

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS & ANSWERS



QUESTION

Do I need plans to install the fence?

SHORT ANSWER

Check with your municipal bylaws.

DETAILED ANSWER

Building regulations vary by location. It's important to contact your local municipality to determine if you need a permit or plans for your PVC fence installation.

**Typically a fence up to and lower than 1,8m without a foundation will not require plans, but neighbor's consent, Estate or Body Corporate approval might be required. (Best check with Municipality)*

QUESTION

How do I clean the product?

SHORT ANSWER

Use a little Domestos and water.

DETAILED ANSWER

PVC fences are low-maintenance. Clean the fence using a solution of Domestos and water, then rinse with a garden hose. For tougher stains, "Clean Pro" Polish with a soft cloth can be used to polish the affected areas.

QUESTION

Can you attach electric fencing to the PVC fence?

SHORT ANSWER

Yes, with proper installation.

DETAILED ANSWER

Electric fencing can be attached to PVC fences, but it's important to use proper insulators and aluminium internal mounting hardware to ensure safety and effectiveness without damaging the PVC material.

QUESTION

What are the disadvantages of PVC fencing?

SHORT ANSWER

Initial cost and flexibility in severe weather.

DETAILED ANSWER

PVC fencing can have a higher initial cost compared to traditional materials. In extreme weather conditions, particularly high winds, PVC can be more flexible, which might not be ideal for all environments.

QUESTION

How strong is a PVC fence?

SHORT ANSWER

Very strong and durable.

DETAILED ANSWER

PVC fences are engineered to withstand significant impacts and harsh weather conditions. They do not rot, rust, or degrade easily, making them a durable choice for long-term fencing needs.

QUESTION

Should a PVC fence touch the ground?

SHORT ANSWER

No.

DETAILED ANSWER

It's best to install PVC fencing slightly above ground level at around 5cm above to avoid edge trimmer damage and allow water flow. The same is done on walls to allow space for our decorative post footings and uneven wall surfaces. This also helps with lawn maintenance and prevents dirt buildup on the fence. These openings can be custom filled with additional PVC profiles at an additional cost if required.

QUESTION

What are the benefits of PVC fencing?

SHORT ANSWER

Durability, low maintenance, long lifespan and aesthetic appeal.

DETAILED ANSWER

PVC fencing offers numerous benefits, including resistance to rot, rust, and insect damage. They require minimal maintenance, do not need painting, and are available in various styles and finishings to enhance the aesthetic appeal of any property.

QUESTION

Is PVC fencing environmentally friendly?

SHORT ANSWER

Yes.

DETAILED ANSWER

PVC fencing is environmentally friendly because it is recyclable and requires fewer resources to maintain. Its long lifespan means fewer replacements, reducing waste over time.

QUESTION

How far apart are PVC fence posts?

SHORT ANSWER

Typically 1,9 to 2,4m.

DETAILED ANSWER

The standard spacing for PVC fence posts is 2,4m, depending on the style and design of the fence. Value Fencing on the other hand spaces Max 1,9m post to post ensuring more than double the tensile strength compared to wider spaced panels. This does require more posts, affecting the price, but is well worth the extra spend. This spacing ensures structural integrity and aesthetic balance.

QUESTION

Do PVC fence posts need concrete?

SHORT ANSWER

Yes.

DETAILED ANSWER

Setting PVC fence posts in concrete is recommended for stability and longevity. Concrete provides a solid foundation that helps prevent shifting and maintains the fence's alignment over time.

Value Fencing additionally fills our PVC posts with steel reinforced 42.5s concrete (*used to build bridges*) at 25 to 30MPA opposed to rivals not filling at all or using no rebar and / or build cement at 8 to 12 MPA.

QUESTION

Will the product stand up to strong winds?

SHORT ANSWER

Yes, with proper installation.

DETAILED ANSWER

PVC fences are designed to withstand strong winds up to 90km per hour. Proper installation as done by value Fencing, including setting posts in concrete and using steel internal reinforcement as well as 42.5s cement at 25 to 30 MPA, ensures that the fence remains secure and stable even in adverse weather conditions.

QUESTION

Does PVC fencing yellow over time?

SHORT ANSWER

No.

