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Conference Tables

1 **48" is the commercial standard depth from 10 ft tables all the way up to 18 ft**
Unlike smaller tables (6 ft runs 36" deep, 8 ft runs 44"–48"), conference tables from 10 ft onward are consistently 48" deep across commercial product lines. This depth gives both sides comfortable reach, clear sight lines, and room for a laptop plus documents without crowding.

2 **48" clearance around all sides of the table is the minimum — not a suggestion**
48" allows a seated person to push their chair back, stand, and walk past without disturbing others. Less than 48" creates bottlenecks every time someone enters or exits. Measure the room and do the math before specifying any table — this is the most common planning mistake.

3 **Boat-shaped is the most popular commercial shape — and for good reason**
Boat-shaped tables widen at the center, improving sight lines so everyone around the table can see each other clearly. The tapered ends give a boardroom presence without the cost of veneer. Available in slab, cube storage, and boardroom base configurations to suit any room.

4 **Cube Storage Base solves the problem of rooms without built-in cabinetry**
The cube storage base has an access door in each base unit, providing concealed storage for AV remotes, extension cords, presentation supplies, and spare cables. For conference rooms without a credenza or cabinet wall, this base style eliminates clutter at no extra room footprint.

5 **Boardroom Base two-tone combos deliver an executive look without veneer cost**
A Walnut or Espresso top paired with a black metal boardroom base, or a Gray top with a silver base, creates a visually distinctive boardroom table at laminate durability. Two-tone combinations are available from 8 ft through 14 ft lengths.

6 **Power and data should be spec'd in the table, not run across the floor**
Cords running from wall outlets to the table are a trip hazard, a fire code issue, and look unprofessional. Pre-powered tables ship with dual USB + dual AC already installed. Wire cutouts at the top and bottom of each base section keep cables routed internally from day one.

7 **Plan 30"–36" of table edge per person for comfortable laptop use**
The 24" figure in many specs is a tight economy standard that doesn't accommodate open laptops. 30" is the practical minimum for laptop + notepad. 36" is boardroom standard and allows elbow room. Multiply by headcount, then cross-check against room width.

8 **Modular tables offer flexibility but have visible seams — know the tradeoff**
Modular systems can be reconfigured for different layouts and store in sections when the room is needed for events. However, connection seams are visible in the surface. For boardrooms where appearance is paramount, a one-piece table presents better.

9 **Laminate tables: specify 1½" thick tops and 3mm PVC edge banding as quality indicators**
These two specs are the commercial-grade standard. A 1½" thick top resists flex and sag. 3mm PVC edge banding protects edges from chips, peeling, and moisture intrusion. Thinner tops and thin paper edge banding are signs of residential-grade construction.

10 **Round tables are practical up to 47" diameter — beyond that, conversation suffers**
Round tables (36", 42", and 47" diameters are the common commercial sizes) work well for 4–6 people in equal-status discussions. Above 6 people, the distance across makes normal conversation difficult. Switch to oval or rectangular for larger groups.