

TIPS FOR GETTING THE MOST OUT OF YOUR SLIDES

1. **Store the slides in a dry place:** Excessive humidity can affect the functionality of the slides, especially when they are not yet fixed to the table.
2. **Ensure you have the correct type of table slide :** for either a 4 legged table or a single pedestal table. A slide designed for a 4 legged table develops a camber to compensate for sagging at the center of the table. A slide designed for a single leg pedestal table develops a camber to compensate for sagging at the ends of the table. Using the wrong type of slide will accentuate rather than compensate for the sagging.
3. **Under each table, install a right and a left slide** (right slides are marked blue and left slides are red). Even if there is no right or left to a table, it is important to have a pair of right and left slides to minimize wobbling movement when opening the table. When a slide is weakened by outward pressure, the other slide reacts by pressing the two sections against one another to stabilize the movement and allow for a smooth opening.
4. **Use #10 round headed screws, threaded 2/3" and 1-1/2" long.**
5. **When positioning the slide, gently squeeze the parts together to eliminate looseness between them.** The play between the components allows the slides to absorb some humidity without impacting the slide. Slightly clenching the parts before installation eliminates looseness but the space remains to absorb normal humidity variations in a home.
6. **To install the slide, close the table but keep the slide slightly open (approx. 1/4").** This way, you ensure the table will completely close before the slide reaches the end of its course.
7. **Position the slides parallel to one another and parallel to the sides of your table.** Installing them non-parallel will prevent the slides from opening properly.
8. **For pedestal tables, pre-drill the slide's center section holes before you fix it to the table to prevent damage.** The hole should not cross the grooved portion and the screw should not interfere with the slide's operation.
9. **For slides with racks, ensure nothing is blocking the rack mechanism.**
10. **When selecting your slide model, ensure that the slide is no shorter than half the length of your table top.** For example, a table top measuring 48" should have a slide that is at least 26" ($48/2 + 2 = 26$) long when closed. Selecting too short a slide will not provide an adequate level of support.