

## Straight Desks — Pro Tips

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.