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# Cubicles & Workstations

**1 Panel height drives office culture as much as the work environment**

The choice between 42" and 66" panels is not just acoustic or privacy — it signals how the organization works. Low panels signal collaboration; high panels signal focused private work. Align the recommendation with the client's culture and management philosophy.

**2 Acoustic performance comes from the combination of height, fabric density, and layout**

A single fabric panel absorbs sound from one side. In a cluster where multiple fabric panels surround a station, the combined effect is significantly higher. This is a key advantage over benching for noise-sensitive environments.

**3 Flipper doors on overhead bins are the most practical door style**

Traditional hinged doors open outward, forcing the seated user to duck. Flipper doors slide upward and back into the cabinet — the bin opens fully without intruding into the user's space. Always specify flipper doors over hinged doors.

**4 Under–bin task lighting transforms the workstation experience**

Panel-hung overhead bins block ambient light from the desk surface. Under-bin task lights fill this gap and provide directed illumination. An inexpensive add-on that dramatically improves comfort and visual ergonomics.

**5 Specify panel electrical early — retrofitting is expensive**

Adding panel-integrated electrical after installation requires disconnecting panels, threading wires, reconnecting panels, and reinstalling surfaces. The labor cost often exceeds the original electrical component cost. Confirm all requirements before ordering.

**6 Request a space plan before finalizing station count**

The number of stations a floor plan can accommodate depends on traffic flow, egress, columns, and perimeter walls. A 2D block plan often reveals the requested count doesn't fit. Resolve this before ordering.

**7 Always confirm entry opening width for ADA compliance**

Panel connectors and surface overhangs can reduce nominal opening width. A 36" clear opening (minimum) must be maintained for accessible stations. Measure the actual clear width after accounting for all components.

**8 Reconfiguration is possible but rarely 'easy'**

Moving panels requires disconnecting electrical, removing surfaces and storage, disassembling connections, and reassembling. Budget time and labor — it is not a same-day task. Use a certified installer for systems furniture.

**9 Plan electrical zones before panel layout in large deployments**

Panel electrical runs sequentially from the feed point. Long runs lose voltage and may not comply with NEC. Work with the electrician to identify floor box locations before finalizing panel configuration.

**10 Mobile pedestals improve the value of panel workstations**

A lockable mobile pedestal (BBF or FF) provides each employee with secure personal storage, keeps items off the desk surface, and can move with the employee in hybrid or hoteling environments. Always include this option in the specification.