Singer Building

Facts

**Official Name**  
Singer Building

**Structure Type**  
Building

**Status**  
Demolished

**Country**  
United States

**City**  
New York City

**Street Address & Map**  
149 Broadway

**Postal Code**  
10013

**Building Function**  
office

**Structural Material**  
steel

**Proposed**  
1905

**Construction Start**  
1906

**Completion**  
1908

**Demolished**  
1968

**Height:**  
Architectural  
186.6 m / 612 ft

**Height: To Tip**  
204.2 m / 670 ft

**Floors Above Ground**  
41

**Floors Below Ground**  
1

**# of Elevators**  
15

**Top Elevator Speed**  
3 m/s

Companies Involved

**Architect**  
Ernest Flagg

**Material Supplier**

- **Cladding**  
  John B. Rose Co.; Martin P. Lodge; J. J. Spurr & Sons

- **Elevator**  
  Otis Elevator Company

- **Fire Proofing**  
  National Fireproofing Company

- **Flooring**  
  John T. Brady & Co.

- **Steel**  
  Milliken Brothers, Inc.

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Other Building Facts

Tallest building in the world 1908 - 1909. Park Row Building and surpassed by the Metropolitan Life Tower
When built, the Singer Building was topped by a 62 ft. flagpole, giving it a tip height of 674 ft. (205.4 m.)

Was demolished in 1968 to make way for 1 Liberty Plaza, making it the tallest building ever to be demolished by design.

The 41-story tower with its 14-story base comprise an expansion of the original 10-story Singer Building, designed by the same architect and built in 1897 on the northwest corner of Broadway and Liberty Street.

The building contained 15 elevators, four of which serviced the tower portion.

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