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## L-Shaped Desks

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### Q1. What size L-shaped desk do I need for my home office?

**A:** For most home office setups, a desk with a 60" primary surface and a 48" to 60" return is the sweet spot — large enough to be genuinely useful, compact enough to fit in a 10'x10' or larger room with room to move. If your room is smaller than 10'x10', look at compact L-desks with a 48"x48" footprint or consider a corner desk instead. Always measure the room and subtract at least 36" from each wall edge for clearance behind the chair before deciding what will fit.

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### Q2. What's the difference between a left-return and right-return L-desk?

**A:** The return direction refers to which side the shorter leg of the L extends when you're seated at the main surface facing forward. A left-return extends to your left; a right-return extends to your right. This determines the desk's orientation in your room — get it wrong and the desk may not fit as planned or may face the wrong direction. Most rooms have a clear preferred orientation based on where the corner is, where the door is, and which wall has electrical outlets.

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### Q3. How much weight can an L-shaped desk hold?

**A:** Commercial-grade L-shaped desks typically support 150 to 300 pounds total across both surfaces, with each surface rated independently. The primary surface is usually rated higher (100 to 200 lbs) than the return (50 to 100 lbs). For reference, a typical dual-monitor setup with a desktop computer weighs 30 to 50 pounds. If you're placing a large printer, heavy equipment, or stacking substantial materials on the return, confirm the return's specific weight rating before purchase.

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### Q4. Can I add storage to an L-shaped desk that doesn't include it?

**A:** Yes — the most common approach is a mobile pedestal file cabinet (also called an under-desk pedestal) that fits under the desk surface and can be positioned anywhere along the desk's underside. Standard mobile pedestals are typically 15" to 16" wide, 20" to 22" deep, and fit comfortably under a 29" to 30" tall desk surface. You can also add clamp-on accessories like monitor arms, keyboard trays, and cable management trays to most L-shaped desks without modification.

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### Q5. Is it worth getting a sit-stand L-shaped desk?

**A:** If you work at the desk for more than four hours a day and have any back, neck, or hip discomfort from extended sitting, a sit-stand version is worth the additional investment. Sit-stand desks reduce sedentary time and many users report improved focus and reduced fatigue. The main considerations are cost (sit-stand L-desks run \$400 to \$1,500+ more than fixed-height equivalents), and motor load — ensure the motor is rated for the full weight of your setup including all monitors, equipment, and personal items on the surface.

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