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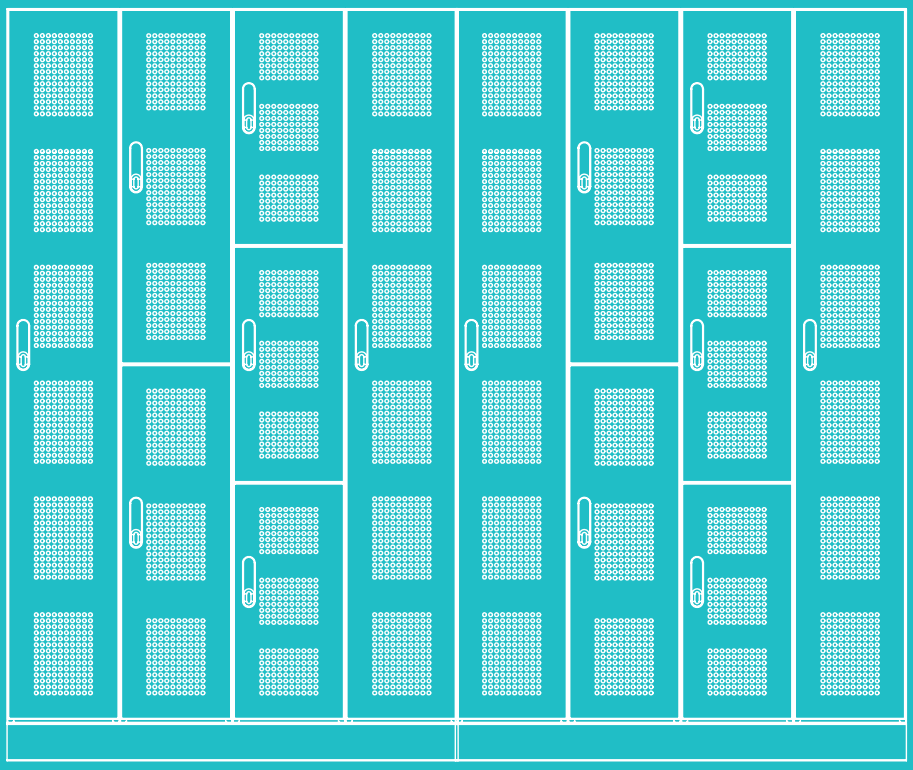

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- H2, H3 & H4 sizes & custom configurations
- Numbering
- Push padlock rotor hasps
- Full length piano hinges
- Finished in Laminex Ash White

