

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.

Solution Dyed Polyester

Add 2 ounces of mild soap such as Woolite or Dawn dishwashing liquid to 1 gallon of lukewarm water.

Clean the fabric with a soft bristle brush. Rinse thoroughly with cold water and air dry. For stubborn stains Add maximum 1 cup of bleach to one 1 gallon of water. Spray on lightly to the fabric face (non-coated side). Do not soak fabric. Prolonged exposure to harsh chemicals can damage the coating. Rinse immediately. Do not leave on for more than 2 minutes.

Cleaning with harsh cleaners such as bleach will require a retreatment like 303® Fabric Guard™ to restore water repellency.

Transparent Plastic Windows

Tops with transparent plastic windows should be sprayed with clear water regularly. The windows should also be treated with a plastic cleaner/polish such as 210® Plastic Cleaner/Polish. This will seal the plasticizers in, which will help keep the window from becoming discolored or brittle.

WARNING

- Although some tops are designed to travel short distances while standing up, ALL tops should be laid down and secured when traveling long distances to prevent rubbing holes in the fabric. Frame or fabric damage caused by towing with tops up is not covered under the warranty.
- Clear plastic windows should never be stored in direct sunlight. Do not leave them on a seat in the boat or anywhere else where the sun may hit them. Sunlight shining through the clear plastic is magnified which may cause the plastic to fuse together and/or damage boat upholstery.
- Although designed to be used on a moving boat, tops should only be used at speeds below 35mph in calm weather conditions to avoid personal injury or property damage.

SHADE TOP CARE & USE



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

Shade Top Purchased

Shade Top Material

Install Date

QUESTIONS?

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

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

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.

3 YEAR limited manufacturer warranty on Solution Dyed Polyester (SunLast®) fabric.

2 YEAR limited warranty on frame workmanship.

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

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

BIMINI OPERATION

Setting up your bimini:

- Open the bimini up and clip in the front and rear hold down straps by attaching the snap hook to the eye straps.
- Adjust the hold down strap so that they are as tight as possible and the top is level.
- Ensure that the rear brace is securely fastened to the deck hinges with a screw or quick release pin.

Folding down your bimini:

- Unclip the front hold down straps.
- Fold the top backward, taking care that the canvas folds in as wrinkle free as possible.
- If you have a storage boot, place it securely around the bimini so that the curve of the bimini follows the curve of the boot and zip.

CARING FOR YOUR SHADE TOP

- Mildew can be your shade top'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 top itself. To help prevent mildew growth, keep your boat top clean and always thoroughly dry it before storing it for an extended period of time.
- For easy operation, keep the snaps and zippers on your boat tops free from dirt and corrosion. A lubricant will prevent as well as breakdown existing corrosion. We recommend using a commercial lubricant such as E-Z Snap. Avoid using oil-based lubricants which may stain your fabric.
- Boat tops with transparent plastic windows require special care and attention. When storing, the windows should always be rolled up instead of folded. Hard creases in the plastic can leave marks and may cause windows to tear or crack.
- Regularly check all deck fittings for tightness and tighten as needed.
- Ensure that hold-down straps are snug. There should be little or no slack in the hold-down straps when attached to the gunwales.
- You do not need to use a waterproofing or "Scotch Guard" spray on your new boat top. It should have all the treatment it needs for several years.
- Repair any holes, tears, or pulled out snaps immediately. Catching problems early will help extend the life of your top.

CLEANING

Proper care and cleaning of your new boat top 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 help keep dirt and debris from becoming embedded in the fabric, hose your boat top off monthly and allow to air dry. A thorough cleaning should be done every two or three years. Size permitting, your cover can be put in a washing machine using a natural soap (no detergents!) with cold or warm water and then air dried. Clean large boat tops with plastic windows while on the boat. Prepare a cleaning mixture in a bucket using natural soap and warm water. Brush off any loose dirt and apply the soapy water, allowing it to soak in. Use a soft-bristled brush to clean the fabric top, then rinse well and air dry.

Sunbrella® boat tops should be treated with a protectant only after a thorough cleaning. The manufacturer of Sunbrella® fabric recommends using 303 High Tech Fabric Guard™. Spray on a thin coat, allow to dry, then spray a second thin coat.

Vinyl Coated Polyester

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