



Your Columbarium Project Source™

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COLUMBARIUM MATERIAL COMPARISON

This comparison addresses material concerns relative to columbarium construction (as opposed to aesthetics).

Property	Stainless Steel *	Natural Stone **	Manmade (Cast) Stone	Concrete (Board)	Plastic
Lightweight	Y	N	N	N	Y
Flexible (earth quake, temperature, barometric)	Y	N	N	N	Y
Impact-resistant	Y	N	N	N	N
Fractures easily repaired	N/A	1	1	1	N
Freeze-resistant (i.e. no spalling or cracking)	N/A	N	Y	N	N
Corrosion-resistant (water, acid rain, salt, etc.)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Water-proof	Y	3	3	N	Y
Stain-resistant (rust, mold, etc.)	Y	2	2	N	Y
Fire-resistant	Y	Y	N	Y	N
Emits fumes with heat	N	N	Y	N	Y
Deteriorates (age, sunlight)	N	2	Y	N	Y

1. Depends on extent of damage
2. Depends on porosity and finish
3. Depends on construction

* Architarium uses 100% stainless steel in its columbarium.

** Architarium recommends granite for face plates (in lieu of other stones and bronze).

Architarium is a full-service manufacturer of columbariums and other memorial garden products.