

Straight / Standard Desks

- 1 TFM (thermally fused melamine) surfaces are more durable than standard laminate. TFM bonds the surface layer under heat and pressure, creating a harder, scratch-resistant finish. Specify TFM for any commercial workstation used more than 4 hours daily.
- 2 60in wide is the practical minimum for a laptop + external monitor setup. 48in feels cramped with a monitor, keyboard tray, and working documents. 60in gives usable working room without being oversized for a small office.
- 3 Standard desk height is 30in -- 28.5-29.5in suits most users better. 30in was set for typewriter-era use. Modern keyboard work is more comfortable at 28.5-29.5in. Look for desks with adjustable leveling glides for fine-tuning.
- 4 ADA knee clearance is 27in H x 30in W x 19in D minimum. This is also good practice for tall users regardless of ADA requirements. Confirm clearance before ordering any desk with a fixed modesty panel.
- 5 Full-extension drawer slides provide access to 100% of the file drawer. 3/4-extension slides leave the back 25% of the drawer inaccessible. Full-extension -- standard on commercial-grade pedestals -- solves this completely.
- 6 Match the edge banding profile when adding desks to an existing set. Straight edge, 3mm radius, and waterfall edges look noticeably different up close. Confirm profile matches or the difference is obvious in the finished installation.
- 7 Specify grommet hole locations at order time, not after delivery. Drilling post-delivery voids most manufacturer warranties and risks cracking the surface. Identify monitor, power, and peripheral locations during the order process.
- 8 Pre-assembled pedestals save 30-60 minutes of setup per workstation. Flat-pack pedestal assembly is a common bottleneck on large installs. OfficeFurniture2go PBD pedestals ship pre-assembled -- a significant time saver on multi-unit orders.
- 9 Left vs. right pedestal placement should match the user's dominant hand. The file drawer is opened dozens of times per day. Placing the pedestal on the dominant-hand side reduces reach fatigue over thousands of interactions.
- 10 Modesty panels on straight desks reduce legroom for tall users. Full fixed modesty panels can restrict users over 6ft 1in. Confirm user height and consider removable or partial modesty panel options for tall staff.