

FAQ's & Specifications

WHY FORUM?

Forum has been researched, developed and manufactured in New Zealand with a special regard for the three R's, REDUCE, RECYCLE & RE-USE. Forum is almost entirely manufactured using products that are recyclable including the acoustic material which contains a minimum of 65% post-consumer recycled material (PET bottle-flake); Cube™ is completely safe, non-toxic, non-allergenic and non-irritant.

Forum can also be re-used when moving premises over against traditional built walls.

WHAT IS FORUM?

Forum meeting pods have been designed to provide a semi-enclosed space within the general office environment, creating multiuse possibilities ranging from meeting and collaboration to café/lounge spaces, only limited by the creative ability of our minds.

Construction essentially comprises a box frame structure with infill panels either glazed or solid.

Forum Ceiling is designed with a permanently open louvre system comprising a series of vertical acoustic baffles and comes complete with LED strip lights including remote dimming.

The design aesthetic is representative of a movable box – a container.

WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENT MODULE OPTIONS?

Forum has been designed around a basic meeting space requirement for 4-6 people. Whilst the design allows ultimate flexibility, it is offered initially in a select range of layout options:

- **BOUNCE (IDEAS)**

Where Forum needs to be a semi-enclosed lounge environment. A meeting space for 4 people in two facing couches with low table between measuring 2050mm deep x 2250mm wide x 2380mm high within 3 sides of acoustically absorbent panels. The fourth side has two wing walls of glass only – no door. BOUNCE comes standard with 4-way power outlets to the base of one end wall & LED strip light on remote dimming.

- **BREAK(OUT OR TAKE ONE)**

This is where the beauty of the Forum shines, displaying the modularity in design & opportunity to just keep adding on units. This is where Forum is required to be either a meeting space of office each PLUS a breakout space with a leaner for those informal meetings, BREAK (out or take one) is the Forum to use. 3000mm deep x 7075mm wide x 2380mm high within 3 sides of acoustically absorbent panels. This module does not require a floor & all lighting is provided by way of LED strip lighting on remote dimming as standard along with integrated double power outlet mid-point on one end wall for TV & a 4-way power outlet to the base of that same wall.

- **BRIEF (THE TEAM) 3+1**

Forum is visually open from one side. A 4-6-person meeting room measuring 3000mm deep x 3600mm wide x 2380mm high. General wall configuration is two short sides and one long side in acoustically absorbent panels with integrated double power outlet mid-point on the wall for TV & 4-way power outlets to the base of the wall, lighting is provided by way of LED strip lighting on remote dimming. Front wall in glass with a pivoting frameless glass door.

- **BRIEF (THE TEAM) 2+2**

Forum is positioned in space with a high degree of transparency. A 4-6-person meeting room measuring 3000mm deep x 3600mm wide x 2380mm high. General wall configuration is two short sides in acoustically absorbent panels with integrated double power outlet mid-point on the wall for TV & 4-way power outlets to the base of the wall, lighting is provided by way of LED strip lighting on remote dimming. Front & Rear wall in glass with a pivoting frameless glass door.

- **BRIEF + A BIT**

Where Forum is required to be visually open both sides. A 4-6-person meeting room measuring 3000mm deep x 3600mm wide x 2380mm high plus an additional add-on casual space for either informal meetings/utility zone or even small kitchenette. BRIEF + a BIT comes standard with integrated double power outlet mid-point on one end wall for TV & a 4-way power outlet to the base of that same wall, lighting is provided by way of LED strip lighting on remote dimming.

WHAT ARE THE STANDARD CONSTRUCTION, MATERIALS & FINISHES?

Forum uses an aluminium extrusion to form the perimeter frame, fabricated steel staking knuckles join three extrusions at the corners, and a steel threshold plate links the extrusions each side a standard door opening.

All aluminium and steel components are powder coated in "electric cow" as standard.

Infill panels can be either 10mm toughened glass or a braced Echopanel sandwich. The 12mm echo panel is manufactured in a corrugated profile and is available in any of the standard colours.

A frameless glass pivot door is centrally located over the flat metal threshold plate. The door comes with a standard H&B push plate engraved with the Forum logo.

25mm thick x 100mm deep Echopanel ceiling baffles of provide some absorbency to sound generated within the Forum space. These baffles are pressure clipped into aluminium extrusions spanning the top frames.

LED lighting extrusions run perpendicular to the baffles to illuminate the baffles and the working space below.

HOW DOES THE FORUM OPERATE ACOUSTICALLY?

Forum is not designed to be a fully acoustically sealed room - it is envisaged that it's use will always be for functions that are not dependent on total aural privacy.

The design focus has been on achieving a reasonable level of sound absorbency *and* a reasonable level of noise reduction within the Forum space. The ceiling baffles effectively increase the total ceiling area absorbency by 30% to absorb as much breakout sound as possible. Wall panels have a Noise Reduction Coefficient of 0.6 and a theoretical Sound Transmission Class of 34. Glass panels have a 34 STC.

WHAT IS THE PROVISION WITH POWER, LIGHTING AND DATA?

Cabled services enter forum via the top frame and are distributed to one short sides of the enclosure, additional power can be provided upon request. Aluminium surface ducting with removable face plates reticulates the cabling from the top frame down to outlet positions either at floor level or at desktop/screen level, refer models as listed above for individual specifications.

The Brief 2+2 & 3+1 models come complete with two LED lighting extrusions recessed above the ceiling baffles provide light to the central work area of 200 lux at 700mm above floor level (standard desk or table height). The Brief +a Bit model comes with one additional LED extrusion to the Bit alcove, the Break comes with two LED extrusions per unit & the Bounce only requires one LED light extrusion. All are provided with remote-control operation & are dimmable. Data cabling is an option if required.

HOW DOES FORUM DEAL WITH VENTILATION/AIR CIRCULATION?

Forum is designed to work with the existing air provision in the surrounding space and does not need additional air supply. The ceiling baffles do not restrict air movement from fitout ceiling diffusers.

HOW DOES FORUM DEAL WITH FIRE PROTECTION?

Forum is designed for the ceiling baffles to be compliant with all forms of fire detection (heat/smoke detectors), areas fitted with sprinklers will be subject to review on a case by case basis.

WHAT IS THE INSTALLATION TIME OF FORUM?

Forum is provided installed on site by the Forum assembly team anywhere in NZ. Assembly takes 1 day by the Forum team of 2-3 people.

WHAT IS THE PRODUCT LEAD TIME?

15-20 working days from order to installation on site assuming standard module and material selection. Larger quantities may require a longer lead time.

IS THERE AN OPTION TO CUSTOMIZE FORUM?

Forum has been designed to be flexible in configuration. The layouts offered (modules 1-5) are the standard configurations that have been developed and tested for performance. Wall colours can be changed within the standard range of acoustic material available. A change of colour to the frame is also available to be changed if requested. Variations can be produced on request with price on application & subject to development time and performance testing.

WHAT IS THE WARRANTY ON THE FORUM?

Forum comes with a 10 year warranty on the frame & cladding if used in the normal office environment. Electrical components & moving door parts are subject to a 5-year warranty.