

CARE AND MAINTENANCE



PolyPlan architectural fabrics are designed to perform for years, even when exposed to the harsh outdoor elements. To maximise this performance and help maintain the fabrics original performance, a cleaning program is required.

Regular Cleaning

Routine cleaning will depend on the environment. A visual inspection will determine how regular this needs to take place.

1. Rinse the surface to remove all solid particles.
 2. Using a mild solution of household detergent and soft bristle brush, scrub the entire surface.
 3. Rinse thoroughly with fresh water.
 4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 if required.
- Do not use abrasive cloths or cleaners.
 - Do not use aggressive chemicals and cleaners.

Spot Cleaning

Stubborn stains are a common occurrence with outdoor fabrics. Using the method below is not recommended for constant cleaning but is satisfactory for occasional spot cleaning on a specific area.

1. Start by cleaning the fabric using the regular cleaning method.
2. Using a solution of 50% methylated spirits and 50% water, clean the affected area using a soft cloth rubbing in a circular motion.
3. Rinse thoroughly. This step is crucial. Do not leave any residue on the surface.

Heavy Duty Cleaning

There are often occasions where heavy duty cleaning is required. Airborne pollutants and tree sap are 2 common examples of this.

1. Rinse the surface to remove all solid particles.
 2. Using a heavy duty alkaline based detergent (pH-value between 3-10) solution and soft bristle brush, scrub the entire surface.
 3. Rinse thoroughly with fresh water.
 4. Repeat steps 3 and 4 if required.
- Do not use abrasive cloths or cleaners.
 - Do not use aggressive chemicals and cleaners.
 - Always follow the dilution levels recommended by the detergent manufacturer.

Annual Inspection

It is recommended that a thorough clean takes place once a year. This clean should be followed by an inspection of the fabric to ensure no damage has occurred that will affect the integrity of the fabric and all the fittings are in sound condition.