St Francis Catholic College

Mix sizes within locker tier

Mix sizes across locker banks

Mix colours or finishes

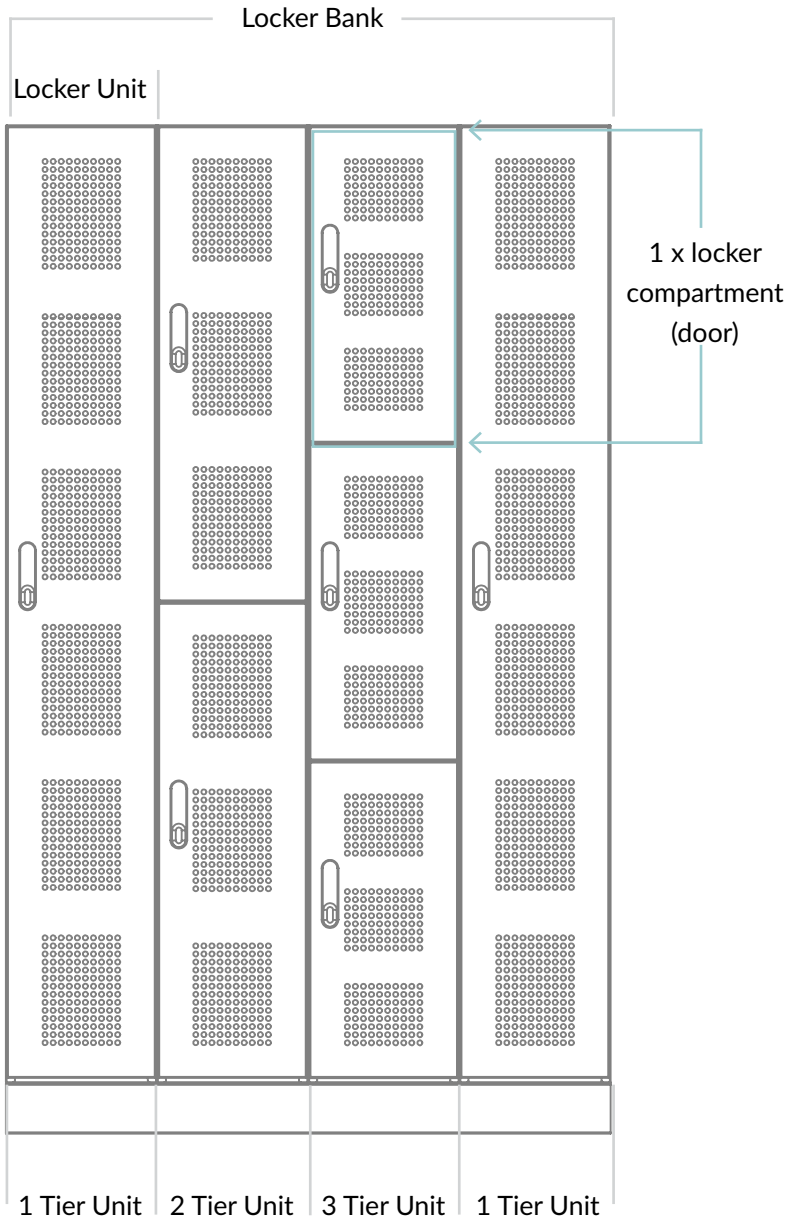
LOCKERS ARE INHERENTLY MODULAR

This means that they can be configured and combined in ways that match both the practical needs of users and the spatial or architectural provisions of your school site.

THIS PROJECT: HEAVY DUTY STEEL SCHOOL LOCKERS

Customisations:
- H2, H3 & H4 sizes & custom configurations
- Numbering
- Push padlock rotor hasps
- Full length piano hinges
- Finished in Laminex French Navy

LOCKER CONFIGURATIONS



UNITS

A locker unit is the overall frame or structure that holds the lockers. It might have just one door, or multiple compartments (tiers) stacked inside—depending on the design.

TIERS

It refers to how many compartments (or doors) are stacked vertically in a single locker unit. For example, a single-tier locker has one compartment, a two-tier has two stacked compartments, and so on. In short: tiers = number of doors per unit.

BANKS

A bank of lockers is a group or row of lockers arranged together in a section.

WATCH OUT FOR

If you're asked for 140 lockers, confirm if that means 140 individual compartments (doors) or 140 complete locker units, that might each have multiple compartments within them.

MATERIALS

MELAMINE

Melamine lockers — sometimes called laminate lockers — are made from engineered board (such as particleboard or MDF) with a decorative laminate surface, similar to materials used in kitchen cabinetry. We source our melamine from trusted suppliers: Laminex and Polytec.

Melamine lockers are often chosen for their aesthetic versatility and ability to complement or enhance interior finishes, making them a popular option where appearance is important. The laminate surface is durable, scratch-resistant and easy to clean, suitable for high-traffic environments. The engineered wood core provides stability and strength, though it can be vulnerable to moisture and impact damage if not properly maintained.

BEST SUITED TO

Indoors areas away from moisture exposure and where design is prioritised. This includes school interiors, libraries and learning hubs.

BENEFITS

Wide range of colours, patterns, and timber-look finishes for design flexibility
Smooth, premium appearance that enhances interiors
Customisable: can include mail slots, business card holders, vents, etc.
Quiet and warm to use — minimal noise when opening or closing.

WATCH OUT FOR

Avoid in wet or humid environments, like gyms or pool areas, where it is vulnerable to swelling if moisture penetrates joints or exposed edges.
Heavier than steel — consider weight when wall-mounting.

MATERIALS

STEEL

Steel lockers are constructed from sheet metal, making them exceptionally strong, fire-resistant and designed to withstand heavy use. They feature a durable oven-baked powdercoat finish that protects against rust, scratches and everyday wear and tear.

