Wardrobe and dressing room *internal dimensions*

No standard fixes the inside of a wardrobe, and the sources disagree. This sheet gives each range with its reason, a dimensioned wardrobe, the room widths for walk-in layouts, and wording for a specification.

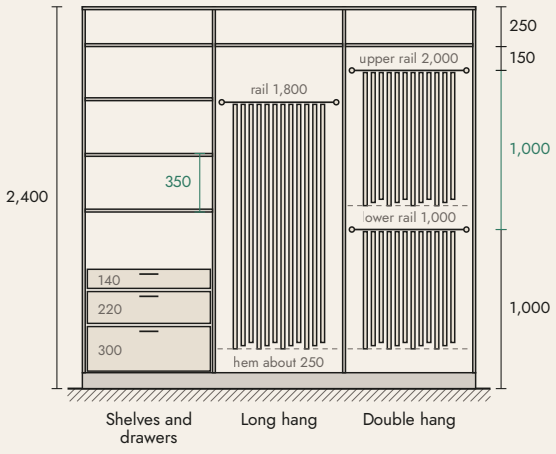
Compliance guidance. Rail, shelf, drawer and aisle figures are conventions, not a standard. Part M and space standard references are from the editions named below, read 5 November 2026: check the current edition and building control. Not legal or access advice.

AT A GLANCE

Dimension	Range in circulation, mm	Reason
Clear depth, hinged doors	550 to 650; 600 usual	A hanger is commonly 400 to 450 wide, plus room front and back. Rail about 300 from the back.
Extra depth, sliding doors	50 to 100	Two tracks and the overlap of the leaves. Ask for the track section.
Single rail, long hang	1,650 to 1,900	Longest coat or dress, plus hanger drop and hem clearance.
Double hang: lower / upper rail	850 to 1,050 / 1,800 to 2,100	Rails 900 to 1,050 apart. Shelf 100 to 150 above the top rail, to lift hangers on and off.
Folded shelves	350 to 400 deep; 300 to 400 pitch	Stacks stay visible and within reach.
Drawers	Fronts 100 to 150, 200 to 250, 300 to 400; 450 to 550 deep	Underwear and accessories; shirts and knitwear; bulky knitwear.
Shoe shelves	130 to 200 pitch; 300 to 350 deep	Flats and heels; boots need more height.
Door leaf width	Hinged 500 to 600; sliding 900 to 1,000	A wider leaf loads hinges or tracks.
Walk-in aisle; island	Aisle 1,000 minimum, 1,200 comfortable; island 900 to 1,000 clear all round	Two people passing; matches our walk-in wardrobes page.

Millimetres, heights from the finished floor. Conventions from fitter and designer guides, not standards; they disagree.

WARDROBE INTERIOR, IN MILLIMETRES



Example heights in mm from the finished floor. Not a rule: the longest garment sets each rail.

RAIL HEIGHT AND ROOM WIDTH: THE SUMS

- Long hang: plinth + hem clearance + garment + hanger drop = 100 + 150 + 1,400 + 150 = 1,800. Double hang: rail to rail = garment + drop + about 100 = 750 + 150 + 100 = 1,000.
- Room width = run depths + aisles (+ island). With 600 mm runs and a 1,000 mm aisle: single wall 1,600; galley 2,200; with a 600 mm island 3,800. With a 1,200 mm aisle: 1,800; 2,400; 4,200.

PART M AND THE SPACE STANDARD

Part M volume 1 (2015 edition, 2016 amendments) draws a double wardrobe 600 by 1,200 mm for layouts (Appendix D) and asks for a 1,000 mm zone in front of bedroom furniture in wheelchair user dwellings (3.35). No rail, shelf or drawer sizes. England only.

SPECIFICATION WORDING

RAILS AND DEPTH

Hanging rail [25] mm tube, centre [1,800] mm above finished floor for long hang; double hang lower [1,000] and upper [2,000] mm; centred in the clear depth, [300] mm from the back panel; not less than [100] mm to the shelf above. Longest garment: [1,400] mm long hang, [750] mm short hang. Clear internal depth [600] mm from the back panel to the inside face of the closed door; sliding doors add [75] mm for the track zone. Door leaves not wider than [600] mm hinged, [1,000] mm sliding.

SHELVES, DRAWERS AND CLEARANCES

Shelves [18] mm, [380] mm deep, adjustable, pitch [350] mm. Drawers internal [800] wide x [500] deep, fronts [140 / 220 / 300] mm, full-extension soft-close runners rated for [ ] kg. Dressing room: clear aisle between facing fronts, doors and drawers closed, not less than [1,000] mm; island clearance not less than [900] mm all round; door swing not to cross the aisle. Dimensions to be confirmed against the client's garment and shoe list [attached] and a mock-up of [one bay] before production; the drawing governs over any catalogue figure.

TERMS USED

Clear depth

The space inside a wardrobe from the back panel to the inside face of the closed door, as opposed to the overall depth of the carcase.

Hanger drop

The distance from the centre of the hanging rail down to the shoulder line of a garment on its hanger. It is added to the garment's length when setting a rail height.

STANDARDS AND SOURCES

- Approved Document M volume 1 (England), 2015 edition incorporating 2016 amendments: Appendix D; paragraphs 2.25, 3.20, 3.26 and 3.35. Read November 2026.
- Nationally Described Space Standard (DCLG, March 2015, amended 19 May 2016): paragraph 10(h). Read November 2026.
- Approved Document B Volumes 1 and 2 (England), 2019 edition with amendments to 2026: Volume 1 paragraph 4.3(d); Volume 2 paragraph 6.3(d). Read November 2026.
- BS EN 16122 and BS EN 14749, storage furniture: named only; not read.

Full guide: https://makebespoke.com/trade/technical/wardrobe-and-dressing-room-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.