
pōchē

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In architecture, **pōchē** is a term which refers to the thickness or mass of a wall or volume, or to the space that lies beyond and is concealed by a wall. As a compositional technique it is employed to create spatial density and depth. Developed as a strong architectural / sculptural statement, **pōchē** responds to the innate desire for one to create a “sense of place”.

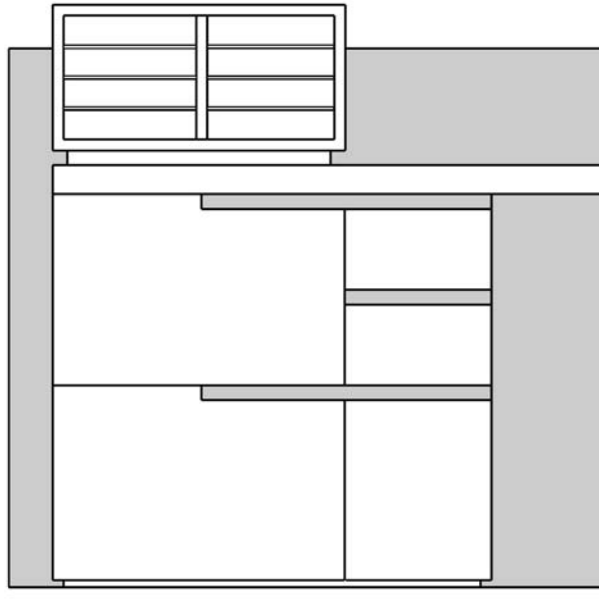
Central to this concept is the use of Core Elements as an organizing structure for the various case pieces and worksurfaces. Core Elements are three inches thick, available in heights of 37,47,57,67, and 77 inches and offer the unique opportunity to specify optional Niches which can be outfitted with Accessory Elements.

Asymmetric configurations with bold cantilevered worksurfaces are available as well as conventional symmetric offerings. Primary worksurfaces feature a unique alternating grain direction veneer pattern which, in addition to disguising junctures with adjoining surfaces, affords the opportunity to introduce optional leather inset panels and /or pinstripe accents. This also demarcates an area occupied by a 1" x 5" removable block which functions as a wire access point. A smaller (1" x 4") block is also supplied to cap the cavity and still permit wire egress.

Drawer and cabinetry pulls are standard as recessed or “incised” at 1" high x 10", 20" or 30" wide. Tall hinged door cabinet employ the same pull run vertically. A 1/8" aluminum cap is affixed to the beveled reverse and the backplate features contrast veneer. An optional protruding billet pull is available as well. Milled from solid aluminum, shallow arcs are machined into each end and a grip area into the underside.

A 5" inch module is employed for all worksurfaces, cabinets, and shelves. This module applies not only to width and depth, but to height as well. (A single exception is that of worksurfaces height which is standard at 29" h). Worksurfaces are 2" thick and feature a unique veneer wrap construction that results in continuous wood grain in every direction.

The design of **pōchē** has been carefully developed, with proportions and details intended for maximum visual integrity while still responding to utility. Requests for modifications to **pōchē** will necessitate a review by CCN and may affect timely response to inquiries.



pōchē CONCEPT & APPLICATION

The total aesthetic offered in **pōchē** is a result of not only forms and details, but also a series of pragmatic considerations that have been integrated into the design. It is important to understand some of these factors when planning with **pōchē**.

A five inch planning module is employed throughout the product line. This creates a simple, legible module in both the vertical and horizontal dimension and is also tied to the plate size of the veneers used. *Varying from the 5 inch module compromises the aesthetic integrity and increases cost and lead time.*

Planning with a five inch module is not as difficult as might be expected. Worksurface depths are 20"/25"/30"/35"/40" (instead of 20"/24"/30"/36"/42") lengths run 50"/55"/60"/65"/70" (rather than 48"/54"/60"/66"/72".....) It is always possible to find a five inch module within an inch or two of a module size you may be more accustomed to working with.

Core Elements, the tall vertical backwalls included in many configurations vary from this in that they are three inches thick and come in heights three inches shorter than corresponding cabinets. (ie: a 67" h Core Elements would typically be used with a 70" h wardrobe cabinet). Core Elements are also used in a way that creates a dimensional "offset" of 3 or 7 inches, but the overall length of Core Elements still adheres to the five inch module to enable the use of centered and balanced five inch veneer plates.