Steel lockers are often the go-to choice for environments that demand high durability and security, combining practical toughness with a growing range of modern aesthetic options.

In recent years, architects and designers have embraced steel lockers for their versatility in colour choices and stylish perforation patterns for their aesthetics.

BEST SUITED TO

High-traffic and high-security areas, both indoor and outdoor, where durability and easy maintenance are priorities. This includes external areas and changing rooms.

BENEFITS

Tough and secure, offering strong protection for belongings.
Fire-resistant and moisture-tolerant.
Available in a wide range of powdercoat colours and perforated patterns for a striking aesthetic.
Easy to clean and disinfect — ideal for hygiene-focused areas.
Recyclable at end-of-life for a sustainable choice.

WATCH OUT FOR

Can be noisy when lockers are opened or closed due to metal-on-metal contact.
May dent if subjected to heavy impact, though typically withstands everyday use well.

COLOURS & FINISHES

LAMINATE COLOURS

Laminate lockers offer a wide range of colour options, woodgrains and textured finishes that can complement or elevate interior design schemes. From warm timber tones to bold solids, laminates help create cohesive, visually pleasing spaces — especially in offices, schools and public areas where design matters. Their versatility makes them ideal for blending with existing joinery or architectural finishes.

POWDERCOAT

Steel lockers are finished with a durable powdercoat, now available in a broad palette beyond the traditional greys. Architects and designers are increasingly using colour to reflect branding, define zones or soften industrial settings. Whether you're after subtle neutrals or vibrant accent colours, powdercoated lockers can enhance the aesthetic harmony and character of a space while maintaining durability.

PERFORATIONS

Perforations in steel locker doors — whether circular, square, or custom patterns — serve not only a functional purpose for ventilation but also add a decorative element. These patterns can lighten the visual weight of the lockers, introduce texture, or create a sense of movement across surfaces. When used thoughtfully, they contribute to the overall rhythm and visual interest of the environment, helping the lockers feel more integrated and less utilitarian. Often, these are combined with noise-reducing EchoPanel inserts in contrasting colors.

COLOURS & FINISHES

NUMBERING & LABELLING

Numbering and labelling play a crucial role in locker organisation and usability. Beyond simple identification, the style and placement of numbers can complement a locker's finish and enhance the overall environment. Options include printed decals, engraved plates, laser-cut numbers, contrasting colours for visibility and DDA specific signage. Thoughtful numbering design supports intuitive wayfinding and can integrate seamlessly with the locker's aesthetic, whether subtle or bold—helping maintain a clean, organised and professional space.

VENTILATION

Ventilation is essential for airflow, especially in environments where lockers store clothing or equipment. Ventilation styles vary from traditional louvres and perforated panels to custom patterns that add visual texture and rhythm. Choosing perforation patterns not only promotes airflow but can also soften the locker's appearance, reduce visual bulk and contribute positively to the spatial wellbeing of a room. Well-ventilated lockers help maintain hygiene, reduce odours and align form with function.

CUSTOMISATION

Many aspects of locker design can be tailored to suit your space, brand or user needs. Customisation options include bespoke colours and finishes, unique perforation patterns, branded elements (like routed logos or signage), tailored numbering styles and specific configurations to match architectural details. Whether you're aiming to blend lockers seamlessly into their environment or make them a standout design feature, customisation ensures the final product supports both form and function.

LOCKS

Choosing the right lock is about more than just security — it's about how your users will interact with their lockers. Different locking systems suit different environments and user behaviours, from personal use in offices to rotating use in gyms or shared spaces. Below is an overview of the main lock types, followed by locking modes that affect how lockers are used and managed.

DEDICATED MODE

Lockers are assigned to individuals for long-term or exclusive use, with fixed access credentials.

SHARED MODE

A locker use mode where users can claim any available locker temporarily, with no fixed assignment.

OVERRIDE

An admin feature (e.g. master key, admin code) that allows facility managers to open lockers when needed.

HASP

A metal loop fitted to a locker door that allows a user to secure it with their own padlock. Often favoured by schools as a low maintenance and security administrative option.

