

4.1.2 Component definition: work surfaces



User height adjustability is increasingly popular (and affordable) especially for shared spaces.



Casters create easily moved secondary work surfaces. Height adjustability allows nesting/ space savings.



Work Surfaces & Tables: Seemingly a simple component, work surfaces still need to meet a number of standards. In addition to BIFMA/ANSI compliance, they should be evaluated for weight, construction quality, ease of mobility and maintenance of finish.

Recommended solutions are C-leg construction with “metal to metal” connections to the underside of the work surface. Work surface tops should be specified with an FSC certified substrate. Plastic laminate tops are most durable, however there are powder coats now available that hold up well and eliminate the need for PVC edging. Acrylic and polypropylene edges are also available. Where mobile tables are specified we recommend 2 “stationery” legs and 2 legs with casters to eliminate the need for “locking” devices.

Work surfaces often come with options for “table screens” or wire management. Final selections should be made from product lines that offer all options.

User height adjusted tables are an increasingly popular option. These tables come with crank, counter-balance and electronic controls. Selection criteria is based on budget and user acceptance. In all instances an adjustment range of 26-42” is recommended. When work stations are used to support multiple staff, user height adjustability is very important.