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If you are looking to add cooling shade or aesthetic flair to Your Luxury Home Patio Cover, there is no better option than an eye-appealing Custom Pergola. But, with so many options regarding materials to build with, there comes potential pitfalls and frustrations.

**Question:** What kind of materials are commonly used to build a Pergola, and how can I choose the [best pergola material](#)

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**A:** While pergolas have been made of different types of wood for years, two of the most popular choices in today's Pergola market are Vinyl and Cellular PVC. There are several reasons why the pergola market has gravitated toward Vinyl and Cellular PVC, not the least of which is the desire for low-maintenance materials. Both Vinyl and Cellular PVC have come to be known as excellent low-maintenance products that weather the elements well, however that is where the similarities end.

**Question:** Mine is a Luxury Home, and I want the beauty of the outdoor of my home to reflect our exquisite sense of taste that's on display throughout the inside of my home. What's my best option?

**A:** Appearance is most important, but appearance goes beyond how an exterior building product appears when it is first installed. Cellular PVC can be milled and fabricated in the same way that wood is. Sharp, crisp edges, with straight lines and scrolled rafter tails cut with traditional millwork tools allow the fabricators or [Cellular PVC pergolas](#) to emulate the great qualities of wood. The bottom line is that it is hard to tell the difference between Cellular PVC and painted wood. CPVC can be painted as though it were wood, though it paints much nicer than wood. This is because there is no moisture in Cellular PVC – there is nothing that can separate the paint from a Cellular PVC Pergola. So, the paint will last much longer than painted wood.

Vinyl, while it lasts a long time, too, does not come close to matching the authenticity of wood or CPVC. From day one, the shiny finish of extruded Vinyl reflects both sunlight as well as your low-voltage evening lighting. However, as the elements dull the shiny finish, Vinyl becomes brittle and does not take paint well. On top of these drawbacks, the scrolled ends of a Vinyl Pergola and other details can't be jointed professionally. Bulky connectors expose a Vinyl Pergola as an imitation that misses the mark.

**Question:** What are some of the other details that differentiate a Vinyl Pergola vs. a [Cellular PVC Pergola](#)?

**A:** While it is rare for a garden structure like a pergola to be required to pass a building code, it is important that the components of a Pergola be structurally engineered so that they remain as beautiful for years to come as they are on the day the pergola is installed. Be sure to ask your potential supplier if they are using reinforcing materials that will not deflect and will not rust or pit when wet. Aluminum reinforcements do not rust, and they match the longevity of Cellular PVC. It is also important to ask how the parts and pieces will be connected when installed. Low-profile white powder-coated aluminum or stainless steel brackets and screws are a must for tying the reinforcements together and keeping the structure strong and eye-appealing over the years. This is

especially important for projects in New England in along the Middle Atlantic coastal areas of New York and New Jersey, where exposure to sea air and strong winds have to be considered. This bracket design will also make installation much quicker and easier, saving time and money.

Please use the helpful tips in the article above to ensure the pergola that you purchase is as strong as it is beautiful, and designed for a secure, easy installation.

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