DETAILED ANSWER

High-quality PVC fencing is treated to resist UV rays, preventing yellowing and maintaining its color for many years. In Coastal areas a yellow residue does adhere to PVC over extended periods, but this dirt can easily be cleaned off using a soft rag and our **Clean Pro** PVC Polishing cream.

QUESTION

Can PVC fencing be painted?

SHORT ANSWER

Not necessary.

DETAILED ANSWER

PVC fencing does not require painting. If desired, Acrylic Roof paint can be used after a light sanding down. This will NOT void warranties from Value Fencing, but does so from other suppliers.

QUESTION

Will an edge trimmer damage the fence?

SHORT ANSWER

Potentially, yes.

DETAILED ANSWER

Using an edge trimmer near a PVC fence requires caution.

Steel blade trimmers: Direct contact with the trimmer blades can cause scratches or damage to the fence.
Nylon String Trimmers: These Edge trimmers will not affect our concrete filled PVC posts, but might affect the rails.

PS: It's best to use manual trimming methods close to the fence rails to avoid damage.

QUESTION

Can I install electronic access control systems on a PVC gate?

SHORT ANSWER

Yes.

DETAILED ANSWER

PVC gates can be equipped with electronic access control systems. Ensure that the gate and electronic components are compatible and installed correctly for optimal functionality and security.

QUESTION

Can I motorize a PVC gate?

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Yes.

DETAILED ANSWER

Motorizing a PVC gate is possible and can provide added convenience. Choose a motorized gate opener that is compatible with PVC materials and follow the manufacturer's instructions for proper installation.



QUESTION

What is the lifespan of a PVC fence?

SHORT ANSWER

20 - 30 years.

DETAILED ANSWER

PVC fences are designed to last between 20 to 30 years with minimal maintenance. They are resistant to weather, rot, and insects, which contributes to their long lifespan.

QUESTION

Is PVC fencing safe for pets?

SHORT ANSWER

Yes.

DETAILED ANSWER

PVC fencing is safe for pets. It does not splinter like wood, reducing the risk of injury, and the smooth surface is difficult for pets to climb.

QUESTION

Can PVC fencing be used for pool enclosures?

SHORT ANSWER

Yes.

DETAILED ANSWER

PVC fencing is an excellent choice for pool enclosures as it is resistant to water and does not corrode. It meets local Municipal as well as SANS and National Building Regulations safety standards and provides a durable barrier around pools. *We also offer matching Self-Closing Auto-Dual Latching Child Safety gates in PVC.*

QUESTION

How do you repair a PVC fence?

SHORT ANSWER

Replace damaged sections.

DETAILED ANSWER

Repairing a PVC fence typically involves replacing the damaged section or panel. PVC fencing systems are designed for easy replacement of individual parts without affecting the entire fence. Refer repairs to qualified Value fencing staff as they are trained in disassembling parts without causing further damage.



QUESTION

Is PVC fencing fire-resistant?

SHORT ANSWER

Yes.

DETAILED ANSWER

PVC fencing has a high fire retardance. It is self-extinguishing and does not easily ignite, making it a safe option for residential properties.

QUESTION

Can PVC fencing be installed on slopes?

SHORT ANSWER

Yes.

DETAILED ANSWER

PVC fencing can be installed on slopes using a method called "racking" or "stair-stepping," allowing for a smooth and even appearance that follows the contour of the land. *PS: Certain styles cannot be sloped ie: Palisade, Picket etc.*

QUESTION

What colors are available for PVC fencing?

SHORT ANSWER

Only White, but can be painted.

DETAILED ANSWER

PVC fencing is available in White only, but can easily be painted any desired color using a good quality Acrylic Roof paint after a light sanding. We offer to sand components down prior to installation if required.

QUESTION

How much does PVC fencing cost?

SHORT ANSWER

Varies.

DETAILED ANSWER

The cost of PVC fencing varies based on the style, height, and length of the fence and most importantly, post size and quantities. It generally ranges from R 1159 to R1689 per square m, including installation, depending on the above qty.

QUESTION

Can PVC fencing be recycled?

SHORT ANSWER

Yes.

DETAILED ANSWER

PVC fencing is recyclable. At the end of its life, it can be taken to recycling centers that accept PVC materials.

QUESTION

How does PVC fencing compare to wood?

