

## PVC Material & Zip Care Guide

Your Weatherweave awning or trailer cover is built to last, but regular care will keep it looking smart and performing its best. Here's our tried-and-tested cleaning guide, based on what we use in our own workshop.

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### Everyday Cleaning (Mud, Dust & General Grime)

- For everyday cleaning, use a **household surface cleaner** such as **Mr Muscle** or our preferred own brand '**ProClean Spray**' Awning Cleaner.
  - Apply using a **white J-cloth or plain paper towels** (avoid coloured cloths, as dye can transfer).
  - For large sheets, a **mop and bucket of warm water** with a small amount of mild floor cleaner works perfectly, or use a **hand sprayer** filled with Mr Muscle or our own brand '**ProClean Wash**'.
  - **Avoid bleach or heavy-duty degreasers**, they're unnecessary and can damage the PVC coating.
  - A **jet wash** can be used to **rinse** after cleaning, but it won't remove built-up dirt effectively on its own.
  - **Do not use Traffic Film Remover (TFR) or industrial-strength cleaning products**, as they can weaken seams and dull the surface finish.
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### Stubborn or Oily Marks (Plain PVC Only)

- For oily or greasy marks on *plain, unprinted* PVC, you can use a small amount of **petrol** or **isopropyl alcohol (ISO)** for spot cleaning.
  - Apply carefully with a soft cloth in a **well-ventilated area**, only on the affected spot.
  - These are excellent for removing tar, oil, or glue residue.
  - **Avoid brake cleaner or strong solvents**, they're too aggressive and can damage the PVC material.
  - Always test on a small, hidden area first.
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### Printed PVC Surfaces (Logos, Graphics, Artwork)

- **Never use petrol, ISO, or solvent cleaners on printed sections**. These will remove the artwork.
  - Stick to **lukewarm water and a soft cloth** only.
  - Avoid scrubbing or soaking printed areas, especially along seams or edges.
  - Gently wipe clean and allow to air dry naturally.
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### Drying and Storage

- Always **dry your PVC sheets thoroughly** before folding or storing.
  - A **bath towel works brilliantly** for hand-drying both plain and printed PVC—it soaks up water quickly and helps avoid streaking.
  - Storing PVC while damp can lead to **mould, mildew, or staining**.
  - Allow the sheets to **air dry flat or hang them** to finish drying before storage.
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## PVC Windows

- If PVC windows are rolled up or stored while **still damp**, they may develop **temporary milky patches**.
  - This is caused by trapped moisture within the layers of PVC, not by temperature.
  - Once the sheet has had time to **air out and dry completely**, the milky patches will **disappear on its own** and the window will return to full clarity.
  - It's purely cosmetic and **does not damage the material**.
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## Zip Care

Our awning and wall panels use **No.10 twin-tab spiral zips**. To keep them operating smoothly:

- Brush off any dirt or grit from the teeth before cleaning.
  - If a zip becomes stiff or clogged, spray lightly with **WD-40** to dissolve grime, **then wipe off excess**.
  - For ongoing maintenance, use **silicone spray**, it gives a dry, smooth finish that won't attract dust and is fully safe for PVC.
  - Run the zip back and forth a few times after spraying to spread the lubricant evenly.
  - Avoid using grease or heavy oils, as they trap dirt and can lead to clogging over time.
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## Folding Large Sheets

Need a hand folding or lapping your large PVC sheets neatly?

Visit our **Facebook** or **Instagram** for a quick tip video that shows how we do it.