

COMMERCIAL TREADMILL BUYER'S GUIDE

WHAT TO KNOW BEFORE YOU BUY.

A commercial treadmill is an investment in equipment that may see hundreds or thousands of workouts. The right machine isn't simply the one with the biggest motor or highest price tag—it needs to match your users, traffic, facility, electrical supply and service expectations.



01 START WITH DUTY LEVEL



LIGHT COMMERCIAL

Best suited for lower-use environments such as smaller apartment communities, hotels, corporate wellness rooms and other facilities with controlled traffic.

FULL COMMERCIAL

Designed for higher-use environments such as health clubs, universities, recreation centers and heavily used multifamily facilities.



DEPOT TIP // Check the manufacturer's actual warranty classification. A treadmill advertised as "commercial" doesn't necessarily carry a full commercial warranty in every facility type.

02 CHECK THE RUNNING SURFACE



Running surface dimensions affect comfort—especially for taller users and runners with longer strides.

Look at:

- Belt width and length
- Deck construction
- Cushioning system
- Maximum user weight
- Step-up height



Don't evaluate the footprint alone. Two similarly sized treadmills can provide very different usable running areas.

03 DON'T SHOP BY HORSEPOWER ALONE



Motor specifications are useful, but they don't tell the whole story.

A commercial treadmill is a complete drive system.

Consider the motor, motor controller, rollers, belt, deck, cooling and overall engineering together.



**BIGGER NUMBER
≠ AUTOMATICALLY
BETTER TREADMILL**

04 KNOW YOUR POWER REQUIREMENTS



Before ordering, verify:

- ✓ Voltage
- ✓ Amperage
- ✓ Plug/Receptacle
- ✓ Dedicated Circuit Requirements

Multiple treadmills can significantly affect the electrical plan for a fitness room.



BEFORE DELIVERY // Have the required electrical service installed and confirmed before the equipment arrives.

05 THINK ABOUT SERVICE BEFORE YOU NEED IT



Commercial cardio equipment will eventually require maintenance.

Before purchasing, ask:

- Are replacement parts readily available?
- Is technical documentation available?
- Can the machine be serviced without major disassembly?
- Is qualified service available in your area?
- How long does the manufacturer support replacement parts?



A lower purchase price can quickly lose its advantage if the treadmill becomes difficult to maintain.

06 READ THE WARRANTY FOR YOUR FACILITY



Don't stop at the headline warranty.

Check coverage for:

- ✓ Frame
- ✓ Motor
- ✓ Electronics
- ✓ Parts
- ✓ Labor
- ✓ Wear Items

Also verify that your facility type and intended use qualify for the stated warranty. Residential, light-commercial and full-commercial coverage can be very different.

07 PLAN THE ROOM, NOT JUST THE MACHINE



Your treadmill needs more space than its published dimensions.

Account for:

- ✓ User Access
- ✓ Recommended Safety Clearance
- ✓ Electrical Location
- ✓ Service Access
- ✓ Traffic Flow



Never determine rear safety clearance from appearance alone. Follow the treadmill manufacturer's installation and safety requirements.

— BEFORE YOU BUY —

- ☐ Confirm intended facility/use
- ☐ Estimate expected traffic
- ☐ Verify treadmill dimensions
- ☐ Verify manufacturer-required clearances
- ☐ Confirm electrical requirements
- ☐ Review commercial warranty coverage
- ☐ Confirm parts and service support
- ☐ Check delivery path and doorway dimensions
- ☐ Plan installation and final placement



THE DEPOT RULE

BUY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT—NOT THE SPEC SHEET.

The best commercial treadmill is the one appropriately matched to the people using it, the amount they'll use it, the facility supporting it and the team responsible for keeping it running.



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