

ALUMINUM vs WOOD

The ARMADA SYSTEM is the most versatile of all the ramp styles. The welded aluminum construction offers a lightweight design, that is stronger and more durable than wood. These ramps can be disassembled and reused at different locations, and they can be set up in most any configuration. The aluminum surface is virtually maintenance free. Installation is quick and does not require a building permit since it can be considered a temporary structure.

The QUICK RAMP KIT combines the versatility of the ARMADA SYSTEM with the cost advantages of a wood ramp. This ramp can also be disassembled, relocated, and set up in most any configuration. There is however more labor involved with the installation and maintenance of the QUICK RAMP.

Wood ramps require the most maintenance and labor of all ramp systems. Yearly maintenance is typically required such as replacing old boards and applying wood preservative. In most cases a contractor and building permit is required. Wood ramps can only be used once and cannot be relocated.

COMPARE

	ARMADA ALUMINUM MODULAR SYSTEM	QUICK RAMP KIT	WOOD
LONG TERM COST	most effective choice virtually maintenance free	effective choice some maintenance needed	high yearly maintenance cost
INSTALLATION			
ease of set up	minimal tools required	minimal tools required	requires footings/contractor
quick set up	24' in under 1 hour	usually done in 1 day	up to 2 days or longer
safe non-skid surface	permanent/built in	requires non-skid tape	must be applied/maintained
MAINTENANCE			
cost	virtually maintenance free	wood requires maintenance	yearly maintenance
durability	will not rust, rot or decay	wood requires maintenance	may rust, rot or decay
adjustability	totally adjustable	totally adjustable	non adjustable
CAN BE MOVED, RECONFIGURED	yes	yes	one time use
AN ASSET (can be reused, rented, resold)	yes	yes	no resale value
PERMITS REQUIRED	no, in most cases	no, in most cases	usually requires contractor
REUSABLE	yes	yes	one time use

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