SHORT ANSWER

More durable and low maintenance.

DETAILED ANSWER

PVC fencing is more durable than wood and requires less maintenance. It does not rot, warp, or require painting, making it a cost-effective and long-lasting alternative to wood fencing.

QUESTION

What styles of PVC fencing are available?

SHORT ANSWER

Multiple styles.

DETAILED ANSWER

PVC fencing is available in various styles, including picket, palisade, pool fence, privacy, semi-privacy, horizontally and vertically slatted, lattice, trellis, louvered, balustrade and ornamental designs, allowing for customization to match any property.

QUESTION

Can PVC fencing withstand cold climates?

SHORT ANSWER

Yes.

DETAILED ANSWER

Our High Grade PVC fencing is designed to withstand cold climates. It remains flexible and resilient in freezing temperatures, unlike some materials that can become brittle.

QUESTION

Is PVC fencing resistant to termites?

SHORT ANSWER

Yes.

DETAILED ANSWER

PVC fencing is resistant to termites and other pests. It does not contain organic material that insects can feed on, providing a pest-free barrier.

QUESTION

What maintenance is required for PVC fencing?

SHORT ANSWER

Minimal.

DETAILED ANSWER

PVC fencing requires minimal maintenance. Occasional cleaning with soap and water is typically all that is needed to keep it looking new. Our "Clean Pro" PVC polish will remove fine scratches & stubborn stains.

QUESTION

Can PVC fencing be customized?

SHORT ANSWER

Yes.

DETAILED ANSWER

PVC fencing can be customized in terms of height, slat spacings, Post and picket caps, and style to meet specific needs and preferences. Custom designs will be slightly more expensive.

QUESTION

Does PVC fencing require special tools for installation?

SHORT ANSWER

No, not for the DIY version, but YES for the Fully installed version.

DETAILED ANSWER

DIY PVC fencing can be installed using standard tools such as a level, tape measure, and spade. Our systems require specific connectors & hardware provided. On the Fully installed version, we use Notching tools and CNC cut post holes.

QUESTION

Is PVC fencing a good investment?

SHORT ANSWER

Yes.

DETAILED ANSWER

PVC fencing is a good investment due to its durability, low maintenance, and long lifespan. It can increase property value and reduce long-term maintenance costs.

QUESTION

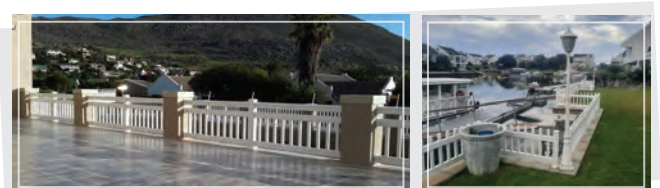
How is PVC fencing manufactured?

SHORT ANSWER

Extrusion process.

DETAILED ANSWER

PVC fencing is manufactured using an extrusion process where PVC resin is melted and formed into fence components. The process ensures uniformity and strength in the final product. Value Fencing use a mono extrusion opposed to competitors using co-extrusion which has a very thin UV protected outer layer only. Ours are Proper UV stabilized throughout. Each Value Fencing Franchise then CNC cut the required styles in their various Factories to produce the many fence styles on offer.



QUESTION

What are the height options for PVC fencing?

SHORT ANSWER

Various heights.

DETAILED ANSWER

PVC fencing is available in various heights, typically ranging from 1m to 1,8. The height can be chosen based on the level of privacy or decorative needs up to 2,1m and even higher for screening & Pergolas.

QUESTION

Is PVC fencing suitable for commercial use?

SHORT ANSWER

Yes.

DETAILED ANSWER

PVC fencing is suitable for commercial use due to its durability, low maintenance, and professional appearance. It is used in various commercial applications, including Residential Housing Complexes, Estates, Shopping Malls, Parks, Schools, and Businesses.

QUESTION

Can PVC fencing be used for security purposes?

SHORT ANSWER

Yes.

DETAILED ANSWER

PVC fencing can be used for security purposes, especially in styles designed for privacy and strength. Taller fences and reinforced designs can enhance security. PVC Palisade is a very popular choice for Housing Complexes, Shopping Malls & Residential Properties

QUESTION

What is the warranty on PVC fencing?

