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Proper Care & Cleaning Of Your Sunesta Product



ACRYLIC FABRIC

To clean your fabric, spray off loose dirt and debris with a water hose. For bird droppings and attached residue, use warm water and a **soft scrub brush**, then rinse. When finished, allow the awning to dry completely, then coat with rain repellent, such as Scotch Guard.

When using the rain repellent, **test the corner first for color fastness**. If the fabric passes the colorfast test, **lightly mist the entire fabric area** of the awning with rain repellent and allow to fully dry before retracting it.

If your awning has tougher stains such as mildew, you can try to remove the stain by using a mild soap such as Ivory Snow or Woolite with warm water and a soft scrub brush. Avoid using any product with the word detergent in it. **Again, only use a mild soap**. After using the soap, rinse the awning **thoroughly**, with a water hose. Allow the awning to dry completely, then follow the steps above to coat the fabric with rain repellent.



SCREEN FABRIC

Sunesta's exterior screen fabric is made of strong vinyl-coated polyester and fiberglass making it mildew and fade resistant. To properly clean your fabric, remove dust with a vacuum cleaner or compressed air. Do not scrub. Do not use any solvents or any abrasive substance which might cause damage. Clean with a sponge or a soft brush dipped in soapy water using mild detergent. Rinse with clean water. Leave the fabric fully exposed until completely dry.



CLEAR VINYL

Hose or blow off loose dirt particles from surface. Flood window with water before wiping. Using plain water or mild soap and water solution and a soft cloth or tissue, gently clean window. Rinse window with water making sure to remove all soap residue. Allow window to dry completely before rolling up. Do not use harsh brushes or abrasives when cleaning plastic windows- this will scratch the window. Do not use harsh detergents when washing your plastic window. A mild detergent in water applied with a soft cloth may be used. Do not use products containing silicones or alcohol on plastic window, such as typical commercial vinyl care products and glass cleaners. Do not rub the plastic window when dry – this will scratch the window. Always flood the window with water before gently wiping it with a damp, soft cotton cloth. Do not roll window up while wet.



FRAME

Proper care for the frame of the awning includes rinsing with water hose, wiping it down with a soft cloth and using a **100% silicone lubricant** on all moving parts of patio awnings. Again, the lubricant must be 100% silicone. **Do not** use lubricants such as WD-40 as they will leave a residue and may stain the fabric.



HOW OFTEN?

The frequency of cleaning depends on your location. If you are inland, you should clean your system and its fabric twice a year. However, if you live in a coastal region near the ocean, you will need to clean your system and fabric once per month to prevent stains and corrosion, due to the salty air.

Proper care of your awning will extend its life and your enjoyment. For questions not answered in this document, feel free to contact Sunesta's Customer Service Department at 1-800-874-2001.