

## FROM DESK TO DAWN

Without help, figuring out exactly what type of desk you would like or need could take you from—well, desk to dawn, or is that from dusk to dawn? Since that would take up much of your time and energy, and perhaps leave you wanting to just get out on the golf course or sailing off with the sunrise, Walker's has some helpful guidance.

Basically, we represent two types of office furniture:

- Case goods
- Systems

It's easy to think of case goods arriving in a box, which you open, perform some assembly or not, place the desk against the wall or in the middle of your workspace, plant the chair under the desk and have a seat. Work can begin sooner than later. All of this is partially true! Compared to systems furniture, case goods are faster, simpler, can be for single- or multiple-users, look professional or inviting and typically have a laminate or veneer finish.

If you prefer a desk configuration, options abound. Let's take a HON 10600 Series (Contemporary Laminate) with full height pedestals. Some features and options include:

- 66" wide, "L" workstation desk, single pedestal (file cabinet-style drawers flanking one side)
- Add-on Return to make the "L" (can be right or left)
- Center drawer
- Lateral file to adjoin desk
- Credenza with stacking unit for paper management
- Task light
- Finish: medium oak, mahogany or special order natural maple, bourbon cherry

The point is that the possibilities of individual component configuration can be endless. Your existing space will definitely dictate the ideal set-up as will the type of work you do.

Systems furniture is generally for large spaces with multiple employees. Think of panels or cubicles (which have come a long way design-wise). They are reconfigurable, flexible, customized and made for efficiency. The recent advent of freestanding systems furniture allows for placement in the center of a room or wherever. Some features include:

- Versatility and privacy
- Panels are segmented and any configuration combination can be achieved
- Laminates, paint colors and fabrics are coordinated to create traditional, contemporary or forward palettes
- Panels come in many heights and widths, are tackable or non-tackable

- Worksurfaces can be rounded, straight-edged or continuous (without being broken up with big panels)
- Organizational or storage opportunities can be added with filing or overhead cabinets, shelves and bookcases
- They can be wired with power lines or data cables
- Worksurfaces can remain uncluttered with wall-mounted components

If you are setting up a large office space for a call center or insurance office for example and stay under the 72" height permitting requirement, using panel systems alleviates the need for costly, time-consuming Tenant Improvements.

Now it's time to pick a chair. That is an entire conversation as well, one we will visit in April's newsletter, Of course, you can log on to the website, ask a sales representative or Walker's Client Services specialist if you need help. Plus, our 2007 Office Products catalog has entire segments dedicated to desk and chair choices and tips.