Office spaces are changing, and we’re now using more smartphones and tablets than ever before.

More than one third of office workers (35%) use 3 or more different devices that require power/charging at work. Toggling back and forth so often, employees can’t risk losing battery or connectivity. Their productivity depends on it. Architects, specifiers, designers and facility managers need to implement a power and charging solution that really addresses what frustrates employees the most.

Based on proprietary data collected online by Harris Poll, here are the 5 old habits for office power and charging that can destroy a good, otherwise productive, office space.

OVER THREE QUARTERS OF OFFICE WORKERS (77%) FIND ISSUES RELATED TO POWER/CHARGING OPTIONS IN THEIR WORKPLACE FRUSTRATING.
THE OLD CAN’T HANDLE THE NEW

Traditional outlets aren’t enough anymore. Eliminate the bulky adapter. Explore combination receptacles that include both USB ports and traditional outlets, or even all USB options, including USB-A and USB-C.

YOU’RE STILL OBSESSED WITH THE WALL

When asked if having easily accessible power/charging options is a high priority in their office, 2 out of 3 workers said yes. And what do they mean? It’s not 1980. You need more than just outlets in the wall.

YOU’RE SETTLING FOR “JUST ENOUGH”

You better have plenty of places to charge. And this is because we’re charging so much: Nearly half of office workers (46%) charge devices more than one time per day at work, with nearly one quarter (24%) stating they do so 3 or more times per day. Demand is high, so quantity matters.

MORE THAN 4 IN 5 (83%) OFFICE WORKERS believe it would be more convenient to have an easily accessible USB port to power/charge devices than to have to use a USB adapter on a traditional outlet.

MORE THAN 4 IN 5 OFFICE WORKERS (81%) would prefer power/charging options to be directly on their desk/workstation rather than on the floor/wall.

33% OF WORKERS identified not having enough outlets and ports available in the office as a main issue.
42% Of Office Workers consider tangled power cords and cables an issue.

NEVERENDING NESTS OF TANGLED CORDS

We’ve all struggled with a giant pile of tangled wires or cords. It’s not fun. This frustration shouldn’t hold anyone back. A structured cord and cable solution can help detangle the mess and keep productivity at a high.

OUTLETS & USB PORTS THAT KILL DEVICES (OR WORSE)

With so many options on the market, you may be tempted to reach for cheaper alternatives. But outlets and ports need to be reliable and safe. Don’t take it for granted that electrical systems will work. Look for options with extensive testing that meet the codes you need them to.

If you spec discount products, they can wear down – CAUSING PLUGS TO FALL OUT.

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