

Care and Maintenance – SunSetter Woven Acrylic Fabrics

SunSetter woven acrylic fabrics are made of 100% solution-dyed acrylic fiber and have a special finish which delays the formation and accumulation of dirt. To preserve this finish, cleaning of the fabric must include the following:

Standard Maintenance

- Thoroughly remove the dust from the dry awning fabric by vacuum cleaning, gently beating, or brushing.
- Then clean with a prolonged spraying of luke warm water and a mild soap while gently brushing. Rinse thoroughly to remove soap.

Stain Removal

- For more stubborn cases, a general solution of no more than ½ cup (4 oz.) of bleach and ¼ cup (2 oz.) of mild soap per gallon of water is normally recommended. The fabric should be soaked in this mixture for no more than 20 minutes. Then the fabric should be rinsed thoroughly in cold water to remove all of the mixture.

Warning: Excessive soaking in bleach can deteriorate sewing threads. The fabric should be rinsed thoroughly in cold water to remove all of the soap. This method of cleaning may remove part of the water repellency of the fabric. Therefore, if water repellence is important, the fabric afterwards should receive an application of any air-curing fluorocarbon water repellent treatment like 303 High Tech Fabric Guard.

Applying 303 High Tech Fabric Guard

303 should be applied to SunSetter woven acrylic fabrics after each thorough cleaning, which typically removes the original finish and reduces the fabric's water repellency.

- Allow the clean fabric to completely air dry.
- Apply 303 Fabric Guard in a well-ventilated area following instructions on the container.
- Apply 303 in a thin, even coat and allow fabric to dry completely.
- Apply a second thin, even coating of 303. (Two light coatings are more effective in restoring fabric water resistance than a single heavy coating. A 15-ounce bottle provides coverage of up to 50 square feet of fabric.)

For more information please see www.303products.com.

Caution: If an awning is retracted while wet, open it as quickly as possible and allow the fabric to dry. Although the fabric is mold, mildew and rot resistant, this procedure is necessary because atmospheric pollution deposits on the surface of the fabric can mold and mildew under damp conditions.