



Ahrend Qabin Collection

Easily and quickly customise your working environment

Install fixed walls or a free-standing acoustic box in an open working environment? Many companies wonder what the best solution is. It depends on the situation. Arcadis looked into this by comparing the Ahrend Qabin with a walled space in the following respects:

Implementation

Qabins are easier to add to an existing space than walls. Delivery time is shorter, they can be flexibly placed in the room and it is easy to integrate them spatially. Only one contractor is needed for construction and installation and it can be done in one day. The Qabin is completely relocatable and not dependent on building factors such as ceilings and window frames.

Comfort

When it comes to comfort aspects such as sound insulation, a built-in space generally performs better. Because the upholstered lining in the Qabin reduces reverberation, the Qabin shows better results on reverberation time.

Sustainability

The Qabin is designed from a sustainability perspective. The parts can be disassembled, making them replaceable and reusable. The boxes consist in part of recycled material (40%) and much of the material used is recyclable (93%).





Functionality

A built-in space performs better in terms of (wheelchair) accessibility and a sense of privacy. The Qabin can be placed flexibly in the room. When use and occupancy of the office change, the Qabin can be moved. The dimensions of the Qabin are tailored to the functional requirements and are no greater than necessary.

Investment

When comparing costs, it is important to look at factors other than purchase price. For most types of Qabins, the purchase price exceeds the cost of erecting walls. On the other hand, moving, relocating or updating a Qabin is up to six times cheaper than retrofitting a built-in space. In addition, Qabins have a greater residual value.

Conclusion

The research shows that both systems can be a good choice and that circumstances determine which system is preferable. Qabins are the most effective solution to flexibly adapt the working environment quickly, cost-effectively and without major modifications.

Schematic overview of the scores on the aspects considered that may influence the choice of a Qabin or built space.

