NEW AMUNDSEN-SCOTT SOUTH POLE STATION

International Polar Year

All building materials are brought in by plane and must fit in its cargo hold.

The vertical tower gives access to the garage and power plant below.

This is the first station with windows, a great psychological advantage over the old ones.

A lot of the science is done here in the labs and in the computer rooms.

The station sits on 36 columns that protect it from snowdrift.

The foundation of compacted snow weighs 1.5 times more than the building itself.

Credit: Zina Deretsky, National Science Foundation
For more information on the South Pole see: