

Table Top Finishes

Office and Classroom Furniture

When selecting furniture, the right finish can make all the difference in durability, aesthetics, and functionality. Choosing the right materials is key to long-term performance and design appeal, whether you're furnishing an office, classroom, or high-traffic public space. At Office Line, we offer a range of high-quality finishes tailored to meet different environments and needs.

1. Melamine (18mm & 25mm)

Melamine is a durable, cost-effective finish commonly used for office and educational furniture. It consists of a resin-coated surface bonded to a core board, providing excellent resistance to daily wear and tear. It comes in different thicknesses (18mm & 25mm) and is available in a variety of colours and edging options to complement different aesthetics.

Advantages:

- Available in multiple colour and edge options for a customised look.
- Highly durable and resistant to scratches, stains, and general wear.
- Easy to clean and maintain, making it ideal for high-use areas.
- Cost-effective compared to other finishes while maintaining excellent quality.
- Lightweight yet sturdy, making it easy to install and transport.

Best Applications:

Melamine is best suited for office desks, classroom furniture, and general-purpose work surfaces where moderate durability is required. It provides a balance between affordability and practicality, making it a popular choice for schools, offices, and commercial environments.

Standard - Range A



Range B



Range C



Range D



Range E - Diamond Gloss Writable Tops



POLAR WHITE



Matching or contrast abs edging available in any laminex commercial colour/ woodgrain as standard



2. Compact Laminate

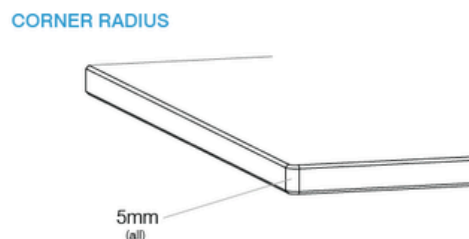
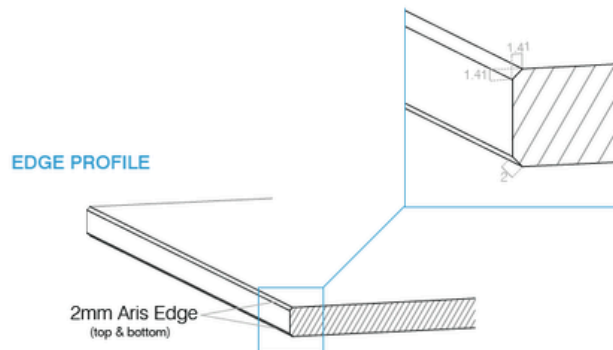
Compact laminate is a high-pressure, self-supporting laminate panel designed for superior durability. Unlike traditional laminates, it doesn't require an edge strip, which means no peeling or chipping over time. Its dense core provides exceptional strength, making it a long-lasting option for heavy-use environments.

Advantages:

- Highly resistant to scratches, wear, stains, moisture, and impact.
- No edge to peel off, ensuring long-lasting durability and a seamless look.
- Fire-resistant properties, making it a safe option for high-traffic areas.
- Easy to maintain, requiring only simple cleaning for a long-lasting finish.
- Backed by a 10-year limited warranty for long-term peace of mind.

Best Applications:

Compact laminate is the best choice for high-traffic areas such as public amenities, student workbenches, and commercial spaces where long-lasting durability is essential. It is especially useful in environments that demand furniture with a sleek, modern, and maintenance-free finish. Recommended for workstations, partitions, and communal areas.



Seamless, edge-free design and multi-layered, high-pressure composition.

Unlike traditional laminates that require an edge strip, compact laminate is a solid, self-supporting material throughout its entire thickness, making it highly resistant to moisture, scratches, and wear.



Laminex Range



POLAR WHITE



OYSTER GREY



ZINCWORKS



SPINIFEX



FOX TEAKWOOD



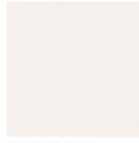
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LAVA GREY