CAM

A simple mechanical lock operated by a key, often used in basic metal or laminate lockers.

COMBINATION

A lock that opens by entering a numeric code rather than using a key. Can be mechanical.

DIGITAL

An electronic lock that uses a PIN code or access credential with an electronic latch (e.g. RFID card or fob). May include admin features like audit trails or override codes.

RFID/SMART

Uses Radio Frequency Identification to unlock via a fob, card, or mobile device. Often integrated with access control systems.

LOCKS

TOP 5 CHECKLIST: CHOOSE THE RIGHT LOCK SYSTEM

01. Will lockers be shared or assigned?

02. Do users need keyless access?

03. Is integration with building systems important?

04. Do you need admin override or audit trails?

05. Should locks be retrofittable?

When selecting locks, consider the user environment and access requirements. For assigned lockers, choose secure systems that allow individual access and provide administrative control via master keys or override codes. Ensure the locks are easy to use, so all students—especially those with special needs—can operate them independently. For shared or temporary lockers, keyless or user-supplied locks offer greater flexibility. A simple padlock hasp system, where users provide their own locks, can be a practical option, leaving security management to the individual user.

COMPARISON TABLE: LOCK SYSTEMS

LOCK SYSTEM		HOW IT WORKS	USERS	BENEFITS	CONSIDERATIONS
Key Lock		Locks with a physical key	Dedicated	Simple, secure, familiar	Lost keys, manual key management
Padlock Hasp	[a]	User supplies own padlock	Shared	Robust, low cost & mngt. user-supplied	No admin override
	[b]	School supplied combination padlock	Shared	Robust, low cost & mngt.	Override key available
Combination (mechanical)		Locks with a set code	Shared / semi-dedicated	No keys, reusable	Forgotten codes, code security
Digital Code		Keyless lock PIN-operated	Shared / dedicated	Sleek flexible, admin access available	Battery mngt. user learning curve
RFID/Smart		Access via card, fob, or app	Shared / dedicated (tech)	Seamless use, system integration	Higher cost, system setup rqd.

HINGES

Hinges may seem like a minor component, but they play a critical role in how a locker looks, feels, and performs. From aesthetics to durability, your hinge choice affects everything from daily user experience to long-term maintenance.

CUP HINGE

A concealed hinge mounted inside the locker door, commonly found in cabinetry. Offers a flush, seamless minimalist appearance.

- Allows for fine door alignment adjustments
- Ideal for indoor spaces where aesthetics matter, like offices, education, or public areas
- Most commonly paired with melamine or laminate lockers

ADJUSTABLE HINGES

A hinge (like a cup hinge) that allows fine-tuning of the door alignment for a perfect fit and smooth operation.

BUTT HINGE

The traditional steel door hinge commonly used for lockers. Additional hinges can be added to enhance strength and security

PIANO HINGE

Also called a continuous hinge, a piano hinge is a long, full-length hinge that runs the entire height of the door, providing even stress distribution and enhanced strength.

- Offers unmatched strength and tamper resistance.
- Extremely durable — reduces stress points across the door
- Difficult to force open — enhances security

The piano hinge is our go-to recommended hinge for schools including change rooms and other other high-traffic, multi-user settings.

TAMPER RESISTANCE

A hinge design that makes it more difficult to force the locker open or remove the door — typically associated with full-length piano hinges.

SOFT CLOSE HINGE

Similar to those used in kitchen cabinetry, these have a built-in damper that slows the door as it closes, reducing noise and wear.

- Minimises slamming for quieter environments
- Enhances user experience in noise-sensitive areas
- Typically available only with cup hinge systems

CONCEALED VS. EXPOSED

Refers to whether the hinge is visible when the locker door is closed. Exposed (like piano hinges) offer durability; concealed (like cup hinges) offer a clean appearance.

HINGES

TOP 5 CHECKLIST: CHOOSE THE RIGHT HINGE SYSTEM

01. Will the lockers be used in high-traffic or rough-use areas (like change rooms or schools)? If yes, a piano hinge offers superior strength and longevity.

