

PrintCraft™ Care & Cleaning Guide

One of the best ways to keep your PrintCraft shade fabric looking good and delay the need for thorough cleanings is to hose the fabrics off periodically with clean water. This practice will help prevent dirt from being deeply embedded in the fabric and eliminate the need for more frequent cleanings. In most environments, a thorough cleaning will be needed every two to three years.

When it's time for a thorough cleaning, PrintCraft fabrics can be cleaned while still on the frame of the structure. When cleaning PrintCraft fabrics, it is important to remember the following:

- Always use a mild liquid detergent such as Dawn dishwashing liquid.
- Water should be lukewarm. Never more than 100° F.
- Air dry only, heat should not be applied to the fabric.
- DO NOT USE a power washer/sprayer.
- DO NOT USE vigorous abrasive scouring. Use a brush that you would feel comfortable using on your cars painted surface.
- DO NOT USE harsh cleaning solvents such as bleach, acetone, paint thinner or alcohol.

General or Light Cleaning:

To clean PrintCraft fabrics while still on the frame, follow these simple steps:

- Brush off loose dirt.
- Hose down.
- Prepare a solution of water and mild liquid detergent such as Dawn.
- Use a soft brush (Soft enough that you would feel safe using it on your cars painted surface).
- Allow the cleaning solution to soak, sit on the fabric.
- Rinse thoroughly.
- Air dry.

Heavy Cleaning for Stubborn Stains and Mildew

PrintCraft fabrics do not promote mildew growth; however, mildew may grow on dirt and other foreign substances that are not removed from the fabric. To clean mildew, run-off streaks, or other stubborn stains:

- Two ounces (1/4 cup) of Dawn dishwashing detergent
- One gallon of water.
- Clean with a soft bristle brush.
- DO NOT SCRUB FABRIC. Avoid aggressively brushing/scrubbing the edges and rafters of the structure. Brush from the center of the graphic out and away from edges.
- Allow mixture to remain wet on the surface of the fabric for up to 20 minutes.
- Rinse thoroughly.
- Air dry.
- Repeat if necessary.

If the nature of the dirt is soot/run-off streaks a degreaser such as Greased Lightning may be used.

- Apply Greased Lightning liberally.
- Allow mixture to remain wet on the surface of the fabric 20 minutes.

- DO NOT SCRUB Avoid aggressively brushing/scrubbing the edges and rafters of the structure. Brush from the center of the graphic out and away from edges.
- Rinse thoroughly.

Before cleaning the whole surface, we recommend testing the cleaning solution in an inconspicuous area of the awning/cover.

We do not recommend using strong cleaners on the backside of the fabric.