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| **Material** | **Durability** | **Accepts Staining** | **Accepts Painting** | **Maintenance Requirements** | **Weathertight- ness** | **Resistance to Damage** | **Insulative Value** |
| **WOOD SIDING** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Solid Wood | Fair | Good | Fair | Low, unless painted | Good | Good | Poor |
| Plywood | Fair | Good | Fair | High | Good | Fair | Poor |
| Shingles and shakes | Fair | Good | Fair | Low, unless painted | Good | Poor | Poor |
| Hardboard | Poor | Fair | Good | Low, if pre-finished | Good | Fair | Poor |
| Overlaid particleboard | Poor | Fair | Good | Low, unless painted | Good | Fair | Poor |
| **METAL SIDING** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Aluminum | Fair | n/a | Fair | Low | Good | Poor | Poor |
| Steel | Fair | n/a | Fair | Low | Good | Good | Poor |
| **SYNTHETIC SIDING** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Vinyl | Fair | n/a | Poor | Low | Good | Good | Poor |
| Fiberglass- reinforced plastic | \* | n/a | Poor | Low | Good | Good | Poor |
| Manufactured stone | \* | n/a | Poor | Low | Good | Good | Poor |
| Insulated panels | \* | n/a | \* | \* | Good | Good | Good |
| **MASONRY SIDING & COVERING** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Brick | Good | n/a | Good | Low | Varies with porosity | Good | Poor |
| Stone | Good | n/a | Good | Low | Varies with porosity | Good | Poor |
| Stucco/EIFS | Fair | n/a | Fair | Low | Fair | Fair | Poor, unless EIFS |
| Concrete | Good | n/a | Good | Low | Good | Good | Poor |
| *\* = Depends on material, manufacturer and/or other factors*  *n/a = not applicable* | | | | | | | |