CAPPED COMPOSITE
The ultimate in backyard decking, capped composite is wrapped in a tough-as-nails finish that keeps the beauty in and the work out.

PROS
+ Soap-and-water maintenance
+ Fade, stain, scratch and mold resistant
+ Natural wood grain finish and rich color
+ Earth friendly
+ Fade and stain warranties

CONS
– Often costlier board-for-board

WOOD
For the purist, a wood deck is real and natural, with a pleasing heft.

PROS
+ Traditional, one-with-nature feel
+ Affordable board-for-board
+ Easy to work with, easy to stain
+ No rot or splinter
+ A great, durable value
+ Earth friendly

CONS
– Can fade or stain
– Requires periodic cleaning with deck wash
– Susceptible to scratches
– Rots, splits, swells, twists, fades
– Earth friendly
– Requires painting, staining or sealing

EARLY-GENERATION COMPOSITE
Your original wood-alternative board. Part wood, part plastic, all easygoing.

PROS
+ Won't rot or splinter
+ A great, durable value
+ Earth friendly

CONS
– Can fade or stain
– Requires periodic cleaning with deck wash
– Susceptible to scratches
– Can fade or stain

PVC (VINYL)
All plastic material with no organic content makes it easy to maintain.

PROS
+ Fade, stain, scratch and mold resistant
+ Low maintenance
+ Earth friendly
+ Can fade or stain

CONS
– Tends to squeak and get chalky
– Not earth friendly
– Requires painting, staining or sealing
– Requires periodic cleaning with deck wash

The longevity of any deck depends on its materials. Consider your material choices for both decking and railing in terms of look, durability and cost. See full material breakdown on the following pages.
RAILING MATERIALS

HIGH-PERFORMANCE COMPOSITE
The ultimate combination of beauty and performance that offers premium design options to complement any house or deck.

PROS
+ Widest variety of colors, components and styles
+ Can be curved for dramatic results
+ Most affordable than composite
+ Resistant to mold
+ Low maintenance
+ Safer, non-corrosive

CONS
- Higher initial cost than most other options

EARLY-GENERATION COMPOSITE
Beautiful earth tones blend with durability to create subtle looks you’ll love.

PROS
+ Offers a variety of colors
+ Won’t warp, splinter or rot
+ Low maintenance
+ Often protected by multi-year warranties

CONS
- May fade or stain over time
- Sometimes requires deck cleaner

ALUMINUM
Sleek yet sturdy railing that knows how to get out of the way.

PROS
+ Powder coating retains color and resists corrosion
+ Unsurpassed strength with minimal weight
+ Longer spans enable a less-impeded view
+ Fire, mold and mildew resistant
+ No splitting, cracking or warping
+ Easy to clean

CONS
- Less natural aesthetic than wood or composite

SPECIALTY METALS
Cable, stainless steel, iron...so many options to reflect your vision.

PROS
+ Durable materials are sturdy and strong
+ Hand-crafted custom options also available
+ Custom builds can make it more expensive

CONS
- Custom builds can be more expensive
- Often reserved for niche applications

WOOD
A traditionalist’s dream.

PROS
+ A true-finished, natural aesthetic
+ Hand-crafted custom options as well
+ Unique styles allow for custom designs

CONS
- Style options limited to the basics
- Will flake, warp, splinter, rot, split and twist
- Requires regular maintenance: staining, painting or sanding

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PVC (VINYL)
A simple look for a sharp, clean finish.

PROS
+ Basic color scheme complements many homes
+ More affordable than composite
+ Low maintenance
+ Soap-and-water cleaning

CONS
- Not as natural looking
- Tends to develop a chalky finish

EARLY-GENERATION PVC (VINYL)
A simple look for a sharp, clean finish.

PROS
+ Basic color scheme complements many homes
+ More affordable than composite
+ Low maintenance
+ Soap-and-water cleaning

CONS
- Not as natural looking
- Tends to develop a chalky finish

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