
Straight Desks

Q1. What's the standard size for a straight desk?

A: Most straight desks come in 48", 60", and 72" widths, with 24" to 30" depths. The 60" width is the most popular for single-user offices. Always add at least 36" behind the chair for clearance.

Q2. What's the difference between a panel-end and leg-base straight desk?

A: Panel-end desks use solid vertical panels on each end — more storage-ready and visually substantial. Leg-base desks use four legs and look more open and modern. Panel-end is standard for commercial offices; leg-base suits modern or minimalist aesthetics.

Q3. Is 24" depth enough for a straight desk?

A: 24" is workable for a single monitor on a stand, but it's tight. With a 27" monitor, you're left with only 14"–16" of actual work surface. If you do physical work or run dual monitors, 30" depth is noticeably more comfortable.

Q4. What does HPL mean and why does it matter?

A: HPL stands for high-pressure laminate — it's a denser, more durable laminate surface than the TFL (thermally fused laminate) on budget desks. HPL handles scratches and daily contact better and stays looking newer longer. Look for HPL spec on any desk meant for daily professional use.

Q5. Can I get a straight desk with built-in storage?

A: Yes — pedestal desks include drawer units on one or both ends. You can also add a separate mobile pedestal file cabinet that fits under the desk surface. This is usually more flexible than a fixed pedestal because you can move it around.

Q6. What weight capacity should I look for?

A: At least 200 lbs for commercial daily use. If you're loading the desk with two monitors, a desktop computer, printers, and other equipment, verify the spec includes the full working load, not just a static load rating.

Q7. Are straight desks good for dual monitors?

A: Yes — a 60" to 72" straight desk handles dual monitors well. A monitor arm is highly recommended: it lets you position each screen at the right height and angle, and frees up desk surface you'd otherwise lose to monitor bases.

Q8. What's edge banding and why should I care?

A: Edge banding is the strip of material that covers the exposed edge of the desk panel. Cheap desks use thin, poorly adhered banding that peels within a year. Good commercial desks use 1–2mm PVC banding that's heat-bonded and sealed at corners. Run your finger along the edge of any desk you're considering — if

it flexes or has gaps, skip it.

Q9. How long does it take to assemble a straight desk?

A: Most flat-pack straight desks take 30–60 minutes for two people. Pedestal desks are more complex — 60–90 minutes. Single-beam or leg-base desks are often 15–30 minutes. Check the assembly instructions preview before buying if quick setup is a priority.

Q10. What's the warranty on commercial straight desks?

A: Commercial-grade desks from reputable manufacturers often carry lifetime warranties on the frame and 10–15 year warranties on the surface. Budget desks may be 1–5 years. A longer warranty isn't just a marketing number — it reflects the manufacturer's confidence in the product's durability.
