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## **Brella® Awning Canvas Care**

To obtain maximum life from outdoor products incorporating Brella® awning canvas, the following points should be noted:

- ❖ As a general rule, Brella® canvas awnings should be cleaned once or twice a year (the more regularly the better), particularly because air pollutants, dirt and grime can become embedded within the fabric interstices.
- ❖ Brella® awning canvas should be kept clean by brushing dry fabric regularly with a soft brush/broom. Hose occasionally with cold water, but do not combine the actions of brushing and hosing as this may abrade coating and impart a scuffed appearance to the fabric once dry.
- ❖ Do not allow bird droppings, earth, sand or vegetable matter to remain in contact with the canvas.
- ❖ Do not apply soaps, detergents, cleaning fluids or insecticides
- ❖ Keep petrol, kerosene or other similar fluids away from the canvas
- ❖ Retractable awnings should not be rolled up when wet. If rolled up wet, Brella® awning fabric should be opened up to dry as soon as practical to prevent mildew growth.
- ❖ Awnings constantly exposed to rain and moisture are particularly susceptible to mildew growth. Routine cleanings will help prevent mildew growth.
- ❖ Should mildew spots appear, brush them off before they become attached.
- ❖ Persistent mould or mildew growth should be treated with White King® solution, strictly in accordance with the instructions outlined on the following page.
- ❖ To ensure that water and soil repellency is fully retained after fabric has endured continuous outdoor exposure or been cleaned extensively, the fabric should be reproofed with a water repellent compound. Bradmill Outdoor Fabrics' water based BrellaGuard® reproofing compound is recommended for this purpose. Note: this is required when water penetrates the fabric rather than beading off it.

### ***Fabrication Notes:***

To minimise the effect of warp (lengthwise) shrinkage on awnings, Brella® awning canvas should always be mounted in the warp direction between top fixtures or rollers and the bottom rails of awning units where no provision for horizontal or sideways tensioning is made.

Recommendation made with all new awning installations – new awnings should always be drawn down fully and left down for a period of 2 to 4 days. This process will allow the canvas to condition (i.e. fabric will relax & construction will tighten). This will serve to eliminate any waviness or wrinkles in the fabric. Also: during the life of the awning, under both summer & winter conditions, it is advised that the awning be periodically drawn to the full down position to allow ongoing conditioning. This is especially important if the awning has been rolled up either fully or partially for long periods of time.

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### ***Use of White King® as Mildew Remover:***

White King® is a bleaching and cleansing agent which is effective in removing mildew growth on canvas and killing mildew spores.

#### ***Safety:***

Read the safety directions on the White King® label and follow these directions carefully. Wear rubber gloves and avoid contact with skin and eyes.

#### ***Preparation:***

- ❖ Read all directions thoroughly before commencing.
- ❖ As some awning fabrics are not colourfast, an inconspicuous section of the awning should be tested with the solution before proceeding. Brella® awning fabrics are colourfast to this treatment.
- ❖ The treatment is best performed outdoors and best results, together with easier application, are achieved when the canvas is in a taut position – tents, annexes, etc. should be fully erected; where this is not possible, spread on a clean surface.
- ❖ Remove dust and dirt by lightly brushing. Heavy soiling should be washed off with clear warm water – do not use soap, detergents or other cleaning agents.

#### ***Application:***

- ❖ White King® should be diluted with water, 1 part of White King® to 3 parts of water. It should not be mixed with other chemicals or cleaners.
- ❖ Apply this solution evenly to the outside at a rate that will penetrate the fabric, working the solution into the canvas with a soft brush or broom.
- ❖ Hose off the solution thoroughly after 15 minutes, continuing to hose down after run off is clear.
- ❖ If mildew is not completely removed, allow canvas to dry, then repeat the application.
- ❖ Do not allow the solution to remain on the canvas for more than 20 minutes without thoroughly rinsing or damage may occur.
- ❖ White King® solution is not a reproofing agent, but acts as a pre-treatment to remove mildew and spores. After completely drying, the canvas is pre-treated and ready for an application of Bradmill Outdoor Fabrics' BrellaGuard® reproofing compound

#### ***Working Qualities:***

- ❖ Properly applied, White King® solution will remove mildew and kill spores.
- ❖ Care must be taken that the solution does not come in contact with anything other than the canvas being treated. Any splashes or spills should be thoroughly washed off immediately with water.
- ❖ The solution will yellow lawns; however this will grow out.
- ❖ White King® solution will remove mildew, but not obstinate stains. It is designed as a pre-treatment to Bradmill Outdoor Fabrics' reproofing compounds, which should not be applied until fabric is completely dry.
- ❖ As Bradmill Outdoor Fabrics, has no control over the condition of the fabric to be treated, or the method by which the solution is applied and removed, no responsibility for fabric failure or other consequence of the treatment can be accepted.

#### ***Clean Up:***

- ❖ Wash applicators with clean water

#### ***Coverage:***

- ❖ 5 litres of White King® solution will treat approximately 10 square metres of canvas, once

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