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## REGAL CANVAS CARE

### CARE, CLEANING AND GENERAL INFORMATION FOR YOUR REGAL CANVAS

The boat top and other canvas items supplied on your REGAL boat are manufactured from top quality materials to provide you with years of trouble free service. The following information on the care, cleaning and proper storage of the fabrics and fasteners that make up your marine canvas, is being provided to help you maintain the appearance and ease of operation. We will also explain the performance characteristics you should expect from your canvas.

**SUNBRELLA:** Used on most Regal tops, aft curtains, camper enclosures, bow tonneaus and cockpit covers. Sunbrella is a woven fabric made from 100% solution dyed acrylic fiber. It is very color fast and will withstand long term exposure to the sun (ultraviolet) without excessive fading.

#### Cleaning instructions:

Sunbrella fabric should be cleaned regularly before substances such as dirt, roof particles, etc., are allowed to accumulate on and become embedded in the fabric. The fabric can be cleaned without being removed from the installation. Simply brush off any loose dirt, roof particles, etc., hose down and clean with a mild solution of natural soap in lukewarm water (no more than 100 degrees F.) Rinse thoroughly to remove soap. **DO NOT USE DETERGENTS.** Allow to air dry.

For heavily soiled fabric, remove the top from frame. Soak the fabric in a solution that has been mixed to the following proportions: 1/2 cup of Clorox and 1/4 cup of Ivory or Lux soap (liquid or flakes) per each gallon of lukewarm water. (The water should be no more than 100 degrees F.) Allow the fabric to soak until the bleach has killed the mildew and the stains can be brushed out with a common kitchen scrub brush. Rinse the fabric thoroughly in cold water to remove all of the soap. This may require several rinsings. Incomplete rinsing can cause deterioration of sewing threads and prohibit the fabric from being properly retreated. Allow the fabric to air dry completely. **DO NOT STEAM PRESS OR DRY IN ELECTRIC OR GAS DRYER.** Sunbrella is thermoplastic or heat sensitive. Excessive heat can damage and shrink the fabric.

This method of cleaning may remove part of the water and stain repellence that was applied to the fabric during its manufacture. It is recommended to retreat with such water repellency products as Apseal and Uniseal. We do not recommend any wax based treatments such as Thompson's Water Seal or any of the silicone products such as SC-1 5, or Aqua-Tite. Wax based products prevent the fabric from breathing and encourage mildew growth while the silicone products interact with the original fluorocarbon finish and seem to cause a rapid loss of water repellency. We have not found scotchguard to be a very effective product for restoring water repellence to Sunbrella. It seems to work fairly well in the short run, but doesn't maintain its performance very long.

#### Characteristics:

1. Sunbrella is a woven fabric. Even though it is treated with water repellency some "misting" through the fabric is typical.
2. With new canvas, the greatest potential for leakage is through the sewn seams. Because Sunbrella and the long term thread that's used is synthetic, the holes created by sewing will not swell up and seal when exposed to water as cotton does. Usually the movement of the fabric in use will move the fibers enough to seal the holes. You may apply Apseal or Uniseal to the seams to speed up this process.
3. When the canvas is new, the fit will normally be tight. It is designed this way because Sunbrella stretches as it ages. The initial tight fit allows for a suitable fit for the life of the canvas.
4. The fit with Sunbrella will vary slightly in the heat, cold and rain.

#### Care:

**NEVER** store canvas wet or in an unventilated, moist area.

**ALWAYS** roll the canvas instead of folding. This is of particular importance on side curtains or any part with the clear vinyl "glass". Roll the top carefully around the bows and cover with the storage boot provided.

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**WHITE AQUALON:** Used on some Regal tops, aft curtains, camper enclosures, bow tonneaus and cockpit covers. Aqualon is a two ply polyester duck that has a top side vinyl resin coating. The underside is water repellent, with a nonpigmented coating that will not rub off. It resists cracking, peeling, hardening and fading, and is not susceptible to mildew, rot or ultra-violet rays.

## **Cleaning Instructions:**

Clean periodically with a soft brush using mild soap solution (Ivory or Lux, liquid or flakes). Rinse thoroughly with clear water and air dry.

## **Characteristics:**

1. Aqualon is a dimensionally stable fabric that exhibits very little stretch or shrinkage.
2. This fabric has a dirt resistant finish, however, since it is white it shows dirt easily and should be cleaned often.
3. As with Sunbrella, the greatest chance of leakage is through the seams. The same information as outlined for Sunbrella applies, except that a vinyl protectant should be used to aid in sealing the seams.

## **Care:**

**NEVER** store canvas wet or in an unventilated moist area.

**ALWAYS** roll the canvas instead of folding. This is of particular importance on side curtains or any part with the clear vinyl "Glass".

## **CLEAR VINYL "GLASS":**

The clear vinyl "glass" used in side curtains, aft curtains, visors and camper enclosures is very susceptible to heat and cold. Keep vinyl side curtains from touching the bows (tubing) to minimize burning the vinyl. If boat is stored with top, side curtains and aft curtain in place heat build up inside of the boat may discolor the vinyl.

## **Cleaning:**

Using a soft cloth, clean with a solution of Ivory or Lux soap, liquid or flakes, and lukewarm water. Allow to air dry. Never use any type of abrasive cleaner as it will scratch the glass. There are many cleaners and scratch removers on the market specifically for clear vinyl. Any of them should give satisfactory results.

## **Care:**

**NEVER** store vinyl curtains wet or in an unventilated, moist area.

Handle the clear vinyl carefully. It is soft and very prone to scratching.

## **ZIPPER:**

When zippers are new they can be a little difficult to zip. Zip carefully without forcing. They will loosen with use. A zipper lubricant may be used to help new zippers as well as maintaining long trouble free service. The most vulnerable part of the zipper is the starts. Use care when starting zipper or prevent damage.

## **SNAP FASTENERS:**

Fasteners should be unsnapped as close to the button as possible. Never remove canvas by pulling roughly on the edge of the material. This can damage the canvas as well as the fasteners.

Special consideration should be given to "Pull-The-Dot" snap fasteners as is pictured below. This snap is used only in special circumstances where a conventional snap will not hold. It is a directional snap that will release only when lifted from the dot (see illustration). If not lifted properly it will not release and damage to the canvas is possible.