

Lectern Buying Guide

This guide is to help you choose the type of lectern that is right for your application. First we will consider the types of construction then we will follow through with size, style and accessories. The four main types of construction for lecterns are; **Wood, Acrylic, Molded Polyethylene, and Metal.**

Wooden Lecterns

First wooden lecterns are the most common. There are a myriad of styles and designs. There are three main groupings, cheaper particle board lecterns, professional particle board lecterns, and solid wood with veneered plywood lecterns. The cheaper particle board lecterns use a lower grade particle board and a vinyl cover typically with a wood look. They usually but not always require assembly. The advantage of these is that they are inexpensive and cost less to ship. Manufacturers usually have a few standard models in stock so they are fast to ship. There is no customizability with these lecterns. They are a good choice for a small office or a place where they stay in the same room most of the time and when aesthetics do not matter too much. The professional particle board lecterns typically use a high density particle board and a much tougher veneer like melamine or plastic laminate. The joints are typically glued and screwed for durability. They will typically include at least some hardware like tilt back wheels and offer accessories like lights and electronics. There is sometimes limited customizability. They tend to be heavy but are quite durable and can look very much like real wood or there are other finishes available. They are a good choice in a professional environment where there are no obstacles to moving them around. Real wood with veneered plywood lecterns use solid wood for the styles or frame and veneered plywood for the panels. This makes them a little lighter than the professional particle board lecterns of the same size, and the better the craftsman the better they look. There can be customizability at least with the finish and the whole lectern can be your unique design. These lecterns tend to be naturally more expensive especially if there is any customizing. The joints are typically very strong and they are structurally durable but the finish is fairly easily damaged. They are a good choice for formal locations where they do not get moved around a lot and are not subject to abuse.

Acrylic Lecterns

Acrylic lecterns are typically clear acrylic. There are several styles to choose from. There are two main groups, lighter weight bent ones and thicker designer type lecterns. The designer lecterns look sharp and kind of remove the barrier between the presenter and the audience. They can be a little heavy somewhat fragile and scratch very easily. There can be some customizing but there is seldom any hardware or electronics. The cheaper bent acrylic lecterns are a good choice where they are stationary and will not get any abuse, the designer acrylic lecterns are a good choice for a formal location where they can be protected.

Molded Polyethylene

Polyethylene plastic lecterns are either a plain color or a granite finish. The front insert typically is a laminated ABS/aluminum panel with a wood look but can be anything imaginable. With a 30 foot drop rating they are by far the most durable. These lecterns are easy and inexpensive to customize and come with hardware and all kinds of electronics. For the size they are by far the lightest weight. They are a good choice for a location where they are going to be moved from room to room. They can look good in a casual or formal environment. They are also the best choice for an outdoor location as they are waterproof. If budget is a factor they are also a good choice.

Metal Lecterns

Metal lecterns are diverse in design. Some are sleek designer type and some are a fold up. Some are very expensive and some are the least expensive of all. The lighter fold up metal lecterns, are a good choice for a location where they need to be moved around a lot and stored in a small place, and aesthetics do not matter much. The designer metal lecterns are a good choice for locations where you are looking for a high tech look.

Choosing a Podium or Lectern

There are a lot of criteria to consider when choosing a podium. We offer free consulting and can cover all the criteria that need to be addressed to make sure you end up with the podium that will fulfill your needs. It is a large investment and it is always important to know what kind of a podium will be most effective for your situation. Please do not hesitate to call our product specialists at 1-801-966-7148 or 1-801-201-0157 with any questions concerning the look and features that will best serve you.