LUSTROUS ELM



FOSSIL



TERRIL



PARCHMENT



ARIES



RAW BIRCHPLY



OYSTER LINEA



CLASSIC OAK



NEW GRAPHITE



BLACK



ELEGANT OAK



SUBLIME TEAK



PLANKED URBAN OAK



RURAL OAK



NATURAL WALNUT



MOROCCAN CLAY



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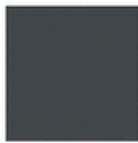
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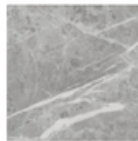
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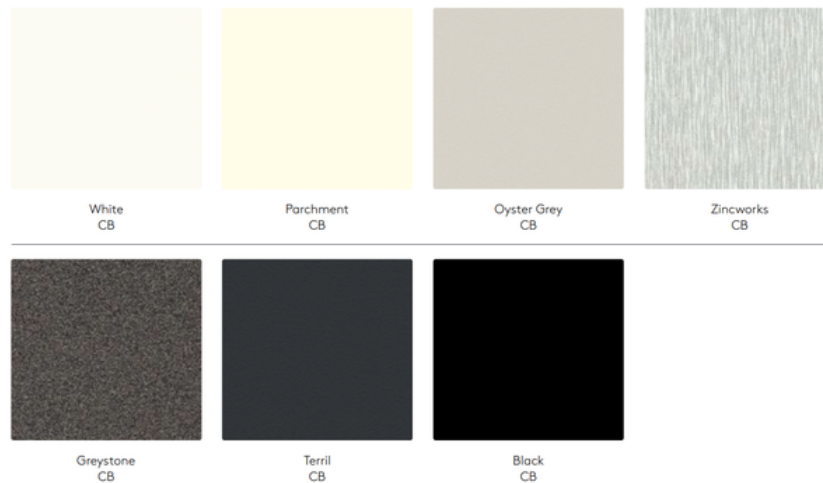


3. Compact Laminate Laboratory Grade (13mm & 16mm)

Laboratory-grade compact laminate is specifically engineered to withstand the harshest conditions. Its Electron Beam Cured (EBC) surface enhances chemical resistance and hygiene, making it ideal for environments requiring high sanitation standards. It is tested against 130+ chemicals, including Silver Nitrate, ensuring top-tier performance in scientific and medical spaces.

Advantages:

- Exceptionally resistant to chemicals, acids, alkalis, and corrosive salts.
- The hygienic surface that prevents bacterial growth and is easy to sanitise.
- Graffiti-resistant, ensuring it stays in pristine condition even in public spaces.
- Durable under extreme cleaning regimes, including harsh disinfectants.
- No edge to peel off, maintaining a sleek and seamless finish.
- Suitable for both horizontal and vertical applications, making it a versatile choice.



Best Applications:

This premium laminate is ideal for laboratories, hospitals, STEM and Science Rooms, and any environment that requires strict hygiene standards and exposure to chemicals. It's the top choice for educational science labs, medical facilities, and research environments where durability, hygiene, and chemical resistance are critical.

Laminex Laboratory Compact Laminate Features












4. Laminex AbsoluteMatte® Finish

Laminex AbsoluteMatte is a super-matte, intriguingly tactile and fingerprint-resistant surface suitable for benchtops and cabinetry. Advanced new technology delivers fingerprint resistance, plus the laminate features antibacterial protection to ensure your surface stays looking smarter and cleaner for longer.









Advantages:

- Fingerprint Resistant – Stays cleaner for longer with minimal maintenance.
- Ultra-Matte Finish – Soft-touch texture with a premium aesthetic appeal.
- Antimicrobial & Stain Resistant – Enhanced hygiene for high-use areas.
- Scratch & Water Resistant – Durable for commercial and everyday use.
- UV Stable – Maintains its colour and finish over time.

High Pressure Laminate (HPL) Features

								
Horizontal Application	Vertical Application	Fingerprint Resistant	Antimicrobial	Stain Resistant	Heat Resistant	Water Resistant	Scratch Resistant	UV Stable Indoor Use

Decorated Panels Features

							
Light Duty Horizontal	Vertical Application	Fingerprint Resistant	Stain Resistant	Heat Resistant	Water Resistant	Scratch Resistant	UV Stable Indoor Use



Choosing the Right Finish for Your Table Tops

Your table tops endure daily wear and tear, so selecting the right finish is crucial. Whether in schools, offices, or high-traffic commercial spaces, the right material can enhance durability, aesthetics, and usability.

Feature	Melamine (18mm & 25mm)	Compact Laminate	Compact Laminate Laboratory Grade (13mm & 16mm)
Durability	High	High	Extreme
Scratch & Impact Resistance	Good	Excellent	Superior
Moisture Resistance	High	High	High
Chemical Resistance	Low	Moderate	Superior (Tested against 130+ chemicals)
Edge Durability	Requires edge banding	No peeling edges	No peeling edges
Best for	Office desks, classroom furniture	High-traffic areas, public spaces	Laboratories, healthcare facilities
Customisation Options	Wide range of colours and edge finishes	Variety of textures & colours	Limited to lab-grade specifications
Special Features	Affordable & versatile	Highly durable	Chemical & graffiti resistant



Which Table top Finish is Right for You?

If you're looking for a cost-effective yet durable option, Melamine is a great choice. For high-traffic areas that demand resistance to impact and moisture, Compact Laminate is the way to go.

If hygiene and chemical resistance are a priority, Compact Laminate Laboratory Grade offers unmatched performance. And if you want a sleek, modern, and easy-to-maintain surface, the new Laminex AbsoluteMatte® Finish is an excellent option.

Selecting the right tabletop finish depends on how and where it will be used. Whether you need affordability, extreme durability, or a sleek, modern aesthetic, there's an option that fits your needs.

Understanding the differences between these finishes ensures that your furniture not only looks great but also performs well in its intended environment. Investing in the right material means longer-lasting furniture, less maintenance, and a better overall experience.

Need expert advice?

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your project and find the best
furniture for your space.**



