



Table Buying Tips

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Shopping for a pool table need not be a daunting experience. Preparation and education before venturing out can help make the experience pain free and even fun. Some points to consider:

Room size. Ideally an eight foot table requires thirteen and a half feet by seventeen feet to play comfortably. Measure your room before shopping.



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What looks like a good deal on the internet may be anything but. Additional costs for shipping, hiring an installer, and accessories need to be considered. What is the recourse if you don't like the stain, the quality is poor, or it is not what you were expecting? Tables weigh about 800 pounds. Do you just pack it up and send it back? Buying locally has many advantages.

Bring wood, carpet and paint samples with you to match with the table and to pick cloth color.

Functionally pool tables have three main components: slate, frame and cushions. **Not all are created equal.** A knowledgeable sales rep should be able to explain the importance of all and what differentiates the good from the bad. Take the time to ask questions.

Always ask to read the 'written lifetime warranty'. A reputable company should be willing to stand by their product and their warranty will reflect that. Make sure the

'lifetime' warranty includes the things that are really important, for example the cushion rubber. What good is a 'lifetime' warranty that includes only a three to five year warranty for the cushions? There is no play value in rails where the rubber has hardened, plus they are costly to redo.

Look carefully at the finish of the tables. A big red flag would be tables already chipping and scratching. Ask about the process behind the finishing and the wood used. 'All wood' doesn't necessarily mean REAL wood. Know what you're getting.

Finally ask to be shown the accessories that come with the table. There are different quality accessory packages out there. A package with decent cues, quality balls, and other necessary items will enhance your playing enjoyment. The package should also include all the tools needed to maintain your table and cues. Is the accessory package included in the price of the table?

Pool is a wonderful family game that can be enjoyed by all ages. The table itself should be a piece of furniture that enhances the room and can be appreciated for many years.

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They also offer a free home lesson with the purchase of any table. They invite you to come and meet them, browse their showroom and let them help answer any of your questions. It would be their pleasure to serve you.



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