

Comparison Factor	Premium Vinyl Windows	Fiberglass / Composite (e.g., Andersen)
Cost Investment	\$\$ (Most Popular) Best value for ROI.	\$\$\$ (Premium) Higher upfront cost.
Michigan Weather Performance	Very Good. Modern multi-chamber frames with foam insulation prevent heat transfer effectively.	Superior. Material expands/contracts at same rate as glass, reducing seal failure in freeze/thaw cycles.
Maintenance	Zero Maintenance. Color is solid through the material. Never needs painting.	Low Maintenance. Extremely durable, resists fading and chalking.
Aesthetic Options	Standard profiles. White/Beige is common, though black foil options exist.	Slimmer frames allow for more glass area. Paintable and mimics wood look closely.
Lifespan	20–30 Years	30–50 Years