



## Shadecloth Care and Maintenance Instructions

Polyfab™ Heavy Duty Shadecloth is an Industrial Textile made from High Density Polyethylene, and combines Ultra Violet (UV) stabilizers and color additives. Polyfab shadecloth has excellent fade resistance but all outdoor fabrics are subject to gradual fading over time. Some colors have a tendency to fade more than others.

During the manufacturing process imperfections may occur. These imperfections are cosmetic only, and will not impact or interfere with the performance of the life of the shade fabric or the function for which it has been designed.

Your shade sail canopy or shade structure should be installed firm and tight so as to reduce windflap in the shade fabric. Shade fabric that is loose and sloppy will cause premature failure due to mechanical breakdown. This is not UV breakdown and is not covered by the warranty. The shade sail will require periodic maintenance to ensure that the shadecloth fabric remains tight.

Your shadecloth canopy may become dirty over time. (White shadecloth, especially, can pick up dirt from handling, fabrication and installation if extra care is not taken). Care should be taken to avoid Chemicals that may contain Bleach, or other industrial Chemicals containing Sulphur and/or Halogens (Chlorine Bromine). These Chemicals may attack the UV stabilizers within the Shadecloth, thus reducing the life of the product and voiding 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 sulphur in all their oxidation states.

Care should be taken to avoid exposure to gasoline, kerosene, solvents, 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.

The fabric warranty does not pertain to such damage caused by storms, hailstorm, earthquake, mechanical damage done by birds or other animals, fire, lightning etc. Again this is not an exhaustive list and it is for reference only. Please refer to our UV Warranty for further information.

If you remove the shade sail over winter, ensure that it is stored away from rodents and other pests, preferably stored in a protective bag. Make sure the fabric is completely dry before putting away to avoid mildew damage.