

DECKING MATERIALS COMPARISON

| | CHOICEDEK® | TREATED WOOD | PVC | CAPPED COMPOSITE |
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| Warranty | ✓ Limited Lifetime | 10-15 Years | ✓ Lifetime | ✓ 25 Years - Lifetime |
| Eco-Friendliness | ✓ 95% Recycled Content; No harmful chemicals | Can be recycled; May contain harmful preservatives and chemicals | Artificial, chemical product | Most brands <75% Recycled Content; May contain chemicals in cap |
| Water Application | ✓ Can be installed with water contact | Not recommended for constant contact with water | ✓ Can be installed with water contact | ✓ Can be installed near water, with little contact |
| Durability | ✓ Resists rot, warping, splintering and termite damage | Susceptible to rot, splintering, warping and termite damage | ✓ Resists rot, warping, splintering and termite damage | ✓ Resists rot, warping, splintering and termite damage |
| Economical | ✓ \$\$ | ✓ \$ | \$\$\$\$ | \$\$\$ |
| Maintenance | ✓ 2-4 hours cleaning per year | 16-32 hours cleaning, painting and staining per year | ✓ 1-2 hours cleaning per year | ✓ 2-4 hours cleaning per year |
| Appearance | ✓ Natural-looking wood-grain embossing | ✓ Traditional timber appearance | Uniform, synthetic appearance | Smooth, plastic surface with embossing |
| Slip Resistance | ✓ 0.59 dry/0.92 wet <small>*Coefficient of Friction. Higher number represents better slip resistance.</small> | 0.25-0.50 dry/0.2 wet | 0.48 dry/0.75 wet | 0.58 dry/0.56 wet |
| Fade Resistance | ✓ Limited Lifetime Warranty (Premium) | Requires continued painting and sealing to maintain color | ✓ Minimal fade; 25-Year Fade and Stain Warranty | ✓ Minimal fade; some brands offer 25-Year Fade and Stain Warranty |
| Scratch Resistance | ✓ Semi-porous, can scratch but will naturally weather out | Porous surface will scratch easily | ✓ Non-porous, highly resistant to scratch | ✓ Non-porous surface, highly resistant to scratch |
| Workability | ✓ Can be ripped, routed and bent to fit any space | ✓ Can be ripped and routed, but difficult to bend | Cannot be ripped or routed, requires special tools to bend | Cannot be ripped or routed, requires special tools to bend |

*Data for treated wood, PVC and capped composites was acquired from various sources. This chart is intended to summarize the characteristics of each individual decking category and does not reflect one particular brand.