

PRODUCT

Who designed STAKS?

STAKS was designed by PLD Design: Pam Light, John Duffy, and Dennie Pimental.

What design features set STAKS apart?

Most importantly, STAKS has the inherent characteristics of genuine residential furniture, promoting comfort at work. Our research indicates this is highly desirable for X and Y generations and older, mature workforces. Lower heights on work surfaces, tables that double as desks. Storage within quick reach, and well-designed, compact components provide intimate offices in open floorplans.

Additionally, STAKS showcases the beauty of wood with over 26 veneer finishes ranging from European Oak and Natural Walnut to newer trends like Steel Gray Oak and Espresso. 'Extras' such as resin panels, back painted glass, wood paints, metal paints, and exposed jewelry bracketry, provide an elevated aesthetic over the "cubical" look, all at a much lower cost of ownership.

Is STAKS veneer or laminate?

STAKS offers privileged extras like contemporary veneers, as well as the durability of laminate, as options to everyone. Utilizing the beauty of wood veneer or the resilience of laminate, STAKS easily creates custom widths, depths, and heights to suit specific needs.

Is STAKS shipped assembled?

STAKS components are shipped individually, and final assembly is required by the installer. First Office uses corrugated cardboard and polyethylene foam packaging materials, both of which are 100% recyclable materials. The corrugated material provided is comprised of a linear between 30-60% recycled content and a medium comprised of 100% recycled content, which can be recycled in many markets throughout the United States. Depending on the project size, many components such as divider walls and worksurfaces will be properly secured, palletted, and shipped in bulk, eliminating excessive cartoning and waste.

Does STAKS offer fabric, glass and resin panels?

STAKS offers resin panels on secondary surfaces such as Privacy Panels, Modesty Panels, and on the doors and backs of Storage Pedestals, Towers, and Organizers. Resin options include 3form® and Lumicor® as well as First Office's standard Polycarb Films.

Back Painted Glass and a Dry Erase surface can also be added to the doors and backs of Storage Pedestals, Towers, and Organizers. Back Painted Glass also features an anodized magnetic backer option.

Fabric can be incorporated on Tackboards as well as Bench Height and Low Height Pedestals for added seating areas within a Workstation.

How is STAKS electrified?

STAKS offers (3) three simple UL listed electrical systems based on a customer's need: 1) a 4-wire system, providing a cost effective solution with the flexibility of quick reconfigurability, 2) an 8-wire system offering more load and ground capabilities, 3) a fully enclosed system with all power and data laid in a secure channel. All three systems support STAKS Power/Data Centers in single circuit, multi-circuit or stand alone applications while providing immediate access at the worksurface. STAKS also cleanly manages wires and cabling away from work areas through a variety of accessory options.

How does STAKS accommodate data and voice?

STAKS offers a variety of optional power and data accessories including Power/Data Spheres, Grommets, Retractable Supplies, and Power/Data Centers. Power/Data Centers contain duplex receptacles and preinstalled blank data port inserts for switching out in the field. Voice and data RJ45 modules can be ordered to replace the preinstalled blank data ports in the field.

Can STAKS go with other First Office products?

STAKS' broad palette of wood veneer finishes, woodgrain and solid color laminates, and paint options is consistent with all First Office products and is designed to coordinate with First Office casegoods and seating.

Can STAKS be customized?

STAKS, being a wood-based product, inherently accommodates custom fit needs. Spine Walls, Divider Walls, Worksurfaces and Storage can be sized for specific applications and field conditions. Furthermore, First Office is an OFS Brands Company with accessibility to a vertically integrated internal supply chain providing a breadth of solutions from the most general modifications to specialized customs. We embrace the custom needs of our customers whether the request pertains to one configuration or an entire project application.

How is STAKS scaled for open plan?

STAKS is scaled for smaller spaces. Lower height surfaces, compact storage and layered work areas make offices feel roomier. Workstations don't skimp on capacity, offering real elbow room comfort.

How can I create a studio environment with STAKS?

STAKS cultivates the sharing of ideas to become solutions by supporting the collective intelligence of collaboration. Lowered

height Divider and Spine Walls, translucent materials, and ample space for impromptu meetings are key initiators for collaborative workstyles. STAKS can simultaneously provide privacy with creative Storage Towers, varying height Dividing Panels, Surfaces and Stacked Storage options, which are great for space division as well as storing project files, manuals, binders, and personal items. The personalized work areas provide opportunities for more self expression to better engage staff.

Can STAKS work in a private office?

Flow STAKS through an entire company, from private office to open plan. Details and materials extend seamlessly from private walled offices to collaborative workstations. Modern clean veneers, designer laminates, rich paints, and glass and resin surfaces create premium environments suitable for the private office and easily blends with millwork. STAKS compact design easily accommodates today's shrinking private office as well.

What advantages does STAKS have over a typical panel system?

STAKS offers installation savings and reduces installation headaches! It provides a more refined and more simplified solution without over-complicating the work area. If a collaborative workspace is desired, STAKS accomplishes a beautiful, options-rich solution without unnecessary system panels, parts and complexity. Also, STAKS can make an easy transition to the private office.

