



C onventional Awning Product Care

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Retractable Fabric Awnings

Congratulations on

Your awnings will keep your home cool on sunny days, help you save money and energy by reducing your air conditioning needs; and they will stay colorful and attractive for years- with just a little care from you.

Your awnings are made of a durable acrylic fabric that is designed for long life. Proper care will increase or even double their lifespan. Here is all you need to do...

BE GENTLE WITH THEM: If you are installing or removing your awnings yourself, don't yank on the fabric or drag your awnings over rough surfaces- like concrete patios or driveways.

KEEP THEM CLEAN: Don't allow soil or dirt to accumulate on top of the awning. Brush them off occasionally to remove twigs and leaves that could cause staining. Sweep away all signs of mildew or dirt from the undersides with a clean household broom. Hose them down from time to time – or let a gentle rain do the job. When it's time for a more thorough cleaning, use a mild soap (not a detergent) and immediately rinse away every bubble. Never use a harsh cleaning solution or an abrasive. It is best if you follow the manufacturer's instructions on the warranty card.

KEEP THEM IN GOOD REPAIR:

Don't let water stand for a long time in the folds of your awnings-this invites mildew. If you notice a storm on the horizon, raise your awnings if you can or secure them well.

Mend small tears or holes promptly so they won't have a chance to grow. Inspect frames annually and all fittings annually for tightness. Keep shrubbery and trees away from the fabric.

If your awnings droop or hold water after a rain, it's time to tighten them. Do this yourself, or call your local dealer.

your new purchase!

As you're sitting outside enjoying the shade, make sure to keep insect sprays and other chemicals away from your awnings. They may cause stains and affect the water repellent of the fabric. One final word- do your charcoal grilling out in the yard-not under your awning!

When it's time to recover your awning frames with new fabric, or if it is ever necessary to make extensive repairs, call your local dealer. Recovering may be more economical during the fall and winter months.

STORE THEM CAREFULLY: Make sure that your awnings are clean and dry before you store them. Give them a final brushing to remove all leaves or bits of debris before they are removed. Then fold or roll them gently and put them in a cool, dry place. Remove your awnings before the temperature drops too low. Extremely cold temperatures can affect the flexibility of the fabric.

Cover your awnings or put them in non-plastic bags. Never store them directly on a concrete floor. Concrete holds moisture, and moisture can mean mildew. If you leave your awnings up year round, check occasionally to make sure they are laced down firmly and that all fasteners are tight.

D o ' s

- 1) Tighten all nuts and bolts securely at least once a year. Be careful not to over-tighten them.
- 2) Inspect all ropes and ties for tears, abrasions tensions, or signs of wear once a year.
- 3) Inspect all sewn seams at least once a year.
- 4) Lubricate moving parts once a year being careful to keep lubricant off the fabric.
- 5) Inspect and tighten all fasteners that attach the awning to its structure and itself/Do this once a year and after any strong winds.

D o n ' t s

- 1) Never clean your awning without following the manufacturer's instructions.
- 2) Never store your awning in plastic or when it is slightly wet.
- 3) Never attempt to remove the fabric cover of an awning containing a motor or a gear.
- 4) Never allow leaves or tree droppings to remain on your fabric cover for long periods of time.