02. For design-led spaces like offices or education settings, concealed (cup) hinges provide a seamless, low-visual-impact finish.

03. In libraries, offices, wellness areas, or other quiet spaces, soft-close hinges reduce noise and enhance user comfort.

04. Cup hinges are best suited to melamine or laminate lockers. Steel lockers typically use piano hinges for better structural compatibility.

05. If precise door positioning is important (e.g. for shared lockers or high-visibility fit-outs), cup hinges allow for easy, fine-tuned adjustments.

COMPARISON TABLE: HINGE SYSTEMS

LOCK SYSTEM	APPEARANCE	DURABILITY	BEST FOR	CONSIDERATIONS
Cup Hinge	Hidden when closed	Moderate	Design-led settings	Vulnerable to rough, high-traffic use
Piano Hinge	Visible, industrial look	Very high / strongest	High-traffic, rough or multi-user settings	Less visually discreet
Butt Hinge	Visible, 'locker' look	Strong	High-traffic, robust-user settings	Less visually discreet
Soft Close Hinge	Hidden (used with cup hinge)	Moderate (with added mechanism)	Quiet zones, premium interiors	Higher cost; limited to certain locker types

TOPS & BASES

LOCKER PLINTHS, BULKHEADS, STANDS AND SEATS EXPLAINED

PLINTHS [Bases]

Enclosed base to raise lockers off the floor for easier cleaning and better hygiene. Popular for gyms, change rooms, schools, or any space where floor-level cleaning is frequent. Typically made from metal, aluminium, or waterproof board.

- Helps prevent water damage or corrosion in wet or mop-heavy environments.
- Creates a visual base and provides better air flow beneath lockers.
- Levelling functionality for uneven floors

BULKHEADS [Tops]

Fills the space between the top of the lockers and the ceiling. Include in high-traffic or public spaces where cleanliness and finish are priorities.

- Used to create a clean, built-in look and prevents litter buildup on top.
- Enhances visual integration — makes lockers feel like part of the architecture.
- Can also conceal services (e.g. lighting, HVAC ducting).

LOCKER STANDS [Bases]

Stands are used to raise lockers off the ground, improving airflow, access for cleaning and hygiene. Most often in workshops, wet zones and other cleaning-intensive areas.

SLOPING TOPS [Tops]

Installed when hygiene, safety, or weather resistance matters.

- Help keep things tidy by preventing dust build-up and discouraging storing or leaving items on top.
- When sealed for outdoor use, they allow rainwater and moisture to drain off, reducing the chance of leaks and extending the life of the lockers.

SEATS & BENCHES

Installed in school gyms, sports change rooms or any locker zone where users need to sit and change shoes or clothes. Typically integrated with locker plinths or stands and available with timber, composite, or metal slats. Can include under-seat storage or shoe racks for added functionality.

THIS PROJECT: CHANGE ROOM SEATING & STORAGE

Customisations:
- Tasmamian Ash Slats
- Custom integrated underseat storage
- Laminex Battalion finishes

GETTING IT RIGHT

HERE'S THE TOP 7 MISTAKES TO AVOID WHEN SPECIFYING YOUR SCHOOL LOCKER PROJECT

01. NOT PRIORITISING DURABILITY

1.Kids are tough! Choose lockers that are specifically designed to withstand the wear and tear of school life. Prioritise durability and minimising maintenance.

02. CHOOSING OVERCOMPLICATED LOCK SYSTEMS

Choosing complex lock systems that require constant management. Instead, opt for simple, reliable systems that don't require batteries or key tracking.

03. NOT CHOOSING AGE-APPROPRIATE LOCKER SIZES

Ensure locker height and compartment sizes match students - lower lockers for younger age groups like kindergartens and primary schools.

04. CHOOSING TOO SMALL A LOCKER SIZE

Backpacks, laptops, sports gear, puffer jackets - if the lockers can't fit all these in then they're not doing their job!

05. NOT CHECKING FLOOR LEVELS AND WALL ANGLES

Uneven floors or out-of-square walls can affect alignment and door performance.

