

CORIAN® TABLETOPS BASE SELECTION GUIDANCE

Very little technical guidance regarding selection of appropriate mounting bases for table tops is publicly available. This document provides Corian® Tabletop customers with some guidance for appropriate table base selection for Corian® Tabletop products. It does require knowledge of the weight of the tabletop base, which is not provided in some base manufacturer's product lists.

Guidance on Table Base Weight and Support Spread

Guidance is based on a simple model calculating the weight of the table base required to prevent tipping when force is applied to the edge of the table. It assumes the table does not slide across the floor, but tips. This is a static model, accounting for someone bumping into the table, but not the additional force of someone running into the table. This guidance offers a starting point for selecting a table base to provide stability to resist overturning.

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Figure 1 illustrates the static overturning model. The table base weight (Wb), required to prevent force (F), from tipping the table over at point A can be calculated. Table 1 tabulates recommended minimum table base weights for each tabletop model for different table heights (H) and several base spreads (S).

FIGURE 1: TABLE OVERTURNING MODEL DIAGRAM

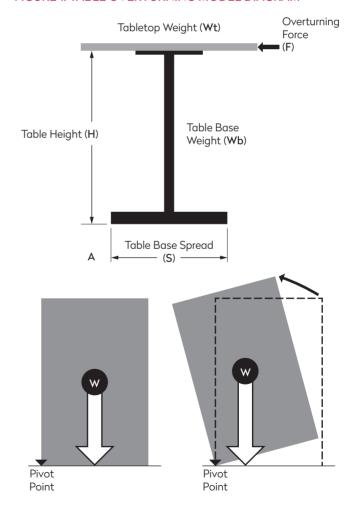




TABLE 1: TABLE BASE GUIDANCE

Base Weight Guidance Based on Table Height (H) and Table Base Spread (S) for DuPont Corian* Tabletop Products for an Overturning Force of 25-lbf.

	Table Height (40 - 41 in)				Table Height (34 - 36 in)				Table Height (28 - 30 in)				Table Height (18 - 19 in)							
Optional Base Leg Spread (in)				Optional Base Leg Spread (in)				Optional Base Leg Spread (in)				Optional Base Leg Spread (in)								
Corain®	18	24	30	36	40	18	24	30	36	40	18	24	30	36	40	18	24	30	36	40
Tabletops Product Description	Recommended Base Weight (pounds)					Recommended Base Weight (pounds)				Recommended Base Weight (pounds)				Recommended Base Weight (pounds)						
24"x20"	90	61	44	33	27	76	51	36	26	21	59	38	26	18	15	29	16	15	15	15
24"x24"	85	57	40	28	22	71	46	31	21	16	55	34	21	15	15	24	15	15	15	15
24"x30"	78	49	32	21	15	64	39	24	15	15	47	26	15	15	15	17	15	15	15	15
27" x 27"	77	49	32	20	15	64	38	24	15	15	47	26	15	15	15	16	15	15	15	15
30" x 48"	Two base units weighing 15 pounds or more suggested for this Tabletop (reference Figure 3).				Two base units weighing 15 pounds or more suggested for this Tabletop (reference Figure 3).				Two base units weighing 15 pounds or more suggested for this Tabletop (reference Figure 3).				Two base units weighing 15 pounds or more suggested for this Tabletop (reference Figure 3).							
36" x 36"	49	21	15	15	15	35	15	15	15	15	19	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
42"x42"	span too small	15	15	15	15	span too small	15	15	15	15	span too small	15	15	15	15	span too small	15	15	15	15
24" Round	87	59	42	30	25	74	48	34	24	19	57	36	24	15	15	26	15	15	15	15
29 3/4" Round	69	41	24	15	15	56	30	16	15	15	39	18	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
36" Round	49	21	15	15	15	36	15	15	15	15	19	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
42" Round	26	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15

TO USE TABLE 1

Select table height range in top row of table.

- 1. Select Corian® Tabletops product in left column.
- 2. Above two selections limit the applicable cells of Table 1 to a five table cells in one row. As an example: for 30-inch table height and a 36-inch round Corian® Tabletop, the applicable area of table is shown in the lower box in Figure 2:

FIGURE 2: EXAMPLE FOR USE OF TABLE 1

		Table Height (28 - 30 in)									
	Optional Base Leg Spread (in)										
Corain®	18	24	30	36	40						
Tabletops Product Description	Re	Recommended Base Weight (pounds)									
24"x20"	59	38	26	18	15						
24"x24"	55	34	21	15	15						
24"x30"	47	26	15	15	15						
27" x 27"	47	26	15	15	15						
30" x 48"	Two base units weighing 15 pound or more suggested for this Tableta (reference Figure 3).										
36" x 36"	19	15	15	15	15						
42"x42"	span too small	15	15	15	15						
24" Round	57	36	24	15	15						
29 3/4" Round	39	18	15	15	15						
36" Round	19	15	15	15	15						
42" Round	15	15	15	15	15						

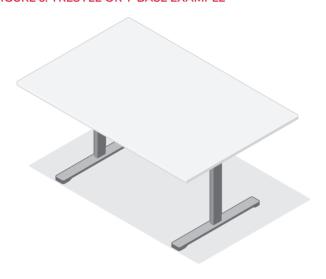
3. This appropriate section of Table 1 can now be used to select table base options based on the table base spread (highlighted in the upper box in Figure 2). For a given table base spread, the minimum table base weight, suggested by the overturning model, is tabulated in the table. Most table base manufacturers list leg span and spread for X-cross base offerings. Use the smaller spread value versus the longer diagonal span, since the spread is most appropriate to control tip over, see Figure 4. Figure 2: Example: For a 30-inch height table application of a 36-inch round Corian® Tabletop a base weighing 19-pounds or more is suggested for a base spread of 18-inches.



MULTI LEG GUIDANCE

Numerous table base manufacturers offer bases with multiple columns, e.g., trestle or T-bases, reference Figure 3. Using such bases can increase the stability of the table top to resist tip over. The table load is distributed over a wider area and table top flexural can be reduced relative to a single pedestal column. Another alternative is use of several smaller bases under larger tops to achieve the same goals. For example, the T-bases in Figure 3 could be replaced with X-cross base elements. The Corian® 30 by 42-inch rectangular Tabletop would be best supported with multiple columns.

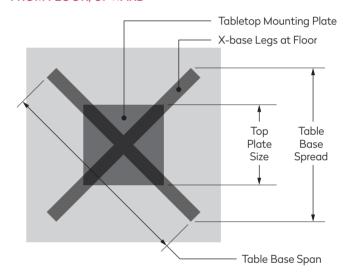
FIGURE 3: TRESTLE OR T-BASE EXAMPLE



GUIDANCE ON TABLETOPS ATTACHMENT TO A TABLE BASE

Table top mounting plate size will affect the ability to securely mount Corian® Tabletops to selected bases. Larger top plate size is preferential. Typical bases will have plate dimensions of 8-inches or more with 8 clearance holes for mounting the base to the Corian® Tabletop. Screw size, penetration depth, and torque are most important in achieving a solid mounting. Screws of #10 or #12 size of 5/8-inch length are suggested. Using screws longer than 5/8-inch length may require shims to be used between the mounting plate and the Corian® Tabletop. Do not over torque screws, as it can significantly reduce screw holding force levels.

FIGURE 4: PLAN VIEW OF TABLE ASSEMBLY FROM FLOOR, UPWARD



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