



## **TIPS FOR CLEANING / MAINTAINING STORM PROTECTION**

### **SCREENS**

Hurricane Screens should be washed with a mild detergent and the tracks lubricated with a food-grade silicone lubricant (we recommend Blaster Lubricant spray) at least once per year. Begin with sweeping the screens free of any obvious debris. Using a sponge, clean the screen with a solution of one cup mild detergent, like Dawn, and three (3) gallons of warm water. Follow by rinsing with clean water and wipe dry with soft cloth.

### **STORM PANELS**

Stainless steel will hold its appearance and remain free of corrosion (staining) if it is washed regularly. For best results, wash with soap or mild detergent and warm water. Follow by rinsing with clean water and wipe dry with soft cloth. Do not use hydrochloric acid, or similar, on the product. Never use steel wool.

### **ACCORDIONS SHUTTERS**

Accordion Shutters have some stainless-steel parts. Stainless steel is used because of its high resistance to corrosion. Although the metal itself is corrosion resistant, localized corrosion can occur from atmospheric conditions depositing organic particles on the metal that will contaminate the surface. Localized corrosion does not affect the structural integrity or the longevity of the parts. Localized corrosion is controlled with regular cleaning.

## **ROLL DOWN SHUTTERS**

### **Operation**

It is important that you open and close your shutters at least once a month. This will help keep your tracks clear and slats moving smoothly. This will also lubricate the gears in the motor & exercise the limits.

We recommend lubricating the tracks 1-2 times a year with Blaster Silicone Spray (Green Can found at Home Depot). After application, regularly operate your shutters to distribute the lubricant. This helps protect the end guides and felt.

We also recommend lubricating the Idler and Bearing.

### **Cleaning**

We recommend the shutter curtains and tracks are washed with a mild soap solution and a soft cloth or fine-haired brush every three months to remove any dirt, salt, or sand.

You can power wash the shutters; however, be careful to keep water out of housing and away from motor and electronic components. Power washing your shutters improperly can damage them and void the warranty provided by your installer.

### **What to Use**

Use a low PH level soap, such as automobile soap or Dawn Dishwashing Detergent.

Avoid cleaners that have vinegar, citrus, sodium bicarbonate, solvents, or high PH.

Once you have cleaned the shutter, ensure all surfaces are rinsed with clear water and dried with a soft absorbent cloth.

### **Do not Use**

- Abrasive cleaners
- Sharp blades such as razors or paint scrapers
- Mineral spirits or solvents of any kind
- WD-40

**We do offer maintenance as a service for Screens, Accordions, and Roll Downs; however, we do not offer cleaning.**