

MODULAR MILLWORK & CABINETRY VS. TRADITIONAL MILLWORK

Features	Modular	Traditional Millwork
Modularity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All of Modular's components can easily be moved and reconfigured should needs change. Modular components are engineered to disassemble and reattach. This style of cabinet construction prevents damage and buckling when moved. Base and wall hung cabinets utilize a rail hanging system, eliminating the need for wall blocking. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reconstruction and repair warrant higher long term costs due to removal and relocation. Millwork must be attached to walls or other structures for support and stability. Wall blocking is required for support and stability of traditional millwork cabinetry.
Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cabinets are delivered fully assembled for faster, more consistent installation. Cabinet construction is always consistent with glue and dowel pins. All drawer/door fronts are permanently sealed with 3mm PVC edgebanding. Backs and bottoms of cabinets are permanently sealed with, 1mm edgebanding. This prevents moisture penetration. Adjustable levelers are included on all base cabinets for leveling on uneven floors during installation. Base cabinets available in 12", 18", 21", 24", 30", and 36" widths. Upper cabinets available in 12", 18", 24", 30", and 36" widths. Multiple options can be configured for specific needs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cabinets require additional assembly at install location. Inconsistencies exist between traditional millwork cabinets, which limit flexibility and installation. Exposed particleboard, which invites contamination, is used for concealed surfaces. Edges are applied to the particleboard with rubber-based contact cement which is elastic, less permanent and results in chipping. Plywood shims are used to level cabinets. Millwork is typically built for one specific space and cannot easily be reconfigured or moved.
Worksurfaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3/4" particleboard is used for all cabinet parts, including backs, cabinet tops, and cabinet bottoms. Available work surfaces include high pressure laminate and solid surface. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Substrate/worksurfaces are bid out to meet minimum specifications. Self-edge laminate tops contain standard particleboard core which may absorb moisture, is prone to chipping and is unable to withstand intensive use.
Moving Parts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drawers operate smoothly using full extension ball-bearing suspensions. Drawer bottoms are 1/4" thick. Removable drawer liners are available as a standard option. Three hinge options are available for various applications and easy access: Euro 120 Hinge is concealed and opens 120 degrees. Euro Knuckle Hinge is partially exposed and opens 270 degrees. 5 Knuckle Hinge offers ultimate durability and opens 270 degrees. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Typical millwork is bid out to meet the lowest specifications allowable. Drawer bottoms are generally 1/8" thick. Standard hinges only open 90 degrees, which restrict access to cabinet interior.
Financial Impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modular millwork is treated like furniture and depreciates on a 7 year schedule, offering significant tax advantages. It can be registered as a capital asset versus a fixed asset. Modular can be reused and repurposed as needs change, freeing up future finances for other needs. Modular provides electronic specification support, thereby reducing planning costs and time. Modular products are made from environmentally-friendly materials. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Built-in millwork is classified as permanent construction and requires 39 years to depreciate. Millwork is designed and built specifically for the initial space. This often results in damage or disassembly in order to reconfigure or relocate. Drawing millwork is a tedious process, often times taking weeks/months to plan and perfect a space. Because millwork cannot typically be reused, it provides a waste factor for construction and often ends up in landfills.
Warranty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited Lifetime Warranty 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 year