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# Mile Marker

Modular millwork & cabinetry vs. traditional millwork

| Features | Mile Marker | Traditional Millwork |
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| Modularity | • All of Mile Marker's units can easily be moved and reconfigured should it need change.<br>• Mile Marker unit are engineered to disassemble and reattach. This style of cabinet construction prevents damage and buckling when moved.<br>• Base and wall hung cabinets utilize a rail hanging system, eliminating the need for wall blocking. | • Reconstruction and repair warrant higher long term costs due to removal and relocation.<br>• Millwork must be attached to walls or other structures for support and stability.<br>• Wall blocking is required for support and stability of traditional millwork cabinetry. |
| Construction | • Cabinets are delivered fully assembled for faster, more consistent installation.<br>• Cabinet construction is always consistent with glue and dowel pins.<br>• All panels including door/drawer fronts are permanently sealed with 2mm polypropylene edge banding; this prevents moisture penetration.<br>• Adjustable levelers are included on all base cabinets for leveling on uneven floors during installation.<br>• Base cabinets and upper cabinets available in: 12", 15", 18", 21", 24", 27", 30", 33", and 36" widths. Multiple can be configured for specific needs. | • Cabinets require additional assembly at install location.<br>• Inconsistencies exist between traditional millwork cabinets, which limit flexibility and installation.<br>• 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.<br>• Plywood shims are used to level cabinets.<br>• Millwork is typically built for one specific space and cannot easily be reconfigured or moved. |
| Work Surfaces | • 3/4" particleboard is used for all cabinet parts, including backs, cabinet tops, and cabinet bottoms.<br>• Available work surfaces include high pressure laminate and solid surface. | • Substrate/work surfaces are bid out to meet minimum specifications.<br>• 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 | • Drawers operate smoothly using full extension ball-bearing suspensions.<br>• Drawer bottoms are 1/4" thick. Removable drawer liners available as a standard option.<br>• Standard hinges:<br>- Open 110 degrees<br>- Concealed<br>- Soft close | • Typical millwork is bid out to meet the lowest specifications allowable.<br>• Drawer bottoms are generally 1/8" thick.<br>• Standard hinges:<br>- Open 90 degrees |
| Financial Impact | • 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.<br>• Mile Marker can be reused and repurposed as needs change, freeing up future finances for other needs.<br>• Mile Marker provides electronic specification support, thereby reducing planning costs and time.<br>• Mile Marker products are made from environmentally-friendly materials. | • Built-in millwork is classified as permanent construction and requires 39 years to depreciate.<br>• Millwork is designed and built specifically for the initial space. This often results in damage or disassembly in order to reconfigure or relocate.<br>• Drawing millwork is a tedious process, often times taking weeks/months to plan and perfect a space.<br>• Because millwork cannot typically be reused, it provides a waste factor for construction and often ends up in landfills. |
| Warranty | • Limited Lifetime Warranty | • 1 year |