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Tips for Purchasing the Best Dispatch Furniture for your Application by [Jerry Herrington](#)

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Considering the long operating hours that a control room operator puts in, dispatch furniture must be user-friendly. Moreover, such furniture should be able to seamlessly integrate all the vital components that are integral to the smooth flow of mission-critical operations. Since operators work in shifts and each operator must be comfortable with fully adjustable furniture. Dispatch furniture must be versatile enough to be operated in both sitting and standing position.

There are several characteristics of modern dispatch furniture. They are:

Panels: These help to create a separate work zone that not only enables the worker to work independently, but also allows for better concentration. Panels can also be designed in a manner to keep noise out. The wiring will run internally through enclosures, keeping the desk and its surroundings clutter-free.

Accessories: These small components play a large role in ensuring the comfort of the operator. For instance, an ergonomic lift for sit-stand can help operators of different heights operate the system with ease.

Storage: Apart from ancillary items such as books and CDs, placement and enclosure of important cables and processors in an organized manner is the key to efficient dispatch furniture. You can talk to your control room furniture provider for a wide range of options.

Monitors: Adjustable monitor arms are an indispensable feature of modern dispatch furniture. Mounting monitors at adjustable angles makes them compatible with operators of different heights and eye sight. Being able to adjust the monitor(s) to an optimal distance saves the operator from eye strain and eliminates leaning that places undue pressure on the upper body.

Based on your specific application there are a variety of dispatch furniture designs that either lift multiple surfaces or lift the entire console. Select the design that best fits your needs. For example, some control room operators require deeper consoles or cockpit style in order to place all of their working tools at their finger tips. The possibilities are only limited to your imagination and budget. However, when evaluating dispatch furniture try avoid pre-fabricated metal dispatch consoles that require you to accept pre-determined shapes and sizes rather than making the product to specification. Pre-fabricated dispatch furniture limits design options while customized furniture is a smarter solution. And, custom manufacturing doesn't necessarily mean higher price. In reality custom manufacturing can be pocket-friendly and designed around your budget.

A control room is work-intensive making your dispatch furniture that much more susceptible to scratches, chipping and de-gluing. The only solution is high quality materials that support weight and seal all surfaces. The use of a high-quality laminate designed for intensive use is especially important and a vacuum formed laminate is even better because it does not have vulnerable points that conventional laminates have. This means that your dispatch furniture will last longer and look newer longer than dispatch furniture surfaced with conventional laminates. When it comes to the quality dispatch furniture, you pretty much get what you pay for so shop wisely.

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I have over 20 years experience helping people design and outfit their control rooms. In todays market a [video wall](#) is most commonly used in control rooms and command centers for controlling and managing informations. Check out online for right a [dispatch furniture](#) or console and free needs analysis, space planning and cost estimate.

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