SHORT ANSWER

Varies

DETAILED ANSWER

Most PVC fencing comes with a warranty ranging from 20 years to a lifetime, depending on the manufacturer. The warranty typically covers defects in material.

QUESTION

Is PVC fencing safe for pets?

SHORT ANSWER

Yes.

DETAILED ANSWER

PVC fencing is safe for pets. It does not splinter like wood, reducing the risk of injury, and the smooth surface is difficult for pets to climb.

QUESTION

Does PVC fencing fade over time?

SHORT ANSWER

Minimal fading.

DETAILED ANSWER

High-quality PVC fencing is treated with UV inhibitors to minimize fading. Any fading that does occur is usually uniform and minimal over the fence's lifespan.

QUESTION

Is PVC fencing affected by water?

SHORT ANSWER

No.

DETAILED ANSWER

PVC fencing is resistant to water and will not rot or corrode. It is an ideal choice for areas with high humidity or exposure to water, such as pool enclosures.

QUESTION

Can I install a PVC fence myself?

SHORT ANSWER

Yes.

DETAILED ANSWER

Value Fencing's "**Value DIY**" Range PVC fencing is designed for easy installation and can be a DIY project for those with basic skills and tools. Detailed instructions are provided.

QUESTION

Can PVC fencing be used for horse enclosures?

SHORT ANSWER

Yes.

DETAILED ANSWER

PVC fencing is suitable for horse enclosures due to its strength and smooth surface, which reduces the risk of injury to animals. In fact, the very first use case for PVC fencing was for Horse ranch and Equestrian Pad-dock fencing and Gates.



QUESTION

Can PVC fencing be used in coastal areas?

SHORT ANSWER

Yes.

DETAILED ANSWER

PVC fencing is ideal for coastal areas as it is resistant to saltwater corrosion and does not degrade from exposure to the marine environment.

QUESTION

How do you cut PVC fence panels?

SHORT ANSWER

Use a Mitre saw.

DETAILED ANSWER

PVC fence panels can be cut using a fine-toothed saw, such as a circular saw or Compound Mitre saw. Ensure using fine blades for cutting Aluminium, not rough timber teething.

QUESTION

What is the weight of a PVC fence panel?

SHORT ANSWER

Lightweight.

DETAILED ANSWER

PVC fence panels are relatively lightweight compared to other materials, making them easier to handle and install.

QUESTION

Are there privacy options for PVC fencing?

SHORT ANSWER

Yes.

DETAILED ANSWER

PVC fencing offers various privacy options, including solid panels and semi-private designs, Horizontally slatted, Vertically slatted, lattice and trellis or custom combinations with a wide choice of apertures to choose from, all CNC cut and can provide both seclusion and airflow.

QUESTION

Can I get a custom design for my PVC fence?

SHORT ANSWER

Yes.

DETAILED ANSWER

Custom designs and combinations are available, allowing for unique styles, heights, and combinations to match specific needs.

QUESTION

What is the best way to secure PVC fence panels?

SHORT ANSWER

Use proper hardware.

DETAILED ANSWER

DIY: Secure PVC fence panels using the appropriate brackets and rivets provided by the manufacturer. Ensuring proper alignment and anchoring will enhance the fence's stability. Proper installation techniques, including the use of steel reinforced concrete in posts and correct spacing, are crucial to maintaining the integrity and durability of the fence.

PS: The Fully Installed version differs and rails will slot into Pre CNC cut notches in the Posts before filling.

QUESTION

How does PVC fencing perform in extreme heat?

SHORT ANSWER

Very well.

DETAILED ANSWER

Value Fencing's PVC fencing is designed to withstand extreme heat without warping or degrading and is ASTM Certified as "World Standard" for specifically "PVC Fencing" use, unlike others. Our unique High Grade **DUPONT UV** inhibitors protect the material from the harmful effects of the sun's rays, ensuring that the fence maintains its structural integrity and appearance over time. Unlike wood, which can buckle or crack under high temperatures, PVC remains stable and resilient. This makes it an excellent choice for regions with hot summers, as it does not melt or suffer significant damage even when exposed to prolonged periods of intense heat. Additionally, PVC does not require frequent maintenance or treatments to maintain its durability in such conditions.



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