



## About Southwest Contract

The number of institutions selecting our products across the country provides testimony for our ability to meet the budget demands that exist today. Our commitment is that we will work downward from our base price to provide the best “value” for each project. We will suggest less costly materials when necessary to meet project budgets. We will suggest less costly options, colors, designs, etc. when the student’s environment can be met with less budget dollars.

## Product Highlights

### Durability

- Southwest Contract furniture is designed to be moved and stacked without joints or panel connections coming loose or structurally compromised. This is attributed to steel cam lock assembly that never weakens or loosens due to movement or changes in temperature and humidity.
- The steel cam lock assembly consists of a steel insert being placed into the laminate panel and the steel stud screwing into the insert. The usage of the steel insert adds 33% more pull strength than screwing the stud directly into the panel. Locking the cam tightly to the steel stud completes the joint.
- Other suppliers using this type of joint do not use the steel insert and use fewer steel to steel connections than provided by Southwest Contract.

### Maintenance

- Dry joint construction (no glue joints) utilizing steel cam lock fasteners eliminates the need to refinish damaged or worn furniture by allowing the removal and replacement of furniture components.
- Damaged or worn parts are ordered while furniture remains in service. Replacement is performed in the student room with the cost of parts and labor easily accounted for in an orderly manner.

### Laminate Panels

- Southwest Contract chooses to use high pressure laminate panels as its standard construction. Laminate colors can be selected from WilsonArt or Formica standard color options.
- High pressure laminate is scratch resistant and impact resistant which increases long term durability.
- A choice of core material between industrial strength engineered core or plywood core is available with the high pressure laminate panel construction.
- Thermofused laminate (melamine) panels are also available. This type of laminate is three times less thick than high pressure laminate. It is less expensive but offers little or no impact resistance.
- Regardless of the panel construction, all edges are sealed with a highly durable PVC edge material. Edging can be custom matched to the laminate color or a contrasting color edge can be selected.
- An exception to the PVC edging is the bottom edge of all panels touching the floor surface receives a thick ABS plastic edge to act as a durable glide system.

### Drawer System

- Southwest Contract chooses to use a drawer system that consists of steel side panels with 5/8" thick laminate panel bottoms and backs.
- This system provides maximum drawer width, full extension, and extreme durability.
- The drawer does not absorb odors, is stain resistant, is self-closing, utilizes self-lubricating rollers, has a positive plastic in-stop, and is covered by a LIFETIME warranty.
- All laminate drawer fronts do not connect directly to the drawer sides. Each front receives a bracket that attaches with four inserts within the drawer front to increase the strength of the connection.
- The drawer front brackets allow for the high adjustment up or down to always keep drawers operating smoothly.

### Wood Bed Ends

- Bed ends can be constructed of oak, maple, or hardwood. All joints are full mortise/tenon construction.
- An optional "lock joint" is available to increase joint durability.
- All bed ends receive a steel channel that bolts through the vertical posts for attachment of the steel spring. This allows for height adjustment. Southwest Contract suggests the use of guardrails and ladders on beds over 30" high.
- Fixed height beds are available if circumstances require such a unit.

### Bed Springs

- Standard bed springs consist of heavy gauge no-sag springs strung between high carbon steel angle iron rails.
- Channel steel bed frames are also available.

### Mixed Medium Products

- We offer two different complete lines of products that consist of steel frames with laminate tops, shelves, headboards, and accent panels.
- The metal components are available in either black or silver powder coat surfaces.
- The laminate panels can be melamine or high pressure laminate.
- These products are used most frequently by private off-campus housing, graduate housing, or special design needs/desires.
- Some of the components used in this concept are not manufactured within our factory locations.