

Vinyl Coated Polyester Fabric

We recommend using a soap and not a detergent when cleaning. Detergents contain surfactants that are very difficult to remove completely causing the effectiveness of any post treatment water repellent to be greatly reduced.

Fill a large container with warm water between 100-120° F. Dissolve 1 cup of mild soap and 2 cups baking soda. Soak the stained material in the cleaning solution for 3-5 hours. Avoid crushing or creasing of the fabric. Gently swirl or agitate the material every half hour. At the end of the soaking period, visually inspect for remaining stains. The mild scouring action of baking soda and a mild soap should loosen most stains. If necessary, use a soft bristled brush to scrub in a light circular motion around any remaining stains. For more stubborn stains, we have had success using a 10% solution of Mean Green via a spray bottle (this is a detergent and will negatively affect the application of a post treatment water repellent). Spray the solution onto the stains using a spray bottle application. Use the same scrubbing directions listed above to loosen the stains. After removal of all stains, rinse once with warm water and three times with cold water. Continue with a cold rinse until only water remains. Hang material to dry. A post treatment water repellent such as AQUA-TITE® GREEN must be applied after fabric is fully dry and/or at least once a year to help the fabric's longevity.

The pigmentation in vinyl coated polyester fabric should not migrate onto upholstery vinyl. If some surface rub-off should occur, remove it with vinyl cleaner of mineral spirits. In areas where vigorous movement of the fabric against a hard surface will occur during use, use of a buffer strip is recommended.

WARNING

- Always make sure your cover is securely fastened when traveling and during storage. A loose cover can tear in the wind and may void your warranty.
- You should only use one cover or tarp at a time on your boat. The friction caused by two covers rubbing together can wear holes in the bottom cover. Whether traveling or even just storing your boat outside, only one cover should be used.
- All our covers are specially designed to allow your boat to 'breathe' either through venting or by using breathable materials. This keeps moisture from getting trapped which can lead to corrosion and mildew growth inside your boat. Never use plastic tarps or other non-breathable covers to cover your boat.
- Although Vinyl Coated Polyester (Top Gun® 1S) fabrics are 100% waterproof, the seams may allow some moisture through.

QUESTIONS?

Contact SugarHouse Industries customer support at: 801-563-9600

8:00 am – 5:30 pm (MST), Monday through Friday

BOAT COVERS CARE & USE



Congratulations on your purchase of a boat cover from SugarHouse Industries. With occasional cleaning and careful use, you will enjoy your shade top for many years.

Boat Cover Purchased

Boat Cover Material

Install Date

WARRANTY

10 YEAR limited manufacturer warranty of Solution Dyed Acrylic (Sunbrella™) fabric.

7 YEAR limited manufacturer warranty on Vinyl Coated Polyester (Top Gun® 1S) fabric.

All our marine covers are guaranteed to be free of defects in materials, hardware and workmanship to the original owner for the entire warranty period of the fabric. During this period, SugarHouse Industries will repair or replace any defective product at no charge to the original owner.

This warranty does not cover damage due to misuse, negligence, abuse, mold, mildew or acts of God, nor does it cover the water repellency of the fabric.

Warranties are contingent upon proper use and care of your boat cover. Failure to follow these guidelines will void the warranty.

Warranty can be redeemed through SugarHouse Industries. Detail information regarding warranty coverage is available at: www.SugarHouse.us/Warranty.

OPERATION

Snap-On covers are designed to fit snugly on your boat. For the easiest installation:

1. Fasten the snaps at the front of the boat.
2. Fasten the snaps at the back of the boat.
3. Fasten the remaining snaps on the sides.

Fastening the front and back snaps first will make it easier to connect the side snaps.

CARING FOR YOUR BOAT COVER

- Keep standing water off your cover. The fabric is water repellent, but not waterproof. Puddled water may eventually soak through or stretch the fabric. Leaves and dirt in puddled water can enable mildew growth on your cover. Support poles are available to help shed water, but should not be used to support snow.
- Mildew can be your cover's worst enemy. Mildew is always a result of negligence. Our marine fabrics are specially treated to resist mildew growth, but mildew can and will grow on any surface that is dirty and damp. Once this mildew growth has started, it will then attach the fabric of the cover itself. To help prevent mildew growth, keep your cover clean and always thoroughly dry it before storing it for an extended period of time.
- To prevent mildew growth under the cover while in use, allow the boat to dry completely before covering and storing for an extended period of time.
- You do not need to use a waterproofing or "Scotch Guard" spray on your new boat cover. It should have all the treatment it needs for several years. Refer to the Cleaning section of this pamphlet should waterproofing become necessary.
- Repair any holes, tears, or pulled out snaps immediately. Catching problems early will help extend the life of your cover.

CLEANING

Proper care and cleaning of your new boat cover is important for maintaining its appearance and durability. Most of the cleaning products mentioned can be found at our store or other retail locations. Visit our website at www.SugarHouse.us/boats for more information about care and cleaning.

CAUTION: Never use a high-powered pressure washer or commercial car wash sprayer. Never machine dry these fabrics – AIR DRY ONLY.

Solution Dyed Acrylic Fabric

Acrylic fabrics will withstand years of normal exposure to sunlight and rain. They resist mildew, sun-rot, and atmospheric chemicals while retaining their color and strength. They carry a 10-year, limited manufacturer's warranty and feature a water and stain resistant finish which simplifies cleaning.

To prevent the need for vigorous cleaning and to maximize the life of your boat cover, the fabric should be rinsed off with a hose each month to remove dirt and other debris. The fabric should have a deep cleaning every 2-3 years. Solution-dyed acrylic fabric does not promote mildew growth. However, mildew may grow on dirt and other foreign substances that are not removed from the fabric.

For simple stains or a light cleaning the fabric may be washed with a solution of mild detergent (i.e. Woolite or Dawn) and lukewarm water. Let the solution soak into the fabric and use a soft-bristle brush to scrub gently. Rinse thoroughly with clean water until all cleaning residue is removed and then air dry. Size permitting, your cover can be put in a washing machine, using a natural soap with cold or warm water and then air dried.

For a deep cleaning or to remove stubborn stains (i.e. mildew), prepare a solution of one cup of bleach, 1/4 cup of mild detergent, and one gallon of water. Allow the solution to soak into the fabric for 15 minutes. Use a soft-bristle brush to scrub gently. Rinse thoroughly with clean water until all cleaning residue is removed and then air dry. After a deep cleaning or five years of use, the water repellent finish (i.e. 303 High Tech Fabric Guard) should be reapplied to the fabric.

Smaller fabric pieces that can be removed entirely from their supporting framework can be machine washed in a front-load washer using cold water with a mild detergent and air dried.