Sofa, armchair and bench *dimensions*

Overall and seat dimensions for sofas, armchairs, ottomans and benches, each with its datum, and the door, corner and ceiling checks for delivery. Overall sizes are typical practice for the workshop to confirm.

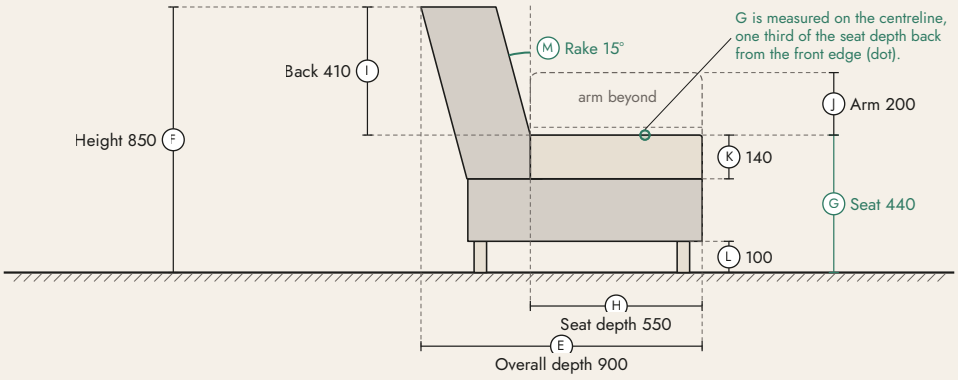
Compliance guidance. The only regulated figures are door widths from Approved Document M, Volume 2 (2015 edition with 2020 and 2024 amendments, England), Table 2: minimums for accessible doors in new work, not the width of the doors you will meet. The delivery checks are geometry, not a guarantee. Guidance only.

AT A GLANCE

Piece	Overall width	Overall depth	Overall height	Seat height; seat depth	Arm above seat	Basis
Armchair	750 to 1,000	800 to 1,000	750 to 900	400 to 450; 500 to 650	130 to 200	Typical practice. Seat figures from our seat sheet.
Two-seater	From 1,600	850 to 1,050	750 to 900	400 to 450; 500 to 650	130 to 200	160 cm loveseat: our sofas page. The rest typical.
Three-seater or longer	Up to 2,400 for three	850 to 1,050	750 to 900	400 to 450; 500 to 650	130 to 200	240 cm three-seater: our sofas page. Longer: see the length table.
Corner or L-shaped	Set by the room, in modules	As a sofa, per run	As a sofa	As a sofa	As a sofa	Built as separate modules (our sofas page).
Coffee-table ottoman	800 to 1,200 square	Square	380 to 450	Firm top	None	Our ottomans page; height as a coffee table.
Hall bench	1,100 to 1,800 long	350 to 450	Seat 420 to 460	Seat 420 to 460	None	Length: our ottomans page. Depth typical.
Window seat (fitted)	The window opening	500 to 550	Seat 420 to 460	Seat 420 to 460	None	Our window seats page.

Millimetres, from the finished floor; seat height is the loaded seat, measured as the drawing shows. Overall width, depth and height are typical practice for our partner upholsterers to confirm; the 160 and 240 cm sofa lengths, the ottoman and bench lengths and the window-seat height are the figures on our own pages.

A SOFA IN SECTION



Letters: E overall depth, F overall height, G loaded seat height, H seat depth, I back height, J arm height, K cushion, L leg, M rake. To scale.

CARRYING A THREE-SEATER, 2,200 X 900 X 850

Carried	Through the door	Plan footprint	Passages at a square turn
Upright, end first	900 x 850	2,200 x 900	1,420 or more
On its back, end first	850 x 900	2,200 x 850	1,380 or more
On its end	850 x 2,200	900 x 850	920 or more

Rigid box, level, no packaging: a screening step. Standing it up needs a ceiling above 2,360 to 2,380 mm.

SPECIFICATION WORDING

SOFA OR ARMCHAIR: OVERALL AND SEAT

Overall length [2,200] mm, overall depth [900] mm and overall height [850] mm to the top of the back, measured from finished floor level, tolerance [ ] mm. Finished seat height [440] mm to the top of the loaded cushion, measured on the centreline one third of the seat depth back from the front edge (unloaded [ ] mm). Seat depth [550] mm to the face of the back at seat level. Seat width per place [600] mm centre to centre. Arm height [200] mm above the loaded seat. Seat cushion thickness [140] mm as sat on. Leg height [100] mm. Back rake [ ] degrees from vertical. Sizes confirmed on [a mock-up or the approved shop drawing] before production.

SECTIONAL IN MODULES

Sofa supplied as [3] modules joined on site, split as shown on drawing [ref]. Largest module [ ] x [ ] x [ ] mm. Modules to be joined by [fixing type] and the covers matched across the joins. The supplier is to state which splits are required for delivery and whether the sofa can be reconfigured after installation.

DELIVERY ACCESS

Delivery route as surveyed on [date]: narrowest effective clear door width [ ] mm and height [ ] mm, stair clear width [ ] mm and headroom [ ] mm, lift car [ ] x [ ] x [ ] mm, tightest turn [ ] mm either side. The supplier is to confirm in writing before production that each piece, or each module, passes the route in its packaging, and to state any removable parts or splits needed. Effective clear width is measured as defined in Approved Document M, Volume 2, Diagram 9.

OTTOMAN OR BENCH

[Ottoman or bench] [1,000] x [1,000] mm and [430] mm high to the top of the loaded cushion, measured from finished floor level. Top to be [firm enough to carry a tray]. Cover and fill as [reference]. Height confirmed against the seat it serves on [a mock-up or the approved shop drawing].

TERMS USED

Finished seat height

The height of the top of the upholstered seat above the finished floor. It is different unloaded and when sat on, because foam and feather compress, so drawings should state which one they mean.

Back rake

The angle of the backrest. It can be measured from the vertical or as the angle between seat and back, so the drawing must say which; the two conventions give very different numbers.

Effective clear width

The usable width of a door opening, measured at right angles to the wall from the outside of the door stop on the closing side to any obstruction on the hinge side, whether the open door, its stop or its ironmongery. Approved Document M, Volume 2, defines it for accessible doors.

Module

One separately built section of a sectional or corner sofa. Modules are joined on site, so each must pass the delivery route on its own.

STANDARDS AND SOURCES

- Approved Document M, Volume 2 (2015 edition with 2020 and 2024 amendments, England): paragraphs 2.13(b) and 3.10(b), Table 2 and Diagram 9 read.
- BS EN 16139:2025: non-domestic seating strength and durability; its informative dimensions annex was not read.
- Make Bespoke Studio: sofas, ottomans and benches, window seats, delivery: source of the lengths and the bench and window-seat figures.
- Make Bespoke Studio technical library: Delivery access survey: the corner and tip-up tests used above.

Full guide: https://makebespoke.com/trade/technical/sofa-armchair-and-bench-dimensions. Make Bespoke Studio coordinates manufacture through its partner workshops. Figures are guidance only and your specification governs; some may be superseded, so contact the studio to verify.