

FONTENOT CONTRACTING COMPANY

Windows Comparison

WINDOW COMPARISON

| | <u>Pella</u> | <u>Marvins</u> | <u>Harveys</u> | <u>Andersen</u> |
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| Reputation/Recognition | Ranked best window brand by J.D. Power Associates for 3rd yr in a row | Ultimate Insert Double Hung Replacement Windows- selected by Consumer Reports as the #1 replacement window | Value- good quality at a great price. Replacement wood window is the bottom line price | Best brand recognition, most well known window Reputable quality and backing behind the product for service is unsurpassed |
| Energy Efficiency | All windows are Energy Star rated. Pella was the 2009 Energy Star Sustained Excellence reward recipient Energy Star recently lowered the required U factor. Most Pella windows already meet the requirement but the rest of them do with a special coating (only draw back is that it makes the glass slightly darker- good for summer, worse for winter) | Marvins offers energy efficient options. Windows with Energy Star rating receive Energy Star Rebates of up to \$1500 tax credit on certain products. Need to look at the specific Marvins combinations | Energy Star qualified with standard Double Low-E/Argon gas-filled glazing system | Environmentally conscious windows Fibrex- special feature that is 70% recycled product and vinyl- it is a very green product Energy star ratings, eligible for tax rebates, new high performance smart sun glass has better U factor |
| Engineering | Aluminum exterior- resists chalking, etc. This is better than vinyl exterior that other brands use (ex. Andersen). Solid wood window- many different wood types to choose from | Finish- most durable in the industry, highly resistant to chalking and fading or shrinking and swelling -Fully extruded aluminum- not rolled (like many other manufacturers), which is inferior because it scratches, fades and dents more easily. | Fully weatherstripped, standard top sash lift rail, locking fiberglass half screen | Andersen- Slide down, 1 handed tilted mechanism...very easy Andersen Woodwright has a lot of customizable features (Marvin's has typically been more customizable). Andersen is continuing to develop such features -New construction matches the look of the replacement Durability- Andersen and Marvin on par |
| Design | Some find the pella windows less "bulky" than Marvin products Architecture Double Hung series has lots of style options and is very user friendly. It has modern features but a traditional look. It also has many different options customized to meet customer needs- ex. different lock choices | Ease of use is appealing Tilt mechanism is very user friendly Also, the tilting hardware piece is barely noticeable Convenience for cleaning Energy efficiency- very appealing "A la carte" Marvin windows are very versatile. Can customize the details and features to specific needs | High end architectural design features- recessed hardware for unobstructed views, both sashes tilt for easy cleaning, easy to operate, pre-calibrated block and tackle system never needs adjustment | Design- key in new revolutionary glass- High performance smart sun glass -Better U factor -Eligible for tax rebates -No where near as dark as other tinted windows Woodwright- geared toward historical style -Is mostly wood- inside materials. Wood jamb (typically vinyl) Flexibility- can paint or stain Wide array of glass options available |
| Service | Pella emphasizes service- The number one priority of Pella's is to provide excellent customer service. Dedicated service technician- parts, etc taken care of easily Warranty: 10 yr non glass, 20 yr laminated glass warranty, 2 yr exterior factory finish | Warranty- 10 year manufacturing and parts warranty and a 20 year warranty on insulating glass | Harveys is a local manufacturer and local teams are readily available to assist with any issues. It is also easy to get parts, etc. Accessibility- the showroom in Burlington is very helpful. Warranty: 10 yr parts and mechanism, 20 yr glass | Andersen- sets the standard for window warranties. -20 years glass -10 years finish and function -2 year pd for broken parts- Andersen will replace Marvin Windows are made to order- Andersen quick turn around; only some are made to order |
| Quality | All Pella products are made to order- it has the quickest turn around in the industry. Pella windows are very low-maintenance | Good long term product, pay premium price for quality that will last | For the price, you are getting a good quality product. This is an excellent window for a budget situation | Quality- Andersen is one of the highest regarded, Marvins may surpass it at the finishes level |