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Musée du Débarquement, Arromanches-les-Bains

## **Architecture of remembrance**

**Romanshorn, May 2026.** In one of the most emblematic places in Normandy, where the remains of the man-made harbour “Mulberry B” still bear witness to the Allied landing in 1944, the Paris-based office Projectiles has created a new memorial site. The Musée du Débarquement in Arromanches-les-Bains replaces the original building from the 1950s with architecture that aims to be in dialogue with the landscape. The new building captures the historical significance of the site in a clear form and makes the coastline itself one of the exhibits. The steel profile systems from Forster used enable the facade to be transparent across a large surface and showcase the architectural vision precisely.

### **Geography and buildings in dialogue**

“When the relics have disappeared, the museum will remain” – with this guiding principle, the architects developed a building that preserves the memories beyond the physical collection. The design is based on the idea of a landscape museum. A clearly structured facade made of light-coloured concrete surrounds the body of the building within the sensitive context between the village and the coast.

Eight-metre-high columns, a cantilevered porch and joists spanning up to twelve metres define the structural order of the building. They enable spacious, column-free exhibition areas to be created and can be clearly seen in the facade grid design. The appearance is reminiscent of the Phoenix breakwaters, which were embedded in the sea as huge concrete caissons when the Allies landed. Between the concrete columns, large glazed areas offer up a view of the coastline – the architecture here acts as a precise framework for remembrance.

### **Resistance to the sea**

The project team was faced with particular challenges due to the location directly on the tidal zone. A different material strategy was developed in order to permanently counteract the salty spray. For example, the large panes with heights of up to four and a half metres could be combined with extremely slim profiles and the filigree aesthetics of the design could be adopted without visually dominating the facade grid structure. On the exterior of the mullion/transom facade with forster thermfix vario which is exposed to the weather, stainless steel (Inox) cover profiles ensure high corrosion resistance. This hybrid solution combines corrosion protection and structural performance in a precisely coordinated system – a logical response to the maritime environment.

### **Material continuity and safety**

The material logic continues in the entrance areas. Double-leaf entrance doors and emergency exits are integrated into the facade with the forster unico system. The thermally insulated profiles fit seamlessly into the large-surface mullion/transom construction and at the same time perform safety-relevant functions within the transparent building shell.

Fire resistant doors from the forster fuego light EI60 series are used inside. They give structure to the transitions between the exhibition areas and ensure the required fire resistance duration without compromising the open feeling of spaciousness. Thanks to the slim steel profiles, architectural continuity is also maintained here.

The result is a museum building whose technical precision is not an end in itself, but forms the basis for an architecture that frames landscape and history in equal measure and translates remembrance into long-lasting structural order.

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#### **Project information**

Products:	forster thermfix vario 60 mullion/transom façade forster unico entrance portals forster fuego light EI 60 fire resistant doors
Architecture:	Projectiles, France
Metal construction:	Renouard, France
Client:	SHEMA, France
Realisation:	2023
Photography:	Antoine Cardi, France

#### **Forster Profile Systems – Steel is our nature.**

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**Figures**

*The new Musée du Débarquement replaces the original building from the 1950s at the historic landing site of Arromanches-les-Bains. Between the village and the sea, the Paris-based office Projectiles is creating a clearly defined structure that incorporates the coastal landscape into its exhibition. Photo: Antoine Cardì*



*The consistently maintained facade grid gives structure to the large glazing and makes the tectonic order of the building structure visible. Photos: Antoine Cardì*



*Continuous concrete columns and the cantilevered porch define the grid construction of the museum. Door elements from the forster unico system are integrated into the transparent facade, which blend seamlessly into the mullion/transom construction with forster thermfix vario.*  
*Photos: Antoine Cardi*



*The slim forster thermfix vario steel profiles support large glazing and frame the view of the sea as part of the exhibition. Photos: Antoine Cardi*



*Thanks to the slim profile systems from Forster, the transparent building shell allows daylight to permeate deep into the exhibition areas. Photos: Antoine Cardi*