

# PRODUCT NEWS

SPACESAVER CORPORATION

## RETRACTABLE BREADBOARD BENCHES

### A space-saving solution for locker rooms

#### THE DESIGN CHALLENGE

A county law enforcement agency in southern California presented a tough challenge to their local Spacesaver affiliate. They were constructing a new locker room as part of an expansion project, but they needed to increase the number of lockers that had been specified in the project plans, and they wanted to increase the width of the lockers a full six inches from 12" to 18" to better accommodate the items they needed to store. They also wanted to add benches to the final plans.

It sounded like an impossible mission. They needed to fit more lockers that required a wider footprint into the space allowed for their new locker room -- and they wanted to add benches.

#### THE SPACE-SAVING SOLUTION

Knowing that typical benches would encroach on the minimum allowable aisle space, the local Spacesaver affiliate devised a creative solution: Spacesaver could create and install lockers with retractable benches. Each bench could be stored inside its locker frame and pulled out as needed throughout the locker room. This solution would eliminate wasted space and free up the aisles.

Spacesaver engineers produced a prototype and, after tests for weight load and other improvements, the retractable benches, called breadboard benches, were installed in the locker rooms.

The Freestyle® Retractable Breadboard Bench allows staff to stow the benches inside the locker space when not in use and extend them when needed. The benches also allowed project designers to reduce the depth of each locker by 12", which meant that more rows of lockers could fit into the locker room without compromising comfort or convenience. This allowed the department to not only install more lockers, but also to increase the width of the lockers to fit the officers' storage requirements.



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