

Lounge Seating

Commercial Office Furniture | Nationwide Delivery | Lifetime Warranty

1. What Is Commercial Lounge Seating?

Commercial lounge seating is upholstered seating engineered for office common areas, lobbies, waiting rooms, breakrooms, and collaborative zones. At OfficeFurniture2go, we help organizations select the right lounge seating to create welcoming atmospheres and support informal interaction that reflects their brand and culture.

Unlike task seating designed for prolonged desk work, lounge seating serves short-to-medium occupancy in social or waiting contexts. Commercial lounge seating is built for 8–12+ hours of daily use by multiple users, with higher-density foam, commercial-grade fabric (30,000+ double rubs), reinforced frames, BIFMA compliance, GREENGUARD certification, and Cal 117 fire-retardant standard compliance.

2. Types of Lounge Seating

Sofas (3-Seat)

Typically 72"-96" wide × 30"-36" deep × 32"-36" tall. Seats 3 adults comfortably. Best for reception areas, large lobbies, and executive waiting areas. Confirm entry door and elevator width before ordering.

Loveseats (2-Seat)

Typically 48"-60" wide. More versatile than sofas for tighter spaces. Ideal for smaller reception areas, alcoves, and side seating.

Lounge Chairs / Club Chairs

28"-36" wide. Types include club chairs (low-slung, relaxed), barrel chairs (rounded back, more upright), and accent chairs (lighter frame, visual interest). Used as accent seating, reading nooks, or alongside sofas.

Benches

42"-72" wide × 17"-18" seat height. Armless design seats more people per linear foot. Upholstered, wood-top, and storage bench options available.

Modular / Sectional Systems

Corner pieces, straight seats, and ottomans that connect and reconfigure. Ideal for large lobbies, collaborative zones, and environments that need flexible scaling.

Ottomans and High-Back Lounge Chairs

Ottomans provide extra seating, footrests, or informal side tables. High-back lounge chairs offer privacy in open environments and may include built-in power/USB outlets.

3. Sizing and Space Planning

Allow 20–25 square feet per seat including circulation. Our team at OfficeFurniture2go can assist with layout planning for any reception size.

Reception Size	Sq Footage	Recommended Configuration
Small	Under 200 sq ft	1 loveseat or 2 lounge chairs + side tables
Medium	200–400 sq ft	1 sofa + 2 lounge chairs + coffee table
Large	400+ sq ft	Modular or multiple groupings with entry benches

Minimum clearances: 18" in front of sofa/chair for leg room, 14"–18" from coffee table to opposite seat, and 44"–60" for the main circulation path.

4. Fabric and Material Selection

The double rub count (Wyzenbeek abrasion rating) is the single most important durability metric. Our specialists at OfficeFurniture2go will help you match fabric performance to your environment.

Rating	Double Rubs	Best For
Light Commercial	15,000–30,000	Private offices, low-traffic areas
Standard Commercial	30,000–50,000	Reception areas, corporate lobbies
Heavy Commercial	50,000–100,000	Healthcare, education, high-traffic lobbies
Extreme Use	100,000+	Transportation, 24-hour facilities

- Polyester/Poly-Blend: Most common — durable, cleanable, wide color range
- Olefin: Excellent abrasion and stain resistance — ideal for healthcare
- Vinyl / Faux Leather: Easiest to clean; required in many healthcare settings
- Genuine Leather: Premium appearance; requires conditioning maintenance
- Crypton / Performance Fabric: Stain and bacteria resistance built in

COM (Customer's Own Material) is available — specify correct yardage per manufacturer requirements. Lead time is typically 6–8 weeks longer.

5. Frame and Cushion Construction

- Kiln-dried hardwood (maple, birch): Traditional, strong, long-lasting
- Steel frame: Modern aesthetic, extremely durable, heavy
- MDF/engineered wood: Lower cost; not recommended for heavy-use

Foam Grade	Density	Application
Residential	1.5–1.8 lbs/cu ft	Not for commercial use
Light Commercial	1.8–2.0 lbs/cu ft	Private offices
Commercial	2.0–2.5 lbs/cu ft	Standard lobbies and waiting areas
High-Density	2.5+ lbs/cu ft	Heavy-use or bariatric

6. Commercial Certifications

- BIFMA (ANSI/BIFMA X5.4): Lounge seating structural testing — required for commercial
- GREENGUARD / GREENGUARD Gold: Low VOC emissions — preferred for LEED, healthcare, education
- Cal 117: Fire-retardant standard — required in California, widely adopted nationwide
- ACT Standards: Commercial fabric ratings — specify antimicrobial for healthcare

7. Environments and Applications

Corporate Reception: Mid-to-high-end fabric, 30,000–50,000 double rubs, sofa + chairs grouping

Healthcare Waiting: Antimicrobial vinyl or Crypton, 50,000–100,000+ double rubs, individual chairs/benches

Education Lounges: Olefin or high-durability poly, modular or stackable configurations

Breakrooms: Vinyl or performance fabric, stackable or moveable pieces

Executive Suites: Leather or premium fabric, classic sofa + chairs configuration

8. Weight Capacity and Bariatric Options

Standard commercial lounge seating: 250–300 lbs per seat. Bariatric models: 500–800 lbs per seat with reinforced steel frame, heavy-density foam, and wider seat dimensions (24"–28" vs. standard 21"–24"). Required in healthcare per ADA best practices.

9. ADA and Accessibility

- Provide at least one seat height of 17"–19" for easier sit-to-stand
- Ensure 60" × 60" wheelchair turning radius alongside at least one seating location
- Avoid seats under 16" height in ADA-accessible waiting areas
- Provide 30" × 48" clear floor space alongside accessible seating

10. Selection Checklist

Identify environment and use case

Determine peak seating capacity (20–25 sq ft per seat)

Select configuration type (fixed, modular, or bench)

Choose fabric based on environment and durability needs

Confirm certifications (BIFMA, GREENGUARD, Cal 117)

Verify seat height for accessibility

Confirm delivery path (doors, elevators)

Consider complementary items: coffee tables, side tables, area rugs

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