

A Brief Guide to Slatwall

Slatwall is one of the most versatile retail fixture components. Incorporating slatwall into your fixtures and perimeter walls gives you incredibly flexible display options for almost any type of merchandise. It can accommodate shelves, hooks, hanging bars, waterfall arms, pucks and more! And with such a wide range of finish options, it can work in almost any type of retail environment: kiosks and corner gift shops, hardware and bed linens, even upscale apparel stores.

Finish Options

Paint Grade Slatwall

This is slatwall in its raw Medium Density Fiberboard (MDF) wood form. This type of finish gives you an unfinished wood look that can also be **primed and painted** any color you choose.

Melamine Slatwall

Melamine is essentially a paper finish adhered to the MDF. The adhesion process used produces a durable and economical finish option for your slatwall.

We generally stock twelve melamine slatwall colors:

White, Antique White, Almond, Champagne, Black, Fog Grey, Lt. Grey, Brushed Aluminum, Cherry, Lt. Oak, Soumi Birch and Hardrock Maple.

High Pressure Laminate Slatwall

HPL slatwall is recommended when you need a specific color and more durability than a melamine finish. The finish options are wonderfully varied. We primarily use Wilsonart and Formica brands.

Aluminum / Metal Extrusions

Adding aluminum extrusions or aluminum channels to your slatwall panels increases the supportability by 75% vs. slatwall without aluminum channels inside the grooves. By maximizing your slatwall supportability, it enables you to hang heavier items off of your slatwall without worrying about bowing or breaking the slatwall.

PVC tape

Melamine and HPL slatwall grooves usually remain unfinished. PVC tape is one way to add color to the unfinished slatwall grooves. The PVC tape doesn't add any support to your slatwall, but it can increase the visual appeal, and can be changed to match your surrounding décor as needed.

Each PVC tape roll comes in 130' lengths. One roll will cover one slatwall panel.
Stock PVC tape colors are: white, almond, black, blue, red, yellow and green

Other Key Information

Groove Spacing Options

Groove spacing affects your options for hanging hardware and how closely together your merchandise can be spaced.

"On Center" refers to the amount of distance between each slatwall groove.

Standard slatwall groove spacing options are:

3" On Center or

6" On Center.

We also offer 2" On Center, 4" On Center, and 8" On Center **upon request**.

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Slatwall Panel Thickness

Our slatwall panels are 3/4" thick.

Weight guidelines for slatwall

Panel Weight

Each standard 4' x 8' panel without metal extrusions weighs approximately 90lbs.

With metal extrusions inside the grooves, they weigh approximately 100lbs. per sheet.

Weight Capacity

On average, a typical 8" slatwall hook can hold up to 55-60lbs, when used with slatwall that has **metal channels** inside the grooves. If the slatwall doesn't have aluminum channels inside the grooves, then a typical 8" slatwall hook can hold up to 35-40lbs. When you're displaying shelves or hangrail bars from your slatwall, you need to add a support system (a slatwall shelf bracket or slatwall hangrail bracket) every 12 inches going across the slatwall.

In general, it's better to put the weight as close to the slatwall panel as possible.

Slatwall Accessories

Slatwall accessories enable you to use the same panel to display a wide variety of merchandise.

Accessories available include:

Display hooks

shelf brackets

waterfall display hooks

faceout display hooks

baskets

display shelves

hangrail bars

hangrail brackets.

Slatwall by-the-sheet

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