

Locker Buying Guide

Purchasing lockers for a school, office or industrial setting may seem like a daunting task; however, with our expertise in locker supplies, we can help you to make an easy, well-informed purchase. .

Types of Lockers

The most important specifications to consider are the amount of tiers, type of handle, material, and size of locker you need. With the variety of lockers we carry, including lockers that are specifically made for educational or commercial settings, you will surely find what you need.

School Lockers

Most school lockers, ideal for lining the hallways of junior and high schools, are made of durable steel or another metal. Although plastic and wooden lockers are available, metal is the most durable.



Athletic Lockers

Most athletic lockers are ventilated and made of metal, although wood and plastic options are available. These are ideal for high school gymnasiums, locker rooms, colleges, gyms, government agencies, and recreation clubs. They range in size from one foot square to tall and wide lockers with built-in shelves, hooks, and coat rods.

Preschool Lockers

Preschool lockers are typically made of wood, with plastic bins and handles. Many preschool lockers are open-face with hooks and compartments, and range up to in height. If there are doors, they are solid and do not have locks.



Materials

Metal: Most lockers are made of low gauge steel (which is the most durable), though some are made of less resilient metals. Metal lockers are most common in schools, gyms, and other areas with high volume traffic. The door is usually thicker or more sturdy than the body of the locker, as the door is more likely to withstand any damage than the body of the locker.



Wood: Seen most commonly in classrooms or preschools, wood lockers are synonymous with cubbies, as well as luxurious fitness centers as they fit the design better than metal lockers. There are various stains and wood finishes available to match the style of your school or business.



Plastic: Plastic lockers are a great option for fitness centers and pools. This durable material has an optional anti-microbial feature, made with high density polyethylene (HDPE) solid plastic, making it a safe choice for hospital and healthcare facilities as well.



Number of Locker Tiers

Locker tiers refer to the number of lockers in a vertical configuration. With six configurations to choose from (one to six tiers), you can find a variety of lockers to fit your space.

The more tiers, the less space in each locker. One and two tier lockers have enough space for a bag and garments. These are ideal for schools and gyms.

See locker tiers to the right, from left to right, one up to five tiers:



Size and Configuration

The most common configurations are one-, two-, and three-column lockers, although you can buy lockers in sets up to five lockers wide or larger. Take this into consideration when buying, as locker configurations will not be able to be split apart. Many of the brands that we sell, have specific lockers that are available in multiple configurations to better fit your space.

See locker sizes in the image to the right, from left to right, from one to four wide lockers:



Locker Accessories



With any locker accessory, note the quantity provided per locker is shown to the right the option selector. Just remember to choose the correct dimensions to match the original dimensions of the locker unit you picked.

Slope Top: recommended to add to the top of each individual locker. They are often used instead of flat tops to prevent the accumulation of dust and debris, and to discourage the use of locker tops as storage areas. converts the standard flat-top of a locker into a sloped top. Note: certain slope tops do not include the slope top end closures, and must be purchased separately. These are available individually or as kits.

Closed Front Base: closes the gap between legs of the locker base to give a cleaner look. Without this, dirt and dust accumulates under the lockers and is a tedious task to clean.

Closed Side Base: similar to the closed front base, this closes the side for lockers on the end of the unit.

Exposed End Panel: recommended for non-recessed lockers. End panels installed on exposed ends of lockers increase durability and add an enhanced appearance.

Locker Handle Types

Lockers are available with three different types of handles: lift, recessed, and door pulls with Padlock Hasps.

Lift handles provide easy and quick access to the unit's contents, and make it simple to apply a padlock to secure the locker.

Recessed handles leave no chance for vandals to kick the handles off and gain access to a locker's contents. Certain lockers with recessed handles can also have a combination lock added as an option. Recessed handles, like lift handles, can be padlocked.

Door pulls with padlock hasps provide a friction catch door pull handle, and a convenient way to attach a padlock. Most box lockers come standard with this type of handle.

