

AWNING CARE AND CLEANING GUIDE

The highest quality materials have been used in the manufacture of Awnings. Australian Standards require that fabric suppliers test their fabrics for the four most widespread types of bacteria which cause mould and mildew.

After installation awnings should be pulled down (fully extended) and left in the down position for approx. 2 to 4 days to settle it evenly. This will reduce any waves or wrinkles in the fabric (if any) and help the assembly to tighten.

Awnings should be completely rolled up in heavy weather conditions (wind and rain). Avoid rolling up the awning when it is wet. If this is unavoidable at the time then remember to pull down fully to dry as soon as possible. If this is not done then you risk mould and mildew growth.

Fabric creases (caused by being rolled up wet) can be smoothed out by re-wetting the blind and leaving fully extended to dry in the sun. Do not leave the awning extended in the rain. This will hasten the reduction of inhibitors in the fabric which reduces mould and mildew resistance.

Remember to do fabric water repellent treatments annually. Any grime which remains on the fabric will encourage the spread of bacteria. Clean off any garden litter, bird or bat waste immediately.

Hose down your awning on dry warm days to remove dust and improve the appearance of the fabric, retarding the growth of any fungus. Marks can be removed by lightly sponging with warm water and mild natural soap (do not use cleaning products such as cleaning sprays or fluids, soap powders, concentrated detergents). Do not scrub. Ensure awning is dry before retracting.

Keep chemicals such as solvents, fuels and insect/weed repellents away from awnings.

To keep the awning in condition, the awning should be pulled down fully and evenly exposed as often as possible throughout the life of the awning. This will avoid uneven shrinkage, if any. Do this in all seasons to keep the awning in condition. It is important to do this periodically so that the awning is not rolled up fully or partially for extended periods of time.

Do not keep rolled up for long periods. This can cause a build-up of moisture which can damage the fabric.

Some shrinkage over time in tropical conditions is normal.

Avoid water contact with motor systems and do not attempt to adjust the motor settings.

Awnings should be operated (i.e. extended and retracted) at least every two months to maintain proper working order.

Warranty

Betta Blinds and Awnings guarantee the quality on all our specified fabrics free from defects for one (1) year from date of purchase. All fabrics manufactured by Betta Blinds and Awnings are cut using Ultrasonic or Aeronaut Fabric Cutting Technology, this is essential for cutting square and to aid the elimination of fabric fray. Due to this technology we are able to guarantee our fabrics against fault of manufacture. Betta Blinds and Awnings guarantee the quality on all our blind components free from defects and/or failure for five (5) years from the date of purchase. Crank Handles, Pull Sticks and Zinc plated Guides and Brackets are covered by a 1 year warranty.

The guarantee on Betta Blinds and Awnings products does not cover defects or damage caused by accidents, alterations, misuse, abuse, wear and tear or failure to comply with cleaning and maintenance instructions. Betta Blinds and Awnings do not warranty the fading of fabrics caused by direct and/or indirect sunlight. Under the guarantee Betta Blinds and Awnings shall not be liable or responsible for incidental or consequential damages or any other direct or indirect damage, loss, cost, expense or fee.

