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| **Material** | **Durability**  | **Accepts Staining**  | **Accepts Painting**  | **Maintenance Requirements**  | **Weathertight-ness**  | **Resistance to Damage**  | **Insulative Value**  |
| **WOODSIDING**  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 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*  |