



GEARBOSS® CUSTOM ATHLETIC LOCKERS

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CHALLENGE

Design and manufacture team spaces to be proud of, combining form and function with custom lockers for players in multiple sports and in multiple buildings, including the new Athletes Village housing the football, and men’s and women’s basketball teams.

GEARBOSS SOLUTION

Customized wooden lockers to suit program and player needs, which incorporate university colors and logos into locker design as well as custom options per sport.

PRODUCT LIST

GearBoss® Custom Athletic Lockers

BENEFITS

- The perfect blend of form and function
- Efficient locker design to maximize space usage
- Convenience of USB ports for personal electronics
- Enhanced sanitation with integrated ventilation and antimicrobial surfaces
- A wow factor for students and recruits
- Safe storage with lockable cubby to provide security
- Improved visibility and aesthetics with accent lighting

HIGHLIGHTS

When you walk into the new football locker room at the recently completed Athletes Village the University of Minnesota, you see a cityscape etched into the gray lockers which extends into the back of the room. You see a massive capital M on the ceiling, backlit to stand out and surrounded with a bright gold ring of light, illuminating the room.

This is no old school locker room.



The University of Minnesota football locker room is the new standard and one of many fit with custom lockers throughout Athletes Village. The lockers are made by Wenger Corporation, an Owatonna-based company. Whatever the need for whatever the sport - be it a place for oversized shoulder pads, a space for bats or a spot to hang skates - they can create a custom solution to fit any team's needs.

"This was a huge and complex project for us," says Mike Mills, Athletic Sales Manager. "We're excited to showcase the latest technology and style throughout the campus. Our products save time, space and effort. They're durable, flexible and customizable, offering more solutions than any other brand on the market."

Practice pads and game gear

The football locker room is one of many at the University of Minnesota with custom lockers. There's a wow factor in this locker room and it's deliberate. It's a great way to recruit students to consider playing at the University of Minnesota and let them know how much their presence means to the school.

Though they are beautiful, above all, they have to be functional.

"They have to work for the athlete," says Scott Ellison, Assistant Athletic Director. "We work with the coaches and athletes to make sure it's got everything they need, including things like USB ports to plug in phones and small safes for securing valuables."

Ellison chose GearBoss products because of its reputation and Minnesota roots. GearBoss Lockers designed by Wenger Corporation include football, men's and women's hockey, men's and women's basketball, softball, volleyball, baseball, and women's soccer. There are also dry stall locker rooms where athletes leave their street clothes, and coaches' locker rooms.

"What impressed us most was the quality of workmanship and the customer service they provided," he says. "They come back every year for minor adjustments and fixes and they don't charge us for them."

Ellison and his colleagues drove the 1.5 hours to Wenger Corporation headquarters in Owatonna, Minnesota for a tour.

"They showed us how many simulations they put on a football locker room door," Ellison says. "We weren't satisfied so they used different finishes and made a few adjustments. To make sure we were happy with it. If you just listen, that's what gets you the job. And they listened."

The football locker room is massive. In more than 4,200 square-foot of space, there are 123 lockers, each at 38 inches wide, set on a radiused layout with both concave and convex curves. Each locker has an oversized space on top for big shoulder pads, two drawers, a hanging space with hooks and a cubby to store personal items. There's a bench that opens up for more storage and a footlocker at the bottom. Every inch of the locker is meant to house everything a player would need - and then some.

Other highlights include:

- A gray laminate door surface
- An LED back lit nameplate area
- Solid surface double concealing tuck back pocket doors with cityscape hole pattern scene, includes pull handles
- Multiple cubby compartments and drawers; a security cubby with a digital lock and duplex outlet with USB ports; short garment bar; four single hooks with U of M "M" laser cut in design with maroon vinyl behind
- Padded hinged seat opens to storage area; front of footlocker is solid surface with machine raised U of M "M" logo; vented front; storage area includes fixed divider
- Room design includes additional padding between lockers to create a continuous seating area around the circle of lockers
- LED light strips at top of locker, inside under compartments and in reveal below footlocker
- Includes four vent areas on back of locker with screens for HVAC system

In keeping with the high tech theme, the lights can be dimmed, raised or accented a number of ways. Sophisticated sound systems let coaches make announcements or enable the student-athletes to play their favorite motivational music.

