

Congratulations on the purchase of your new awnings—you have made a considerable investment in your property and now you want to make sure that you prolong the life of your awnings by caring for them in the best possible way. The key to keeping your fabric looking great and extending its life is periodic cleaning followed by repellence retreatment.

CARE OF CANVAS AND ACRYLIC FABRICS

1. All NEW awning installations with Canvas should always be drawn down fully and left down for a period of 2 to 4 days. This process will allow the canvas to condition (i.e. fabric will relax & construction will tighten). This will serve to eliminate any waviness or wrinkles in the fabric.
2. Ensure the canvas is thoroughly dry before rolling it way—if this can not be avoided due to storm conditions, once the weather is clear you should extend and allow to dry completely; failure to do so will encourage algae, mildew or other fungal growth.
Also avoid pools of water lying on the fabric.
3. Keep the fabric clean by brushing regularly, both inside and outside, with a soft brush, either a clean household broom or a dustpan brush. Hosing occasionally with clear, cold water on hot days will minimise the development of algae, mildew and fungi by removing dust and grime. DO NOT allow dirt, dust, grime, and leaf litter and bird matter to remain on the fabric (this provides a perfect medium for bacteria to proliferate).
4. Occasionally extend the awning fully down to even out the material, particularly if the awning is usually set in one position.

Cleaning of Acrylic Fabrics

Such as our quality collection of **Dickson Constant / Sunbrella / Astra** ranges

Simply brush off any loose dirt, roof particles etc with a soft brush, hose down and clean with a mild soap in lukewarm water (37°C). Rinse thoroughly to remove soap. DO NOT use detergents. Allow to air dry.

For more stubborn cases, soak the fabric for approximately 20 minutes in a solution of no more than 1/2 cup of non-chlorine bleach and 1/4 cup natural soap per 4 litres of water at approximately 30-35°C. Rinse thoroughly in cold water to remove all the soap. Note excessive soaking in bleach can deteriorate sewing threads. Acrylic fabrics are heat sensitive and therefore should not be subjected to excessive heat as fabric will shrink. This method of cleaning may remove part of the water repellence. When water repellence is a factor the fabric should receive an application of an air-curing re-treatment.

Cleaning of Canvas (Poly/Cotton) Fabrics

Such as our quality collection of Hunter Douglas, Brella Classic / Somerton, Addalong & Companion ranges

Cleaning can be done by lightly sponging with lukewarm water (37%), rinsing immediately and thoroughly. DO NOT scrub the fabric. DO NOT use soap powder, concentrated soaps, detergents or cleaning fluids. Keep insecticides, solvents and fuels away from fabric.

Should mildew spots appear brush them off before they become attached. Persistent mould or mildew growth should be treated with a diluted mix of 1 part White King to three parts water, apply evenly to the outside working into the fabric with a sponge mop or broom. Hose the solution off thoroughly after 15 minutes continuing to hose down until run-off is clear. If mildew is not completely removed allow canvas to dry then repeat. NOTE: do not allow the solution to remain on the canvas longer than 20 minutes with out thoroughly rinsing or damage may occur.

Once canvas is clean and completely dry it will require re-proofing. Its recommended re-proofing is done annually.

Speak with one of our friendly customer service staff about these products to aid in the care of your fabric Awnings & Blinds



Product Name	Description	Recommended for -
Brellaguard	Fabric treatment repels dirt, grease, water and oil	Recommended for Poly/Cotton Canvas
303 Fabric Cleaner 946ml or 303 Cleaner & Spot Remover 946ml	Non-Toxic mild cleaning solution for Acrylic fabrics	Recommended for Acrylic Fabrics
303 Fabric Guard Water Repellent for all woven fabrics	Restores repellence to Acrylic fabric products	Recommended for Acrylic Fabrics