Trellis-Type Security Gate Comparison





Mild steel, stainless steel, or aluminium Heavier gauge = more strength and security Galvanised, epoxy coated, powder coated Can it handle coastal conditions or high humidity zones?

Surface-mounted, recessed, or into concrete/brick? Use of expanding bolts, chemical anchors, etc. Number and spacing of fixing points on both top and bottom tracks Are bolts exposed or concealed? Are fasteners anti-tamper?

Single vs. double point lock; slamlock; keyed or latch only How long does it take to breach using tools (e.g. crowbar, bolt cutter)? Is the bottom track vulnerable to lifting or prying? Narrower spacing increases resistance to intrusion.

Colour range? Smooth or textured finish? Rust-proof coatings? Does the gate blend with modern/traditional architecture? How discreet is it when open? Does it stack neatly? Ability to tailor for windows, sliding doors, patios, etc.

How smooth is the slide? Any resistance or sticking? Can kids open it easily (or be protected from doing so)? Does the gate operate quietly, or is it rattly and loud? Frequency of oiling, checking bolts, repainting, etc.

Does the gate have SABS Certification? Does the manufacturer have ISO or similar certifications? Can it be unlocked quickly in emergencies?

1 year? 5 years? Limited or full?

Availability of parts, maintenance, or repair service? Was the gate installed by a certified/qualified installer?

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Material Strength & Durability

Type of Metal Used Gauge/Thickness of Bars Anti-Corrosion Coating Weather Resistance

Installation & Structural Integrity

Mounting Method Anchor Type & Depth Fixing Points Resistance to Tampering

Security Performance

Locking Mechanism Attack Resistance Track Protection Bar Spacing

Aesthetics & Visual Design

Finish Options Design Integration Visibility When Retracted (Low Viz = HIGH) Custom Sizing & Fit

Usability & Ergonomics

Ease of Opening/Closing Child-Safe Features Noise Levels Maintenance Requirements

Compliance & Standards

SABS Certification ISO or Manufacturer Quality Certifications Fire Safety Compliance

Warranty & Support

Length of Warranty After-Sales Support Installer Accreditation

Circle the SCORE, and then add up to get a TOTAL!