



EXTRABLOCK Shade Fabric

Cleaning & Maintenance

Like many outdoor structures, over time shade fabric can appear to be very dirty. Extrablock shade fabric is manufactured from High Density Polyethylene or HDPE. This material is quite inert to dirt, moisture and some chemicals. This is great, because dirt doesn't stick to the individual yarns in the fabric - additionally, HDPE will not rot like canvas and similar products

When exposed to dust & moisture, shade fabric may appear grey and look like mildew, the dirt & moisture has been trapped in the knit pattern which gives this appearance. Periodic cleaning of shade fabrics will stop the build-up of dirt particles.

Shadecloth can be cleaned with a weak concentration of **non-abrasive pH neutral** detergent in warm water (maximum water temperature of 120 to 130 degrees Fahrenheit). The detergent must not contain any acidic chemicals or solvents as this can weaken the fabric's resistance against UV radiation. Apply this using a long soft bristled mop or brush and rinse with a strong flow of fresh water.

Cleaning chemicals should not contain Bleach, or other agricultural or industrial Chemicals containing Sulphur and or Halogens (chlorine Bromine). These Chemicals may attack the polymer and UV stabilizers within the shade fabric, thus reducing the life of the product and negating the warranty.

The following list of chemicals that may cause such interactions are only some examples and not exhaustive. Such chemicals may include: pesticides, metals, metal oxides and metal salts, all halogens and chemical compounds containing halogens or sulfur in all their oxidation states. Care should be taken to avoid exposure to gasoline, oils etc.

When cleaning the shadecloth, we recommend the use of a mild dish washing liquid with the use of a low pressure water hose and a soft scrubbing brush. We do not recommend the use of high pressure water, to blast the fabric clean.