



**Victorian Gingerbread** embellishments, loved by so many, have all but disappeared from our landscape. The original gingerbread, with layers of paint became too much of a maintenance problem. The new wood replacements are likely to rot and paint will not last any longer on the new ones. So, the cycle starts again.

### **Why? Durabrac®**

- Our customers choose Durabrac Architectural components for durability with low maintenance, combined with creative designs that are available in many sizes. It's in our name, durable brackets.
- Our customers use Durabrac architectural components to eliminate potential rot and maintenance problems experienced by painted wood components when exposed to the elements.
- Durabrac components have the weight and feel of wood.
- Durabrac components are resilient, with white ultraviolet protecting pigment throughout. Durabrac components stand up to all weather, be it wind, water or sun.
- Durabrac components have a satin finish without that plastic look or feel. The dense nature of the material provides excellent fastener holding ability.
- Moisture is never a problem, leave them white and never worry.

### **Want to paint?**

Something all artists know is that color is as important as composition. Paint your components soft or paint them bright.... Painting is to do it right. A painted component is much easier to keep clean.

The natural flat white surface of Durabrac components makes for excellent painting adhesion.

A painted Durabrac component will resist **peeling, checking** or **cracking**.

## **The Material**

The raw material used to manufacture Durabrac Architectural components is cellular PVC (vinyl). We manufacture with the most common thicknesses of 3/4" and 1".

All Vinyl is not created equal. The uniformity of the core, the way it is manufactured, and the quality of the stabilizers that are added are the key factors we use in selecting material.

Durabrac components have a surface density similar to pine. Since the vinyl we use has about the same strength in all directions, it has more resistance against breakage. More than once, customers thought we sent them wood components that were primed white.

Durabrac components are not as rigid as wood over distance. This allows running trim and spandrel to be installed on a curve.

Durabrac components do not absorb water so they will not rot or crack.

Latex paint aggressively adheres to Durabrac components. Because moisture can not get behind the painted surface, a properly applied finish will not peel, crack, or check.

## **Alteration**

Durabrac components can be altered with most common woodworking tools. It is important that your tools are sharp. Dull tools create heat that will soften the material and create a rough finish.

You do not have to pre-drill for small nails and screws. The cellular makeup of the material is not prone to splitting. Pre-drilling is encouraged but not required for most Durabrac installation.