

Dry Erase Board Surfaces



While most whiteboards tend to look the same, the biggest differentiator is going to be the surface material. The different surfaces are intended for different uses. In general, the less porous the surface, the better the performance. There are generally 4 surface types.

GOOD



Melamine

Ideal for: Light Use
Cost: \$

Melamine is a resin-covered paper and will be your most economical choice. However, it is only intended for light to moderate use. The surface requires regular cleaning and maintenance and should only be used in low-traffic areas. If a melamine board is used very frequently, it is likely you will need a replacement after 1 year. The surface is also susceptible to ghosting or staining. Melamine boards are lightweight and make ideal personal home or office boards.

BETTER



Painted Steel

Ideal for: Moderate Use
Use Cost: \$\$

A painted steel board is a step up from Melamine but yet still affordable. They have a surface that is easier to erase and clean than Melamine. Dry Erase Markers do not stain or ghost but periodic cleaning of the surface is recommended. The steel surface is magnetic, doubling the whiteboard as a bulletin board. These make ideal classroom or conference room boards.

BEST



Porcelain

Ideal for: Heavy Use
Cost: \$\$\$

A Porcelain board is your most expensive choice but will last the longest and typically have a longer warranty. These will not dent, scratch, stain or ghost. The surface is extra smooth, making written notes look clean, clear and crisp. Porcelain boards are also magnetic. Because of the ceramic surface, these boards are very heavy and tend to need multiple people for installation. These are good for high level schools, such as universities, and busy conference rooms.



Glass

Ideal for: Heavy Use
Cost: \$\$\$

A glass board is similar to porcelain but not porous at all, making it impossible to stain or ghost. With a glass board, you can count on smooth writing and easy erasability. Glass boards are typically frameless, creating a sleek and modern aesthetic. They will not dent or scratch making them a long lasting solution to your writing needs.