

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
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	✓	✓	
Impervious to Burrowing or Drilling Insects, Bees, Birds	✓		
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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