On the sanitation side, ventilation ducts are integrated into each locker, and are tied into the locker room's main HVAC system to accelerate the equipment-drying process and clear out odors. Antimicrobial surfaces help prevent bacteria and viruses from penetrating into the wood, reducing the spread of germs.

It also keeps the room smelling better than you might expect.

On the basketball lockers' surfaces and seats, an antimicrobial veneer finish makes wiping the lockers down simple and quick. It helps prevent bacteria and viruses from penetrating into the wood, reducing the spread of germs.

And of course, an M adorns each footlocker, reminding the athletes who they represent.

Basketball



Not far away, the men's and women's basketball locker rooms are equally as impressive. Again, the rooms are curved so the 36-inch wide lockers have curved slightly sides. There are custom 39-inch deep footlockers for shoes. The other features include the following:

- LED back lit nameplate area
- Double concealing tuck back pocket veneer doors with U of M "M" printed logo in maroon and gold; recessed door handles
- Three cubby compartments, one of which includes a digital lock and duplex outlet w/USB ports; two compartments include recessed door handles; short garment bar; three single hooks with U of M "M" laser cut in design w/maroon vinyl behind
- Maroon padded hinged seat that opens to storage area with

fixed divider; front of footlocker is solid surface with machine raised U of M "M" logo; vented front

- Room design includes additional padding between lockers to create a continuous seating area around the circle of lockers
- LED light strips at top of locker, inside under compartments and in reveal below footlocker
- Includes three vent areas on back of locker with screens for HVAC system

"We've had great success with GearBoss products and they've been competitive with every bid, whether it's a new locker room or a remodel," Ellison says.

Custom by sport

Wenger has created GearBoss custom solutions for many of the University of Minnesota locker rooms. The softball team wanted a space for bat bags. The hockey teams wanted special hooks for skates. The women's soccer team wanted a storage compartment behind the seat to allow for folding chair storage. No problem for GearBoss.

"We sit down with the equipment manager and work with the GearBoss Team on the design," says Ellison. "They come back to us with a mock up and we can tweak it from there. They make the process easy."

FEATURES BY SPORT

ELIZABETH LYLE ROBBIE STADIUM – WOMEN'S SOCCER



- 20"W, contour side profile, cherry antimicrobial laminate/edge with black padded hinged seat
- Security cubby with digital lock; includes duplex outlet w/USB ports inside
- Six single garment hooks with U of M "M" laser cut into hooks
- Storage compartment behind the seat to allow for folding chair storage
- U of M "M" vent plate on front of footlocker illuminated by light located under the seat

ATHLETES VILLAGE/BIERMAN FIELD ATHLETIC BUILDING – BASEBALL



- Mix of 32"W player, 24"W manager lockers, plus custom corner bag storage cabinet, straight side profile, solar oak antimicrobial laminate/edge with black padded hinged seat
- Includes extended height side and back panels to allow for additional storage on top of locker
- Security cubby with digital lock, includes a duplex outlet w/USB ports; and an open cubby
- Includes a full width garment bar with two single hooks with U of M "M" laser cut into hook; gold vinyl behind
- U of M "M" vent plate on front of footlocker illuminated by light located under the seat

ATHLETES VILLAGE/BIERMAN FIELD ATHLETIC BUILDING – SOFTBALL



- 32"W, straight side profile, fusion maple antimicrobial laminate/edge with black padded hinged seat
- Custom extra deep lockers
- Locker has double tuck back pocket doors with gold/maroon painted cast U of M "M" split handles
- Inside main middle section of locker is a security cubby with digital lock, includes a duplex outlet w/USB ports; includes an open cubby with a short garment bar below
- Includes four single hooks with U of M "M" laser cut into hook; gold vinyl behind
- Storage space located behind the seat for softball bags
- U of M "M" vent plate on front of footlocker illuminated by light located under the seat

WILLIAMS ARENA – WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



- 32"W, straight side profile, cherry antimicrobial laminate/edge with black padded hinged seat
- Attic storage with two side compartments with silver cast U of M "M" split handle, center section ready to receive screens provided by the University for use as video nameplates and "GOPHERS" branding
- Locker has double tuck back pocket doors with handles
- Inside main middle section of locker is a security cubby with digital lock, includes a duplex outlet w/USB ports; includes an open cubby with a short garment bar below
- Includes four single hooks with U of M "M" laser cut into hook; gold vinyl behind
- U of M "M" vent plate on front of footlocker illuminated by light located under the seat

