

COMPARISON CHART

PVC/VINYL vs WOOD vs POLYURETHANE FOAM

A comparison of the three materials for durability, sustainability, maintenance and longevity shows that PVC/Vinyl is the overall top choice.

| FEATURES | PVC/VINYL | WOOD | POLYURETHANE FOAM |
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| Maintenance Free | ✓ | | |
| Expansion/Contraction | minimal | minimal – varies with humidity levels | 15% more than PVC/Vinyl |
| Fire Rating | Class A | Class B | Class C |
| No Noticeable Fading/Yellowing | ✓ | | |
| Easy to Customize Designs or Sizes | ✓ | ✓ | can be costly due to the use of molds/forms needed to create the product |
| Water Resistant | ✓ | | ✓ |
| Paintable or Stainable | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Must be Painted or Stained | can be left in natural state | ✓ | ✓ |
| No Special Tools Required for Installation | ✓ | ✓ | |
| No Pre-Drilling Required | ✓ | | ✓ |
| No Special Fasteners or Adhesives Required | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Easy to Trim or Notch in the Field | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Scratch and Puncture Resistant | ✓ surface density is 55lb/ft ³ | ✓ surface density is 23lb/ft ³ | surface density is 15lb/ft ³ |
| Cleans Easily | ✓ | | |
| Dry Rot Free | ✓ | | ✓ |
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