

Fact Sheet Z-Vent®/Z-VentBLU®/NovaVENT™ vs PVC/ABS/CPVC

Category	Z-Vent®/ Z-VentBLU®/NovaVENT™	Plastic Vent
Safety Factors	Over 30 years of proven reliability. Minimal thermal expansion. Superior structural integrity. Designed as a vent system for positive and negative pressure appliances. Designed for a wide range of temperature applications to 550°F. Non combustible, does not support a flame. Adapters for all major brands ensures proper fit at the flue collar. Wide range of terminations available. Designed to meet specific appliance specifications and regional considerations.	Susceptible to environmental stress cracking 2-3 times the thermal expansion of stainless steel Glued joints susceptible to cracking and separation through cyclic expansion/contraction and vibration Not recommended by pipe manufacturers for venting combustion gases. Temperature Limits for Plastic Pipe: PVC Schedule 40 140° F ABS Schedule 40 160° F CPVC Copper Tube Size 180° F CPVC Schedule 80 200° F When incinerated produces toxic by-products: dioxins, chlorocarbons and hydrochloric acid.
Testing and Approvals	UL listed 1738 for Category II,III, IV gas appliances. Meets all applicable national building and fire codes.	No testing or listings as a vent for combustion gases in U.S. No fire rating.
Construction	Engineered factory built vent system with factory installed self sealing joint gaskets No field seal is applied. No cure time. Complete, UL approved installation instructions provided with Vent. Easy to install, no cutting required. Multiple/ Adjustable lengths available.	Field assembled, no installation instructions. Pipes must be cut, cleaned primed, glued, then cured. (up to 2 hours in temperatures below 40°F) before use.
Environmental Factors	100 % recyclable	PVC and CPVC are made from vinyl chloride monomer and contain phthalates which are carcinogens that create indoor air quality concerns.
Warranty	Vent manufacturers factory warranty	No warranty.