order to sell Honda's flagship automobiles. To meet these requirements, a new dealership was constructed across the highway at the site of a former Buick dealership to take advantage of a larger parcel and to minimize disruption to their existing Acura sales and service operations. While initially considering the complete demolition and removal of the former dealership, we determined most of the existing foundation could be used.

“We applied the national image program elements to this heavily wooded site using the former foundation with minor additions and adjustments saving the owner significant money.”

The showroom was slightly rotated to better address the highway traffic and the sales building area was increased to accommodate several other Gunn organization functions. We worked with Honda's image program designers proposing alternative materials and construction details to save an additional \$300,000 in construction costs. As one of San Antonio's first completely conditioned service centers, the service building was oversized to handle overflow needs from nearby Honda and Infiniti dealerships, and equipment was selected to accommodate much larger vehicles from their Chevrolet, GMC, and Dodge dealerships. The 12,000 sq. ft. parts warehouse has a clear height of nearly 20' to permit the future installation of a mezzanine to double the storage capacity.

