

somerton canvas care instructions

To Get The Best From Your New Awnings

Handling during fabrication and transportation may have left some minor wrinkles in the awning fabric. Avoid rolling the awning up with these wrinkles still in the fabric.

- Wet the fabric while the awning is fully extended using a domestic hose at a moderately high pressure for several minutes until the fabric is uniformly wet
 - Allow the fabric to dry completely in full sun.
- Also, follow this procedure if the awning has been rolled up for a long period of time.

Tips For Longer Life of Somerton Canvas

- Awnings should be used fully extended. Periodically adjust awnings to their fullest extension if they have been used partly retracted for any length of time.
- Only roll up your awnings when clean and dry.
- Always roll up your awnings in high winds and storms - the leverage exerted can strain fittings and mountings.
- Keep your awnings clean! Do not mow lawns or clean gutters etc near awnings when they are extended.
- Occasionally rejuvenate your awnings! Exposure to the elements and excessive cleaning may affect water proofness and appearance of Defab Somerton awning fabrics. Additional proofing finishes may help maintain the look. Only ever use one type of proofing agent on an awning.
- Only Defab approved canvas treatments containing mildew inhibitors may be used on Defab Somerton awning fabrics.

Care Instructions

- Store, pack or roll up only when clean and dry.
- To remove dirt, brush dry fabric with a soft brush (occasional hosing may remove dust and some ingrained dirt.)
- Never scrub the fabric.
- Immediately remove deposits of organic matter (such as soil, grass cuttings, leaf litter, bird droppings, vehicle exhaust, pollutants etc)
- Remove any mildew, as it appears on the fabric, first by brushing then by treating with diluted chlorine bleach (typically 1 part White King to 4 parts of water to achieve 1% available chlorine.) Allow to dry in full sun then hose well to remove residue.
- Do not use strong bleaches such as "Pool Chlorine".
- Do not use soaps, detergents, solvents or other liquid cleansers.
- Use only Defab approved proofing agents.

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