

FEATURE

A TO Z QUALITY FENCING

MANY COMPETITORS

VINYL FENCE	Picket Spacing	1, 2, or 3" spacing+pointed or dog ear pickets	Often 3" spacing; basic pointed picket
	Post Installation	2"-2.5" galvanized posts driven 48-60" deep**	24-36" deep**; wood or only thinner vinyl posts
	Gate Quality	Fully welded vinyl gate	Assembled gates, not welded
	Hinges & Hardware	Stainless steel, fully adjustable	Basic zinc or non-adjustable hardware
	Section Spacing	Evenly spaced sections of any width	Uneven spaced sections (e.g. all 8' with a 2')
	Top & bottom rails (privacy)	2" x 7" Deco rails	1.5" x 5" or smaller
	Grade/Availability	Commercial or heavy residential grade; in stock & sourced from A to Z Fence Supplies	Residential or box store grade
	Vinyl Post Thickness	0.147"	0.135"
	Post Warranty	Lifetime, in-ground (no heaving/leaning)*	None
	Craftsmanship Warranty	Lifetime*	1-5 years, if any
	Material Warranty	Lifetime, non-prorated, non-transferrable*	10-15 years, prorated, non-transferrable*
For more information, check out our post and videos on why commercial-grade vinyl fences trump big box store bargains: https://atozqualityfencing.com/why-commercial-vinyl-fences-are-best/			

ALUMINUM FENCE	Grade	Commercial-grade/heavy residential-grade	Residential/Box-store grade
	Picket Thickness	¾" thick	½" or less
	Post Thickness	2½" thick	2" posts or smaller
	Rail Size	1½" rail	1" rail
	Section Width	Up to 8' wide, no sag	6' max, prone to sag
	Post Install Depth	4-5' in-ground galvanized post**	Shallower (24 - 36") and uncoated posts**
	Modern Option	4x4 alum. sleeves, 2-¾" galv. post, no-dig	Not typically offered
	Post Warranty	Lifetime, no heaving/leaning*	Often 5-10 years*
	Craftsmanship Warranty	Lifetime*	Typically 1-3 years*
	Material Warranty	Lifetime, non-prorated, non-transferrable*	10-15 years, prorated, non-transferable*
For more information, check out our post and videos on why commercial-grade aluminum is better for residential use: https://atozqualityfencing.com/commercial-aluminum-fence-residential-use/			

CEDAR FENCE	Pickets	¾" thick cedar pickets	½" or thinner pickets
	Posts	1-7/8" Galv. post 5' deep** + 4x4 cedar sleeves	Wood posts, prone to rot**
	Gate Build	Hand-built with Gorilla glue, 24 ring shank nails, 7" screws	Stapled or nailed only - supported by pickets which will eventually sag
	Hinges	Heavy-duty stainless, adjustable straps	Light-duty, fixed hinges
	Post Warranty	Lifetime, no heaving/leaning*	None*
	Craftsmanship Warranty	Lifetime*	Limited*
	Labor Warranty	Lifetime*	Limited*

CHAIN LINK FENCE	Fabric	8 gauge black chainlink (commercial)***	11-12 gauge galvanized, 9 gauge coated***
	Post Depth	48" galvanized post**	24-36" depth, thinner gauge**
	Top Rail	1-3/8" or 1-5/8" rail	1-3/8" rail
	Gate & Corner Posts	2" or 2-3/8" terminal, line, gate & corner posts	1-5/8" posts
	Post Warranty	Lifetime, in-ground*	None*
	Craftsmanship Warranty	Lifetime*	Typically 1 year*
	Materials Warranty	15 years	5-10 years, prorated*
Understand how to compare the quality of chain link fences here: https://atozqualityfencing.com/chain-link-fence-ultimate-guide-to-security/			

* Be careful of the non-standardized term "Lifetime." A to Z's definition of Lifetime is however long you own your fence. Most competitor's definition is typically 10-15 years.

** To avoid future structural issues, you want posts installed below the frostline, in WI and MN, that is 48" or more.

*** For chain link mesh, the smaller the gauge, the thicker the fabric. Therefore a smaller number is higher quality.