

## Fact Sheet **Z-VENT**®/ NovaVENT™ vs Plastic Venting

Category	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 PVC 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  Polypropylene High Temp 230° 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  No fire rating
Construction	Engineered factory built vent system with factory installed self sealing joint gaskets No field seal and 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 contains lead and phthalates which have been linked to indoor air quality concerns.
Warranty	Vent manufacturers factory warranty	No warranty