



Features	Galvanized Steel	304 Stainless Steel	316 Stainless Steel
Composition	Carbon steel coated with zinc	Chromium (~18%), Nickel (~8%)	Chromium (~16-18%), Nickel (~10-14%), Molybdenum (~2-3%)
Corrosion Resistance	Moderate - zinc coating provides depleting protection	High - good resistance to rust and oxidation	Excellent - superior resistance, especially to chlorides & harsh chemicals
Durability	Good - but coating will wear off over time	Better - solid corrosion resistance and longer lifespan	Best - highly durable even in aggressive environments
Surface Finish	Dull gray, uneven	Brighter, smoother, aesthetically pleasing	Similar to 304, with additional pitting resistance
Maintenance Needs	Moderate - May require re-coating if zinc layer degrades	L ow - easy to clean, resists stains	Very low - excellent for marine or chemical environments
Resistance to Saltwater	Poor - zinc corrodes quickly	Moderate - may corrode over time	Excellent - ideal for coastal/marine exposure
Chemical Resistance	Poor - not suitable for acidic/chemical exposure	Good - resists many household chemicals	Excellent - resists acids, chlorides, and chemicals
Harsh Environments	Not suitable for highly corrosive environments	Suitable for indoor and general outdoor use	Suitable for harsh outdoor and marine environments



