



# Atlantic Flag & Banner

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## Which U.S. Flag Fabric? Wind-Star Nylon

**VS.**

## Gale-Star Polyester

### THE BIGGEST DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO FABRICS:

1. **The way they look and feel .....**

**Nylon** is a shiny, lightweight, water repellent fabric.

**Polyester** is a heavy weight fabric that looks and feels like cotton.

2. **The way they fly on a vertical pole.....**

**Nylon** weighs less.....it will fly beautifully even in the slightest breezes.

**Polyester** weighs more.....it needs a stronger wind to lift it, therefore, it doesn't fly as well in normal wind conditions.

### WHICH FABRIC BEST MEETS YOUR NEEDS?

- \* If the flag will be flying by the ocean or bay, on the roof of a building, or in a high wind area, **POLYESTER** is most often the best choice. In these instances, the winds are usually stronger, so the heavier polyester fabric will fly nicely. Also, it will last a bit longer than the nylon.
- \* Polyester does not fly as well as nylon, simply because it weighs more. If you like to see the flag fly or live in the suburbs where the winds are generally lighter, **NYLON** is a better choice.

### FACTORS TO CONSIDER:

1. **Where the flag will be flying:** on the ocean, in a suburb, on or near the highway or main street, etc.
2. **The Weather:** Pay close attention to the weather. When high winds/gusts, rain, snow, or inclement weather is forecasted, take your flag indoors. One wind storm could fray a flag prematurely.
3. **Time Outdoors:** will the flag be outdoors 24 hours each day? Or only from sunrise to sunset?
3. **The Dangers of Dirt:** Dirt breaks down the flag fabric and can cause it to fray. Always keep the flag clean and bright by washing it regularly and hanging it back outside to dry.