GLASS

<u>Advantages</u>

Excellent abrasion resistance

Resistant to chemicals, solvents, oil, grease

No problem with UV degradation

Stable over a wide range of temperature

Easily cleaned

Long life product

PLASTIC

Advantages

Light weight

Excellent impact and penetration resistance

More flexible, will not break as easily

Disadvantages

Heavier than plastic

Not as robust as plastic

Disadvantages

Poor abrasion resistance

Very easily scratched and marked

Can melt on exposure to high heat causing toxic fumes

Can haze more quickly when overexposed to sunlight

Possible staining/degradation upon exposure to chemicals

Low/poor resistance to solvents and/or cleaning agents