06. NOT ALLOWING SPACE FOR DOOR SWING

Ensure locker doors can open fully without hitting walls, adjacent locker banks, or structural features. Handles and hinges add depth, make sure to factor these into your final dimensions.

07. NOT CONSIDERING AIRFLOW AND CLEANING

Especially in wet or change room environments, leave space below or above for plinths, skirting, or ventilation.

TIP: ALWAYS MAKE SURE TO CONFIRM WHETHER MEASUREMENTS REFER TO EXTERNAL LOCKER SIZE OR INTERNAL CARCASS DIMENSIONS. ALLOW FOR TOLERANCES!

Correct measurements are critical to making sure lockers function well and fit seamlessly into your space. Even the highest-quality system can be hampered by issues if installed without careful measuring and thoughtful planning.

LOCKER COMPARISON TABLE:

LOCKER	MATERIALS	LOCKS	HINGES	BEST FOR
Heavy duty steel locker with sloping top	Body: Welded steel Doors: Steel	Hasp with plate for padlock	Piano hinge	Exterior High durability prioritised
Steel framed melamine locker	Body: Melamine Doors: Melamine with welded steel frame	Hasp for padlock	Piano hinge	Interior High durability with aesthetic focus
Hybrid locker	Body: Welded steel Doors: Melamine	Combination code lock	Piano hinge	Interior Strength with warm visual appeal
Classic steel locker	Body: Welded steel Doors: Steel	Cam lock (key)	Cup hinge	High durability prioritised for muti-user settings
Premium custom steel locker	Body: Welded steel Doors: Steel	Digital lock	Soft-close hinge	High durability with high aesthetic focus
Premium melamine locker	Body: Melamine Doors: Melamine	Digital lock	Soft-close hinge	Interior High durability with high aesthetic focus

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HOW TO SPECIFY

3 PRACTICAL EXAMPLES SPECIFYING SCHOOL LOCKERS.

Selecting the right school locker involves identifying key requirements based on usage, environment, and user age group. This section provides three detailed specification examples to guide decision-makers in choosing the most suitable locker type for different school settings. Each example outlines essential considerations such as dimensions, materials, locking mechanisms, ventilation, and configuration options.

TIP: ALWAYS ATTACH PLANS/DRAWINGS

HYBRID STEEL LOCKER	SPEC
No. of Student Lockers	420 x locker compartments / doors
Locker configurations	4 tier/door units
Locker units	105 locker units
Item #	#HY4
Locker size	2100H x 400W x 450D mm
Door Finishes	Polytec Belgian Oak
Locks	Push Hasp for padlock
Numbering	Yes - see attached s/sheet
Hinges	Full length piano hinges
Customisation (if any)	Mail slot top of doors

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STEEL FRAMED MELAMINE LOCKER	SPEC
No. of student lockers	280 x locker compartments / doors
Locker configuration	2 tier/door units
No. of Lockers units	140 x locker units
Item #	#LSS23
Locker size	1833H x 1078W x 580D mm
Door Finishes	Melamine - Alternate Black & Oak
Locks	Push Hasp for padlock
Numbering	Yes - see attached s/sheet
Hinges	Piano hinge - full length
Customisation (if any)	-

PREMIUM STEEL LOCKER	SPEC
No. of student lockers	464 x locker compartments / doors
Locker configuration	4 tier/door units
No. of Lockers units	116 x locker units
Item #	#CS4
Locker size	1900H x 400W x 550D mm
Powdercoat Finishes	Dulux Deep Ocean Matt
Locks	Lock Focus 3780
Numbering	Yes - see attached s/sheet
Hinges	Piano hinge - full length
Perforation pattern	Raindrops

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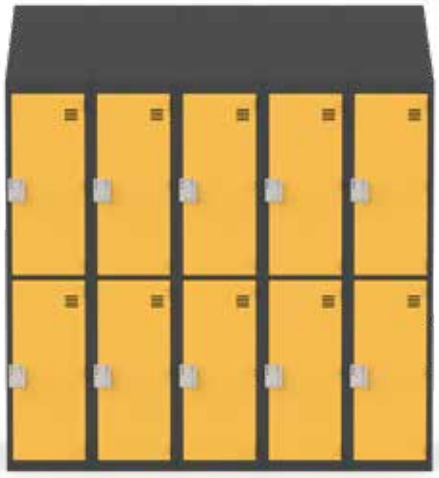