Core Elements are considered as feature surfaces which may be specified in a number of contrasting figured or inlay veneers. See pages XX-XX. Other surfaces that are considered feature are modesty panels on the front of desks and reception desks, and the back panel of incised drawer and cabinet pulls. If a feature surface veneer is specified, it will appear in **all** these locations. Feature veneers are **only** to be used for these locations.

FINISHES

All **pōchē** configurations are available in a broad range of finishes. For brevity and ease of specifying, all pricing shown in this price list reflects the use of any Engineered Veneer(s) from the following list. For pricing on Upgrade or Feature Veneers, please contact CCN directly.

Engineered Veneers

Blonde EV
Spice EV
Mocha EV
Espresso EV
Taupe EV

Upgrade Veneers

Natural Quartered Ash
Natural Quartered Makore
Natural Quartered Walnut
Natural Quartered Wenge

Feature Veneers

Natural Figured Ash
Natural Figured Douka
Natural Flat Cut Walnut
Natural Flat Cut Wenge
Taupe Figured Lacewood

Note: Feature Veneers may **only** be used on Core Elements, modesty panels, and the recessed surface of linear cabinet/drawer pulls. These areas are indicated by shading in the illustrations in this pricelist. These areas may also be specified as contrast in non-feature veneers.

Engineered Veneers (EV) are pre-dyed and re-sawn material with consistently straight grain pattern. EV is *not* available in custom finishes.

pōchē products may also be specified in FSC certified veneers. For more information on this program, contact the factory.

MATERIAL USED TO BUILD pōchē

All **pōchē** pieces are built with veneer faced engineered composite board of 45lb. or higher density. End panels have an internal lumber core band at the bottom, allowing secure connection of adjustable leveling hardware. To assure straightness, 5-ply cross-band board is used where a horizontal span is unsupported. Drawer bottoms are ¼” 5-ply maple plywood fitted in a dado and glued in place with hot glue to assure a square drawer.

HARDWARE USED ON pōchē

All casegoods are equipped with adjustable levelers with plastic glides to assure level set-up and protection of floor. All pieces are constructed square to sit level on flat surfaces. The drawers operate with ball bearing drawer slides in a black finish. Box drawers have full extension with a 50lb. capacity. File drawers have full extension slides and 110lb. capacity. Locks are not standard on **pōchē** units, but may be specified at an upcharge. Conventional locks can *only* be located where drawers or doors have an exposed side panel (the lock cylinder will be located in the side panel.) Keyless lock systems are also available. Locks have a full ¾” lock bar throw, adjustable pin system and have the capability of master keying. All lateral file units are equipped with an anti-tilt mechanism, which allows only one file drawer to be opened at a time, insuring stability of the file. Hinged doors have fully concealed three-way adjustable hinges and a magnetic catch.

CONSTRUCTION OF pōchē

All casegoods are glued and clamped with dowels or compressed splines. Pedestals and modesty panels are secured with screws and reinforced with glue cleats. Metal connectors are used in conjunction with type “A” screws where a knockdown joint is necessary. Drawers are dovetail box construction with applied drawer fronts. **pōchē** worksurfaces are assembled from several individual “ planks” fabricated from veneer faced board oriented in alternating grain direction. These planks are glued and fastened together to create a unit. An individual plank may also be leather clad and a contrasting pinstripe of 1/8” thick solid wood or aluminum may be introduced where planks adjoin one another.

FINISH OF pōchē

pōchē components are finished without toners or stains unless required to compensate for inconsistency in the wood. Any exposed undersides of panels are sprayed with a black high solid sealer to improve dimensional stability under varying climate conditions.

Topcoat options:

Standard - **Conversion Varnish LF** offers superior performance properties for office furniture. This is a catalyzed finishing system providing excellent resistance to yellowing, excellent toughness, mar resistance, resistance to household chemicals, and a satin sheen.

Upgrade - **Water White Catalyzed Polyurethane Coating** is a 2 component non yellowing automotive grade finish applied by plural component equipment. The polyurethane finish has better build capabilities and is more resistant to chemicals than the standard CCN Conversion Varnish. This finish is available for a 5% upcharge (\$500 min.) and has a satin sheen comparable to the standard.