MATURI PAVILION – WOMEN’S VOLLEYBALL



- 34"W, straight side profile, cherry antimicrobial laminate/edge with black padded hinged seat
- Attic storage with two side compartments with doors/handles, center section ready to receive screens provided by the University for use as video nameplate, includes lettering "GOPHERS" branding
- Locker has double tuck back pocket doors with handles; right side door has large mirror affixed to the inside of door
- Inside main middle section of locker is a security cubby with digital lock, includes a duplex outlet w/USB ports; includes an open cubby with a short garment bar below
- Includes four single hooks with U of M "M" laser cut into hook; gold vinyl behind
- U of M "M" vent plate on front of footlocker illuminated by light located under the seat

3M ARENA AT MARIUCCI – MEN’S HOCKEY



- 30"W player & 42"W goalie lockers, custom cut back side profile and slanted sides as needed to fit curvature of the walls within the room, amber cherry antimicrobial laminate/edge with maroon padded fixed seat and back pad
- Includes two open top shelf storage compartments
- Custom skate hooks with U of M "M" laser cut into design mounted at second shelf level
- Includes LED back lit acrylic marquee nameplate ready to receive U of M artwork
- Main open seating/storage area includes custom jersey hook to hang equipment and four single hooks with U of M "M" laser cut into design, gold vinyl behind hooks; LED light illuminating seating area
- Fixed padded seat and seat back; seat back pad offset 18" from back of locker, includes a flip up hinged storage shelf located behind seat for storage area
- Footlocker includes a pull out drawer, U of M "M" vent plate, illuminated by LED light located under the seat
- Locker has four ducts connections in locker to building HVAC system to draw air out of locker to help eliminate locker room odors
- Men's hockey also has dry stall lockers in an adjacent space 18"W, same color laminate with single swing door, U of M "M" vinyl logo applied and low profile handle; inside includes, two single hooks, security cubby with duplex outlet w/USB ports and open shelving for street clothes, shoes and personal items
- Men's hockey also has 30"W coaches lockers with multiple compartments, skate hooks, garment hooks, maroon hinged padded seat with U of M "M" vent plate on front of footlocker.

RIDDER ARENA – WOMEN’S HOCKEY



- 28"W player & 38.5"W goalie lockers, custom curved side profile and slanted sides as needed to fit curvature of the walls within the room, Wenger maple antimicrobial laminate/edge with maroon padded fixed seat and back pad with vintage Ghost Goldy hockey logo screen printed on back pad
- Includes two open top shelf storage compartments with side vents;
- Custom skate hooks mounted at second shelf level
- Includes LED back lit acrylic marquee nameplate ready to receive U of M artwork
- Main open seating/storage area includes custom hooks to hang equipment; LED light illuminating seating area
- Fixed padded seat and seat back; seat back pad offset from back of locker, includes a storage shelf located behind seat
- Footlocker includes a pull out drawer with sloped front, U of M "M" vent plate, illuminated by LED light located under the seat
- Women's hockey also has dry stall lockers in an adjacent space 14"W, same color laminate with tuck back door and flush mount handle; inside includes a garment bar, two single hooks, security cubby with USB outlet, storage drawer and open shelving for street clothes, shoes and personal items

GIBSON-NAGURSKI FOOTBALL COMPLEX – FORMER HOME OF FOOTBALL PRACTICE LOCKERS



- 36"W, cut back side profile, Monticello maple antimicrobial laminate/edge with black padded hinged seat
- Includes an attic storage compartment for shoulder pads; LED light inside to back light the acrylic insert in attic door (three alternating designs on acrylic inserts: MINNESOTA, GOLDEN GOPHERS, Goldy image); attic door with handle hinged on top with pull down assist
- Security cubby with digital lock; includes duplex outlet w/USB ports inside; Open helmet cubby illuminated with LED light; Space provided for University provided tablets to be used for highlights and nameplate area
- Short garment bar located below tablet area; includes four single hooks; garment storage area illuminated with LED light
- Includes a maroon diamond plate sheet on the back panel with large U of M "M" logo applied
- Footlocker with football shaped vent plate and SKI-U-MAH laser cut into the design, illuminated by LED light located under the seat
- Attic and footlocker connected to building HVAC system to draw air out of locker to help eliminate locker room odors
- This original practice facility also included similar coaches lockers



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