





# Trends in Office Furniture

The following is a list of current trends identified by leading manufacturers that are affecting the selection and purchase of office furniture.

-  An increase in the awareness and concern over ergonomics. Companies are more sensitive to this health factor, which is evident in the rise of ergonomically designed office furniture.
-  Laminate furniture is making major inroads against traditionally popular metal and veneer desks and components.
-  Seating is becoming a focal point instead of an afterthought (another ergonomic advancement).
-  More and more major office furniture manufacturers are introducing high tech designs and functional furniture pieces.

Office managers are becoming more focused on comfort and ergonomics of furniture. Dealer support, availability of products and the features and benefits of individual furniture items have been added to purchase considerations.

**ADA Compliant** - This offers more protection from risks and exposure to health-related issues such as carpal tunnel. Office managers understand that keeping furniture updated, in good condition and up to OSHA standards is essential to employee productivity and building success.

**Interchangeable and Easy to Move** – Over the past two years, the business climate has produced a constantly changing work environment that is constantly adding or reducing offices and employees. This has forced companies to consider the flexibility of office furnishings and the ease with which pieces can be moved, re-configured or stored.

**Image** - Office furniture continues to be viewed as contributing significantly to the first impression of a company for new business prospects and potential new employees.

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