Perimeter Style vs. Wall Panel Style

When designing with Runtal, there are two main layout options employed: perimeter style or wall panel style.

Perimeter Style

Running long lengths of Runtal radiation wall-to-wall or column-to-column is the most popular layout option for commercial and institutional applications. Since the entire length of a Runtal panel is the active heating element, perimeter style Runtal spreads the heat out along the entire perimeter, giving wall-to-wall comfort. Runtal builds radiators in even 2” increments up to 29'-6" in length, so most applications can be served by a custom-sized single long panel, tailored to fit the perimeter space. Typically a pipe trim is provided on each end to hide the connecting piping and valves.

Wall Panel Style

Placing individual wall panels in a room, usually centered under windows, is a more “Euro-style” look for utilizing Runtal. This style is most popular in renovations of old buildings, where individual windows are placed at intervals along the exterior walls, or where niches were originally provided for old cast iron radiators. For the wall panel style radiator, the piping connections to the radiator are typically done with decorative shut-off valves, and no pipe trim covers are used. Depending on the Runtal model chosen, the radiators can either help to modernize the look of the room, or compliment the original classic style of the space.