

# Does It Really Matter What Shutters Are Made Of?

It Really Wouldn't Except That Shutters Are Solid Panels That Have To Swing Open On Hinges, Be Easy To Clean And Withstand The Humidity And The Hot Sun In Your Windows.

(Here's A Quick Comparison Of The 5 Most Common Shutter Types)

	Vinyl Clad Wood	Poly Foam	Hollow Vinyl	Wood	Coated MDF
<b>Construction→ Attributes ↓</b>	Solid wood covered with vinyl	Foam vinyl reinforced with metal	Hollow vinyl with vinyl ribs for support	Painted wood	Wood/paper fiber mixed in glue and coated
<b>Surface</b>	✓ Durable Rigid vinyl surface Won't scratch, fade, peel or crack	● Foam Surface scratches	✓ Durable Rigid surface Won't scratch, fade or peel	✗ Painted surface fades, cracks, peels and needs repairing	✗ Thin coated surface peels off MDF base Poor orange peel surface finish
<b>Structure</b>	✓ Solid wood structure Works just like a wood shutter	● Heavy louvers warp and panels sag Requires divider rails Limited to smaller panels	✗ Flimsy panels wobble in operation Requires T-posts and divider rails	✓ Solid construction and smooth operation	✗ A very heavy shutter that sags due to weak structure Swelling & warpage occur in moisture due to painted louver edges
<b>Tilt Rod Attachment to Louvers</b>	✓ Tilt rods attached with rigid hooks that will never pull out	✗ Tilt rod staples pull out	✗ Flimsy nylon hooks pull out of louvers	✗ Tilt rod staples pull out	✗ Staples in soft MDF louvers pull out quickly
<b>Louvers and Tilt Rods are Easily Replaceable</b>	✓ Louvers/tilt rods are easily replaceable on job site	✗ Louvers/tilt rods are not replaceable on job site	✗ Louvers/tilt rods are not easily replaceable on job site	✗ Louvers/tilt rods are not replaceable on job site	✗ Louvers/tilt rods are not replaceable on job site
<b>Ease of Cleaning/Maintenance Free</b>	✓ Very Easy to Clean and Maintenance Free	✗ Easy to clean but Not maintenance free	✓ Easy to clean but Not maintenance free	✗ Not easy to clean Not maintenance free	✗ Coated surface will peel with frequent cleaning Not maintenance free
<b>Over all Rating</b>	✓ 5/5	✗ 2/5	✗ 2/5	✗ 1/5	✗ 0/5

✓ Best ● Fair ✗ Poor

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