Spine-Based Workspaces

Category Overview



Today's workspaces must be versatile, supporting collaboration and communication, as well as individual work. They must also be warm and inviting, complementing an organization's culture and brand in such a way that people feel comfortable and supported in doing their best work.

Spine-based workspaces offer modern solutions for evolving open-plan offices. Lighter in scale than traditional systems, they provide personal workspaces, yet have a more open feel to enhance collaboration and communication. Our freestanding systems—Compose® Beam, Compose Connections™, and Compose 26"—all use a common work rail top trim, allowing flexible placement and use of the same worksurfaces, whether fixed, height-adjustable, or mobile. With a variety of options to support a range of workstyles, spine-based workspaces bring a contemporary aesthetic that enhances organizational culture and brand.







Compose Beam has the lightest scale of the three systems while offering the essential power and connectivity people need. It can easily function alone or as a centerpiece for a cohesive floorplate, with other elements deployed around it as required. The application versatility offers a high level of adaptability to support changing team dynamics and a wide variety of workstyles.









Compose Connections

Compose Connections is a versatile, partition-based system with an elevated, open-base aesthetic. Its independent, light-scale design adds flexibility and openness to the office environment—courtesy of a 16-inch-high partition that provides a spine-based solution with easy access to full power, data, and technology connectivity for all users. This highly dynamic system leverages existing components to enable transition into an open-plan environment.







Compose 26"

Compose 26" provides spine-based applications with the attachment of a flat foot. Utilizing 26-inch-high panels, the freestanding application supports full power, data, and technology connectivity routing through its spine, yet provides flexibility in worksurface and table placement. Its versatility offers a contemporary solution for value-driven customers who want to get the most from their investment in Compose, as well as those with heavy technology and storage requirements.

How They Compare

All Haworth spine-based workspaces are designed to reconfigure easily—over and over again. Three aesthetic choices visually align with the rest of the Compose family and other Haworth Integrated Palette[™] elements for a cohesive look across the floorplate. Each has an independent infrastructure to provide flexibility, power routing, and data connectivity anywhere along the spine.







	Compose Beam	Connections	Compose 26"
Design	Beam-based	Partition-based	Panel-based
Aesthetic	Minimalistic open-base	Elevated open-base	Low-height panel base
Partition height	8 inches	16 inches	26 inches
Legs	A-leg or T-leg with flat foot	T-leg with flat foot	Panel with flat foot
Applications	Inline, 90-degree	Inline, 90-degree, 120-degree	Inline, 90-degree, 120-degree
Worksurface and table compatibility	Mobile, fixed-height, height-adjustable	Mobile, fixed-height, height-adjustable	Mobile, fixed-height, height-adjustable
Power, data, and technology	Access to essential power and data	Full power and data capabilities	Heavy use power, data, and technology access
Ideal for use with	Compose gallery panels, Belong™ work tools, Belong Plus tackable screens, Active Components™ and X Series® storage	Belong work tools, Belong Plus tackable screens, Active Components and X Series storage	Compose gallery panels, Belong work tools, Belong Plus tackable screens, Active Components and X Series storage, Enclose* moveable walls
Compatibility with standard Compose	Visually complements Compose, using many of the same components and surface finishes	Visually complements and physically connects to Compose panels	Visually and physically integrates with Compose
Best for	Cost-effective freestanding reconfigurations that optimize open-plan environments	Environment-driven budgets and planning that focuses on aesthetics and technology capabilities for a variety of different workstations in open plans	Budget-conscious spine-based planning that supports heavy technology and storage needs and maximizes investments in Compose

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