



Enabling Office Expansion:

Gates Canada's Office Design Story

Modest beginnings didn't stop the Gates Corporation, a Denver, CO based company, has grown into one of the world's largest manufacturers of industrial and automotive products. While there were probably periods of growing pains, the company's Canadian branch had no difficulty settling into a redesign office space in Ancaster, Ontario thanks to professional design and installation services from the atWork Office Furniture team.

The Problem: Reconfiguring an Open-Office Design

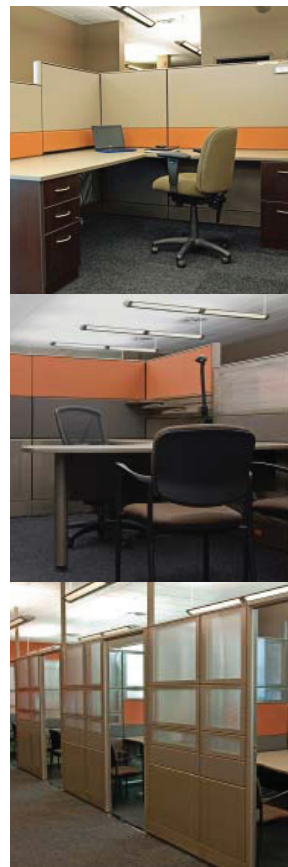
Uniting corporate management with the engineering department inside Gates' Canadian head office posed a bit of a design problem initially. The original office layout consisted of mostly open concept workstations. While this served the needs of the engineers, management required a more traditional private office arrangement.

The Solution: Building Walls Without Blowing Budgets

The original layout of the Gates Canada office featured a wide range of Cosmopolitan and Metropolis workspace and storage systems. A popular choice for many of atWork's corporate clients, these systems offer a seemingly endless variety of configuration options. Cosmopolitan's versatility enabled atWork's team of designers to reconfigure the existing open concept workstations into fully enclosed private offices. This new arrangement was complimented by the purchase of an additional sixteen engineering workstations designed to meet the needs of this highly collaborative department.

The Results: Seamless Integration

Had Gates decided to work with another office furniture provider they may have encountered a costly and time consuming office renovation. Thanks to atWork's offering of versatile furnishings, Gates Canada was able to quickly and efficiently reconfigure their offices to suit both the traditional needs of the management staff, and the more modern sensibilities of the company's engineering team.



Client

Gates Canada –
Ancaster, ON

Challenge

Combining open
concept with traditional
office spaces

Products

Cosmopolitan Systems
and Metropolis Storage

Results

16 Workstations
12 Private Offices
1 Conference Room

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