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## CARING FOR YOUR SUNMASTER PRODUCTS

### CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF PVC WEATHERSCREENS

#### What is the best method for cleaning my PVC blind?

Clear or tinted plastic should be cleaned with a dilute solution of mild soap and warm water. Rinse with clean water and dry with a soft cloth or sponge. The use of harsh chemicals for cleaning should be avoided as these can scratch the surface or attack the material.

#### What is the life expectancy of clear / tinted plastic?

The life expectancy of your clear or tinted plastic blind is estimated at between 5-10 years depending on climatic conditions, damage due to abuse, or improper cleaning or maintenance.

#### How stable is clear / tinted plastic?

Clear or tinted plastic is considered to be an 'unsupported fabric' and as such is prone to change characteristics given certain conditions. It will be inclined to hang quite firmly in cooler conditions as opposed to exhibiting a slight 'baginess' or rippling effect during warmer conditions. It must always be borne in mind that although clear or tinted plastic is a very substantial fabric, it is after all, plastic and can be a little unpredictable in its behaviour at certain times of the year and in variable climatic conditions, throughout its lifetime.

#### Why is my clear / tinted plastic blind protected against UV rays?

Ultra violet is the single most important determinant in the life of clear or tinted PVC. Clear or tinted plastic is treated with UV inhibitors to reduce the effect of harmful ultra violet rays.

#### Does dampness have an effect on my clear / tinted plastic blind?

PVC can absorb water which will show up as a cloudy residue. This will generally disappear under the action of sunlight, but may take some time to do so. You can use a soft, dry cloth to soak up surface moisture.

#### Why do I need seams in my clear / tinted plastic blind?

When more than one width of fabric is used in the fabrication of your clear / tinted plastic blind then seams will be an obvious characteristic.

### CARE & MAINTENANCE OF EXTERNAL MESH FABRICS USED IN SUNMASTER ROLLSCREENS AND SUNMASTER FABRIC TENSION ROOF SYSTEMS.

Fabric requires minimal maintenance. After spraying and soaking with a mild detergent fabric can be high pressure cleaned using the jet spray nozzle at a safe distance. Thoroughly rinse with high pressure jet spray. If no high pressure cleaner is available the strongest jetspray of a garden hose can be used. A mild detergent and a soft brush can be used for soft scrubbing of trouble spots.

Aluminium frames can be jet sprayed and wiped clean after. Care has to be taken to direct the flow of water away from the opening in the bottom of the headbox where the motor is situated.



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CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF DICKSON FABRICS AS USED IN SUNMASTER FOLDING ARM AWNINGS AND DROPSCREEN AWNINGS.



### HOW TO CARE FOR A DICKSON AWNING

Dickson awning fabrics are designed and manufactured for outside use and the following care instructions should be observed.

- Awning frames must be in a fixed position that will stretch the canvas to avoid rubbing. The tension will prevent formation of water pocket on the awning.
- In case of strong wind, if retractable, the awning should be retracted.
- When rain occurs, retractable awnings may be left in an open position but should not be retracted for a period of time long enough for the awning to dry. Should the awning require retracting while wet, open it as quickly as possible and allow the fabric to dry. Although the fabric is mould, mildew, and rot proof, this procedure is necessary because of the risk of buildup of atmospheric pollution deposits on the surface of the fabric.

- Dickson awning fabrics have a special finish which delays the formation of and accumulation of dirt.

To preserve this finish, cleaning should include the following:

### STANDARD MAINTENANCE

Thoroughly remove the dust from the awning fabric by vacuum cleaning, beating, or brushing. Then clean by using 303 Fabric Cleaner, a non hazardous, non toxic, biodegradeable cleaner which rinses residue free.

Regular hosing with a garden hose will keep dirt and dust from adhering, which in turn will avoid growth of mildew and the like.

### STAIN REMOVAL

For finger marks and greasy stains, use of 303 Fabric Cleaner is recommended.



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