



AREAWALL COMPARISON STEEL vs. PLASTIC

From a product stand point; Areawalls may seem quite obvious due to the straightforward nature of a product that is designed to "hold back the dirt" as some may say. There are differences however, and the following will help differentiate **SPC Lux-Right™** galvanized walls from other sources.

THE FACTS

- **AREAWALL PROFILE:** "SPC" maintains a larger profile opening for light, ventilation, and egress concerns. Other sources have short faces that taper in noticeably away from the foundation. Competitive modular walls are essentially a round profile that restricts egress with casement style windows. All **SPC Lux-Right** measurements are net clear inside measurements, not mounting hole center to center or outside overall. Areawalls that taper in with round profiles limit emergency egress dimensions.¹ Note the increased amount of excavation work required for a typical plastic window well for the same **SPC** galvanized egress compliant application.²
- **NON-SECTIONAL CONSTRUCTION:** Assembled walls can separate from frost heaving. All **SPC Lux-Right** areawalls up to 60" are made of one piece sheet steel. While areawall integrity is dependent on proper installation, **Lux-Right** areawalls cannot separate, avoiding an expensive call back. **TERRACE STEP™** and all areawalls 72" and taller feature secure factory spot welded construction. "No assembly required". Job site assembly time is money wasted.
- **DOUBLE BEAD™:** Top and bottom roll formed beads on 48" and higher areawalls, top only 36" high and below. Beyond adding strength, roll formed beads make handling and installation easier and safer for anyone who works with the product. No other source has this feature.
- **HUG-TIGHT™ & STONG-TIGHT™ FLANGE:** All **SPC Lux-Right** areawalls have our exclusive integrated Hug-Tight™ flattened flange for increased strength and installation integrity. New for 2005 is our optional **STRONG-TIGHT™** double strength mounting flange preferred with active soil conditions and aggressive backfilling. These features are an exclusive in the areawall industry. This means easier and cleaner installation minimizing the time required to get the job done. How expensive is a callback for a broken flange? With **SPC Lux-Right** galvanized steel areawalls you will never know.
- **PRIME GALVANIZED STEEL:** **Lux-Right** areawalls are made from commercial grade galvanized sheet steel with a G-90 zinc coating. We can certify as to amount of zinc and gauge of our product from the mill. This is important because the amount of zinc (galvanize) determines the life expectancy of the product. Always ask about decimal and galvanizing specifications. Products with less zinc coating will not stand the test of time. *Paint is not zinc!* Plastic molecularly degrades with time. Compare warranties for the real answer. Unlike plastic, steel egress window wells will not burn.

DISTRIBUTION

- **DEAL DIRECT?:** St. Paul Corrugating Company understands the value of service orientated distribution. **SPC** does not sell to your customer.

SERVICE

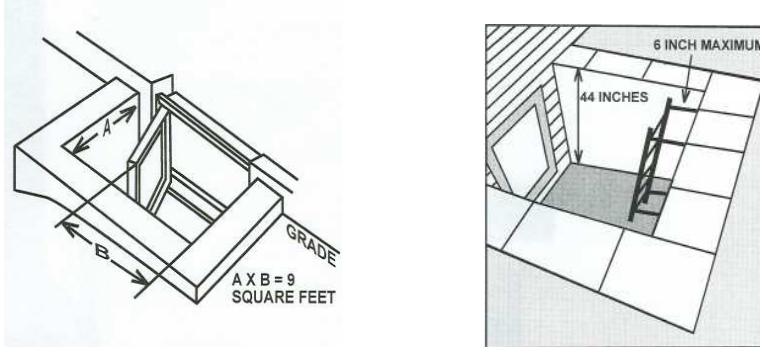
- **SPECIAL SIZES:** **SPC** offers the most complete line of areawalls and accessories offered in the industry. Although the IRC 2003 specifies nationally, egress codes are interpreted locally.
- **DELIVERY:** Many sizes either factory stocked or warehouse stocked for delivery.
- **R & D:** We continue to invest in new tooling to meet changing market parameters. For over seventy years St. Paul Corrugating has produced metal areawalls that have proven installed record. *Lux-Right* areawalls are designed and time tested to perform before being shipped to our customers.
- **ACCESSORIES:** We offer quality **Life-Step™** ladders, **Safe-T-Guard™** bar grates, **Window Well Pictures,™** and **Safe-T-View Cover™** egress window well covers.

PRICING

- **VALUE PRICING:** Steel *Lux-Right* areawalls continues to be the most cost effective, durable, and versatile material on the market for basement window wells.

¹ SPC areawalls feature the largest net clear area for width opening than from any major source.

The window, ladder, or areawall shall not restrict means of egress.



² Profile comparison between SPC EC5036 (A= 50", B=36") vs. competitor's modular areawall.

