

# SUNRAY AWNINGS CARE & MAINTENANCE



Sunray awnings will give you and your family many years of shelter in your outdoor area, provided simple care and maintenance instructions are followed.

## **MAINTENANCE:**

Regular maintenance inspections will help to identify and fix any issues before they could become serious. A six monthly visual inspection is recommended for your awning, particularly before and after summer, for any damage. Any tears or rips need to be fixed as soon as they occur, as ongoing wind or rain can quickly increase the tear size. Maintenance of the fabric is needed to achieve a longer life expectancy and a better look.

Cleaning should take place every six months in a normal environment and every three months in more harsh environments, such as seaside or industrial areas.

**NOTE:** The awning fabric and the structure are not designed to support the load of water pooling on the fabric or excessive windy conditions. Ensure the awning is retracted during heavy rain or wind periods to protect it. Any damage caused by these conditions are not covered by the warranty.

## **CLEANING:**

- 1 - Brush off any loose dirt (which can lead to the formation of mildew).
- 2 - Clean your awning fabric with a mild neutral detergent and a soft cloth, or if necessary use a soft bristle brush.
- 3 - For localised stains clean with a neutral detergent mixed with lukewarm water (maximum 38°C).
- 4 - Rinse with water.

## **ALUMINIUM ARMS/COMPONENTS:**

- 1 - Carefully remove any loose deposits with a wet sponge.
- 2 - Wash down using a soft brush (non abrasive) and a mild household detergent solution to remove dust, salt, dirt and other deposits.
- 3 - **Anodised** finishes with greasy deposits or hard to remove grime, should be cleaned with a soft cloth dipped in white spirit, turpentine or kerosene, then wiped with a dry rag.
- 4 - Rinse off with lots of clean fresh water.
- 5 - A quick wipe over with an absorbent cloth chamois will prevent water marks from forming.

If material is regularly exposed to damp conditions, extra cleaning is recommended.

DO leave the fabric to dry completely before it is rolled up. If the awning has to be rolled up when the fabric is still wet, this can be air dried but never hot dried, although the fabric, due to its technical characteristics, dries very fast.

DO NOT use solvents or harsh detergents.

DO NOT under any circumstances use scourer pads, abrasive scouring cleaners or caustic solution as these will cause permanent damage to the finish.

DO NOT use aggressive solvents, thinners, petrol etc, on powder coating as these solvents will attack gloss levels and reduce its life expectancy.

DO NOT let any solvents used on anodised finishes come in contact with any rubber components as they can degrade them.

DO NOT expose your anodised/powder coatings to excessive heat, heaters or hot air guns - these may damage the coating.