1. Premium steel locker with perforations
2. Hybrid locker: Steel body + melamine doors
3. Steel framed melamine locker
4. Heavy duty steel locker with sloping top

THIS PROJECT: MELAMINE SCHOOL LOCKERS

Customisations:

- PS2 Hanging Lockers
- Push hasp locking system
- Numbering
- Laminex Aries Flint finishes

THIS PROJECT: MELAMINE SCHOOL LOCKERS

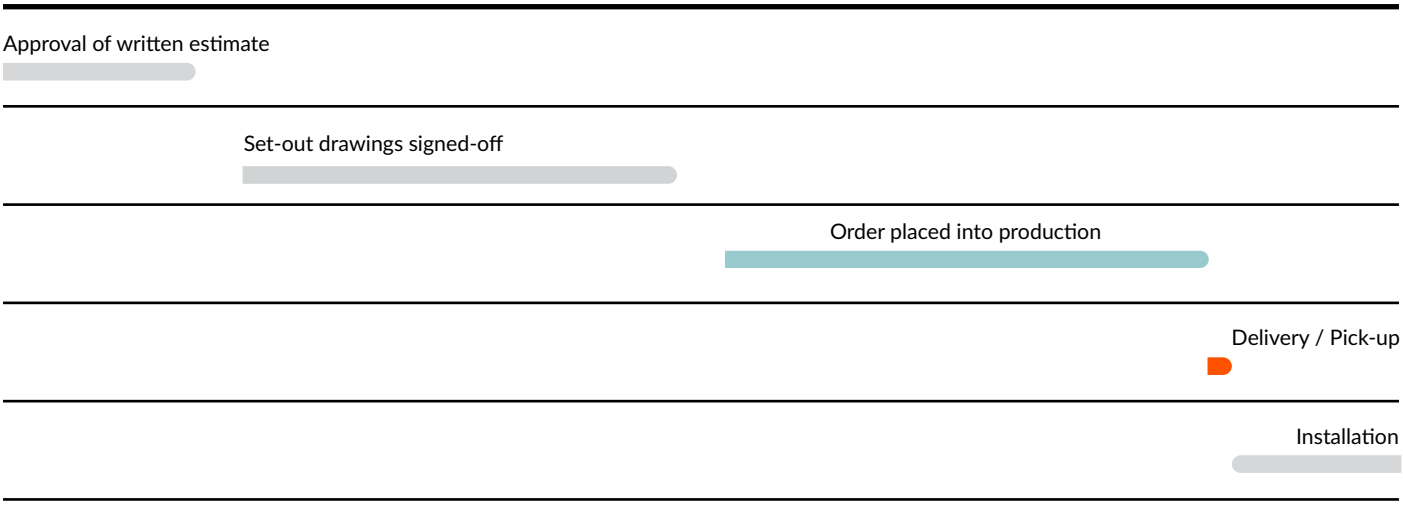
Customisations:

- H3 Shelf Lockers
- Mail slots
- Key locks & numbering
- Alternating Laminex finishes

TIMELINES

Locker projects vary depending on materials, finishes, customisation, and scale — but having a general timeline helps with planning and coordination. Below is a typical production and delivery outline to help you estimate lead times and align with your installation schedule. Always allow extra time for approvals, custom design elements, or complex site conditions. Your delivery date will be confirmed in writting as part of the order confirmation process.

Production Timeline Guide



KEY MILESTONE
Written Order received.

KEY MILESTONE
Production specs & delivery date signed-off.

KEY MILESTONE
Order placed into production.
No changes possible without cost and/or time revisions.

KEY MILESTONES
Delivery & installation

YOUR WRITTEN ESTIMATE AND CONFIRMED PRODUCTION ORDER WILL BE BASED ON THE SPECIFICATIONS YOU'VE PROVIDED, SO IT'S IMPORTANT THESE ARE FINALISED AND APPROVED BEFORE PRODUCTION BEGINS

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