What disadvantages does STAKS have over a typical panel system?

STAKS does not solve noise reduction that tall, acoustical panels provide. If occupants require a non-collaborative, more isolated work environment, then STAKS is not the solution. If large amounts of cable management and wiring is required, STAKS is not the solution. STAKS is not a complicated systems product and will not take the place of the major systems manufacturers' core products.

MARKETING

STAKS is called a 'crossover casegood'. What are crossover casegoods?

First Office has introduced a new type of office product: crossover casegoods. STAKS is the first crossover casegoods introduction for First Office. Crossover casegoods are designed to work in both private office and open plan layouts without being dependent on a panel system. It is dual purpose freestanding furniture with divider walls to provide space division with collaboration. Achieving a cohesive look is easy with crossover casegoods. Matching finishes, hardware and edges between the private and open areas brings real design continuity. Crossover casegoods are cost effective, providing

the benefits of a panel system such as division of space and convenient access to wiring, without the high cost of maintaining a panel system.

How will designers benefit from STAKS?

STAKS can provide the design community with an options-rich, trend-forward product that can improve a client's "collaborative culture". In addition, STAKS offers the designer an upscale layered landscape design using multiple materials, expanded colors, and heights that can visually open the space.

How will dealer salespeople benefit from STAKS?

STAKS provides a more cost-effective solution than complicated systems products. Staks will also have simplistic specification tools to minimize extensive time spent in the space planning process.

How will end users benefit from STAKS?

The reason systems were invented was for reconfiguration. Reconfiguration is a great idea; but all too often, reconfiguration is only an idea that does not materialize into a true benefit without expert inventory systems, expert re-specification systems and expert re-installers in place. The reality results in many large end users with outdated systems inventories not conducive to future space planning or bottom line profitability. With STAKS there aren't multitudes of "parts and pieces" to inventory. STAKS is simple. No connector posts. No topcaps. No raceway covers. No laundry list of hardware. STAKS is easy, intuitive installation. And easy, intuitive re-installation.

What is STAKS' price point?

STAKS is scalable in price since it's offered in both TFL laminate and also wood veneer finishes. The flexibility in material selection enables our customers to achieve extremely cost effective price points within this product line.

Where can I get a STAKS brochure?

The STAKS brochure is available for download on our website.

What specification tools/resources are available for STAKS?

The First Office website features a growing library of resources to support STAKS crossover casegoods. Workstation typicals indicating number of users, individual footprints, overall dimensions, total list price, and list price per user have been identified. You will also find 2D and 3D symbols for space planning ease, plus a STAKS Spec Sheet, Basic Building Blocks and several videos highlighting product features. Pam Light, one of the STAKS designers, explains the design intent behind the product's creation and development.

We are excited to announce that STAKS is available in 20-20 Visual Impressions, an easy to use software for creating full-scene, high quality 3D visualizations of office environments. Integrating with 20-20 CAP Studio, 20-20 Giza Studio and 20-20 worksheet, 20-20 Visual Impressions makes full 3D presentations a possibility on every STAKS project.

ORDERING/SPECIFYING

Why is STAKS easy to specify?

STAKS is a casegoods-based product. It is a straightforward product that uses simple Divider Walls without complicated connectors, raceways and topcaps. Space planning is intuitive without “panel creep” algorithms. Worksurfaces can be cantilevered, storage supported or leg supported.

Is STAKS ready to order?

Yes! First Office is now accepting orders for our STAKS crossover casegoods line. For questions, please contact your respective First Office Sales Representative or our STAKS Design Team at staks@ofsbrands.com.

How do I get pricing on STAKS?

The STAKS Price List is available for immediate download on our STAKS website. Pricing for individual STAKS components and basic information to assist with accurate product specification can be found in our STAKS Price List. In addition to this, any drawings or project specifications can be submitted to our STAKS Design Team for assistance.

What is STAKS leadtime?

STAKS leadtime is 5-6 weeks. Large project needs may require additional lead times.

ENVIRONMENTAL

How green is STAKS?

STAKS allows designers to create great environments sustainably. The initial design intent was to provide a sustainable solution for designers. STAKS not only meets environmental requirements, but exceeds requirements for a true greener workspace. It is the intention of First Office to obtain both GREENGUARD Indoor Air Quality and BIFMA level certification on STAKS in the near future.

How does STAKS contribute to credit categories within the LEED Rating Systems?

STAKS meets several LEED requirements including IEQ 8.2 credit with its scale and sightline feature, MR 4.1 & 4.2 credits for recycled content due to the use of composite wood materials manufactured from recycled materials, MR 2.1 & 2.2 Construction Waste Management pertaining to our ability to reduce the use of cartoning and other packaging materials while utilizing skid packaging instead, and potentially MR

5.1 & 5.2 Regional Materials. Once our GREENGUARD Indoor Air Quality certification has been secured, STAKS will also contribute to credit IEQ 4.5 for Low Emitting Systems Furniture and Seating.