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Care and Cleaning

Patio 500® Awning Fabric is a polyester reinforced PVC fabric that will provide many years of satisfactory service. It is waterproof, flame, mildew, stain and dirt resistant. Patio 500® is dimensionally stable. Properly fastened to the frame, it will retain its trim fit as well as its protective function and aesthetic value. Since no material is impervious to all hazards, proper maintenance is important if maximum life of the product is to be realized. The following maintenance suggestions are offered:

1. Keep clean. Occasional hosing with clear water will prevent dirt accumulation. Most dirt accumulation can be removed by mild soap, water and a soft scrub brush. Rinse thoroughly. In extreme cases, most dirt can be removed by applying half strength bleach and brushing softly to cover thoroughly the necessary area. Allow solution to remain for two or three minutes, then thoroughly rinse with clear water, protecting surrounding materials or plant growth that might be damaged by the bleach.
2. In areas particularly conducive to mildew, brush away any visible accumulation of dirt on underside. Mildew can grow on dirt, but does not grow on or attack the Patio 500® vinyl.
3. Use care during installation, take down and transporting. Frictional heat, particularly at the folds, can damage the surface. Sufficient frictional heat can create holes.
4. Avoid excessive wind whip or flapping. Normally fastened sections or panels should be rolled or restrained when not in use.

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