

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