The Home was Built with Impact Windows from Showcase® Custom Vinyl Windows and Doors

The Bolivar Peninsula in Texas was devastated by Hurricane Ike in September, 2008. This was a huge Category 4 storm with wind gusts over 100 mph and storm surges as high as 30 ft. Of the many beachfront homes along this section of the Gulf Coast, one remained intact. It had been built to meet hurricane codes of that period. The windows the homeowner selected for their beachfront home were impact products manufactured by Showcase® Custom Vinyl Windows and Doors.

“I was the General Contractor for this customer’s home in Houston. From time to time, they also asked me to make upgrades to their beachfront home. After Hurricane Ike, the homeowners contacted me to assist with repairs on their beach property. These repairs seemed minor when compared to the destruction of other homes on the beach,” Mr. Kahanek explained.

“When I entered the house I was amazed to see nearly all the windows were still intact. None of the outer panes had been damaged. The seals weren’t even broken,” he added. “The only window lost was in the lower stairwell, and it was carried off by the storm surge. We found it days later in a trash pile. When I realized the window was in good shape, I re-installed it in the home.”

The custom two-story yellow stucco home had been built on pilings to an elevation of 13 feet. According to Mr. Kahanek, the only repairs needed to the windows were to replace some hardware. At that time, window hardware was a common replacement item due to long-term exposure to sea air. According to Mr. Kahanek, the homeowners were very pleased when the Showcase service department responded quickly to their hardware replacement request.

Today, Showcase Custom Vinyl Windows and Doors builds an even stronger version of impact windows and patio doors. Over the years there have been many improvements in window manufacturing processes. There have also been advancements in glass technology, vinyl frames and in window hardware.
The Best Performance Ratings
Showcase vinyl frames are stronger than those of other vinyl producers. Our products have earned some of the best performance ratings in the business, and here’s why:

- Frames are constructed with an advanced, proprietary vinyl compound that exceeds requirements for strength and durability
- The compound resists the harsh effects of weather and ultraviolet light; it is both-flame resistant and self-extinguishing
- Fusion-welded corners provide an airtight, waterproof seal
- Laminated glass options consist of annealed, heat-strengthened or tempered glass with one or more high-strength bonded interlayers
- Proprietary, custom-made reinforcements and durable hardware systems allow us to offer premium impact performance at a reasonable price

Most-Efficient Rating
The impact products manufactured by Showcase Custom Vinyl Windows and Doors have Texas Department of Insurance approval for New Construction and Replacement products. Our high-performance products have also earned the ENERGY STAR® Most Efficient rating.

Industry’s Best Warranty
Showcase also offers the top warranty in the industry. Our American-made windows and patio doors are backed by a Limited Lifetime Manufacturer’s Warranty. They also carry a two-year, money-back guarantee from the Good Housekeeping Seal.

If you would like more information on our window and door products please contact Showcase Custom Vinyl Windows and Doors at 713-926-8500, or use our contact form at www.showcasewindows.com