CertainTeed Bufftech™ Vinyl Fence Products



All Vinyl Fences Are Not Created Equal

Why should I buy a Bufftech[™] vinyl fence?

Bufftech is a proven product backed by a lifetime warranty of a 100-year-old company with installations throughout the world.

What is Bufftech's product made of?

The base ingredient is rigid PVC (polyvinyl chloride) modified to provide exceptional impact strength and ultraviolet (UV) resistance. The formulation is similar to that of vinyl siding, which has a history of providing long-term durability and structural integrity.

Why is the look inside slightly different than the outside?

Bufftech has developed a state-of-the-art coextrusion process, which has become the industry-leading standard. This allows us to put a higher concentration of UV protection into the outer cap, while providing for excellent impact resistance in the interior substrate material. The layers are not a laminate and cannot separate. Bufftech fence is made from 100% virgin material.

Is it recycled plastic?

Recycled refers to consumer and post industrial materials coming from the waste stream. PVC can be and is recycled. Bufftech does not use the waste stream as a source. However, we do reprocess our own PVC where it meets our rigid specifications. Bufftech's use of this reprocessed material keeps it out of the waste stream, positively affecting our environment.

Will the color fade?

Bufftech is the only manufacturer to offer ColorLast™ fade protection. This exclusive feature on our Clay color fence provides superior color retention and longer-lasting color.

Will it turn yellow?

No. Bufftech products contain 10 parts titanium dioxide (TIO₂), which reduces the likelihood of ultraviolet degradation.

Will it break in cold/hot weather?

As with most plastics, vinyl becomes less flexible in colder weather conditions. However, unless subjected to unusual impact, it will not break. It is normal for materials to expand and contract during temperature changes. Our product has been engineered to accommodate normal temperature swings and changing climatic conditions. In fact, the lasting beauty and durability of Bufftech vinyl fence installations can be found in varying climates from Alaska to Hawaii.

Should I be concerned about fire?

PVC has a high flash point of 900°F and does not readily ignite. It is therefore categorized as being "self-extinguishing".

Does it chalk?

Light chalking is a normal occurrence of all vinyl products. Washed away by rainfall and normal changes in weather, this process helps to keep your fence looking like new. In effect, it could be described as virtually maintenance-free.

How strong is it?

PVC can be impact modified. Bufftech has tailored its formulations to meet or exceed the requirements necessary for excellent performance in the field. Flexibility is the norm and a benefit of vinyl fence, allowing the fence to retain its strength and shape. Although virtually maintenance-free, the product is not indestructible. When subjected to severe impact, vinyl may crack.



Can my kids climb on it? Will my horse chew on it?

Bufftech products have smooth surfaces with no nails, sharp edges or chance for splinters. You, your children, pets and animals are all safer. Vinyl has a tough surface, retains virtually no moisture and has no taste – therefore, horses tend not to "crib" or chew on a Bufftech fence.

How do I know it will last?

Bufftech, established in 1979 in Buffalo, NY, was one of the earliest pioneers of the vinyl fencing business. Bufftech's process is similar to that which has been used to produce vinyl siding. In addition, Bufftech performs accelerated weathering tests which have produced excellent results.

What is the warranty and what does it cover?

Backed by CertainTeed, a world-leading manufacturer of building materials founded in 1904, Bufftech products are warranted against manufacturing defects for the lifetime of the original homeowner. Refer to Bufftech's warranty document for specific details.

How do I clean it?

Use of a non-abrasive liquid cleaning agent is normally sufficient. However, for more stubborn stains, a product similar to Soft Scrub® may be helpful. Refer to Bufftech's care and maintenance area of the warranty for specific suggestions.

Can I paint it?

There should be no reason to paint your Bufftech vinyl fence. If you decide to paint it, an epoxy-based paint needs to be used in order to adhere to the smooth vinyl surfaces. As with any painted product it would have to be repainted in time. Any painting of your Bufftech product voids Bufftech's written warranty.

Can I add a hot wire attachment?

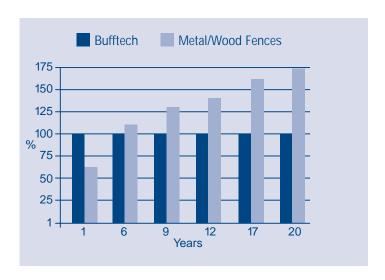
Attachments such as a hot wire for post & rail fencing can be attached to your Bufftech fence.

Why is it more expensive than wood?

Very simply, it is not! Although your investment is more initially, this is where your expense ends. The cost difference is quickly eliminated once the substantial cost of continuous maintenance of a wood or metal fence is considered. Bufftech fencing is the economical way to go, confidently saving you time and money with a fence backed by a limited lifetime warranty. (See cost comparison chart below.)

Cost Comparison*

Cost includes price of fence averaged over 20 years plus maintenance and repair costs. Cost is expressed as a percentage.



Conclusion: Your Bufftech fence cost over 20 years is constant because there are virtually no maintenance and repair bills. Wood or metal fences are less expensive in the first few years, but increase and become more costly than your virtually maintenance-free vinyl fence.

For more information, contact your Bufftech fence professional.





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^{*}Based on research conducted by Bufftech on costs in the marketplace.