



Outdoor Shade Maintenance

To keep the shade functioning properly, zipper tracks should be kept clean and lubricated with a dry silicone spray. CRC Heavy Duty Silicone Spray is recommended and is found at most major automotive car retailers. This often is the solution to minor operational issues involving the raising and lowering of the shade. The zipper tracks should be cleaned and sprayed with silicone spray every 3-6 months depending on quickly the tracks get dirty.



Please note: Walmart also carries a silicone spray but be careful which one you purchase. The cans look very much alike so make sure you purchase the can with silicone lubricant on it not the can that says lubricant only. The lubricant can use an oil base that will attract dirt.



The Screen fabric is made of a vinyl coated polyester yarn designed for exterior use. While Microban is incorporated in the fabric, it does not prevent the visual accumulation of dirt and debris. Windex Pro Outdoor products are recommended for cleaning. Simply attach the bottle to a garden hose and follow the directions provided on the cleaning product label. Roll the shade down and clean the fabric and leave the shade down until the fabric is completely dry to prevent mildew. The shade should be cleaned every 3-6 months depending on how quickly it gets dirty.



Clear Vinyl Shades are a beautiful way to enclose a space and require regular cleaning to maintain clarity and shine. 303 Protectant is recommended for maintaining vinyl shades. The cleaner is worked into the vinyl, leaving a hazy film. Simply polish the film off with a microfiber towel. This will enable the unit to operate smoothly and the vinyl windows to remain clear and polished. Vinyl shades need to be cleaned and polished every 3-6 weeks depending on how quickly the shades get dirty.



Outdoor shades should not be down in winds greater than 30 mph. High winds can cause the shade to rip out of the zipper tracks and can cause damage to the shade fabric, zipper tracks and potentially your patio if the shade is pulled out of the tracks completely. A wind sensor can be added to the shades that automatically rolls the shades up when the wind is too high.