

# What to expect

## COVERS & BIMINI TOPS

Covers are generally made in either Sunbrella Plus, Stamoid, Mariner, PVC or Weathermax. Each type of cover has different cleaning methods which are set out below.

We use a high quality Dabond thread which is UV treated and with general use will last a minimum of 3 years. Life beyond this is dependent on weather extremes, cleaning and abrasion.

## Things you should know

### 1 ALL new covers will leak through the stitching

- It's a manufacturing fact that the needle and thread piercing the material leaves a bigger hole than the thread.
- This will normally take around 4 weeks to settle, depending on weather conditions. If there isn't much rain, this could take longer.
- We do have a seam sealer available if the area that is leaking is causing a real issue (i.e. dripping onto unprotected electronics) – we don't use this as a matter of course because it does delay the stitching sealing up by itself.

### 2 If water is pooling, contact us immediately

- If you notice any water pooling anywhere on your cover, that requires attention and you should call us immediately.
- Pooled water can stretch the fabric, making it difficult to get a tight fit. In some cases, a pole and boat vent will be required.
- Sometimes as a cover ages, this can also lead to pooling which if left unattended could reduce the life expectancy of your cover so make sure you always fit your cover correctly.

### 3 Mildew can form if material is not cleaned

- Mildew will not form in any of the mentioned fabrics, but can form if the material is not clean and there is salt & dirt on the cover so **be vigilant and air your cover/boat regularly** especially over the wetter months.

### Clean & Rinse

- In all cases, if you have mildew on or under your cover, clean the cover with a mixture of 1/4 cup Morning Fresh, 1 cup of bleach and 4 litres of water.
- **Rinse VERY thoroughly** and try as much as you can not to let the bleach sit on the stitching – so please note that if you are regularly having to clean mildew off your cover, this will reduce the life expectancy of your stitching

# Care Instructions

## Covers & Bimini Tops

Classic  
MARINE TRIMMING

sunbrella®  
WeatherMAX

Serge Ferrari  
group  
Sd  
Stamoid

MARINER®  
Premium Boat Hoarding  
PVC

## Basic Care for Different Fabrics \*

### Sunbrella & Weathermax

1

#### Combine Cleaner:

- 1/4 Cup Dishwashing Liquid (Morning Fresh is our Preferred Cleaner)
- 4 Litres Water



2

#### Use soft brush or broom

& work cleaner into the cover



3

**Wash off** all excess soapy water with clean water and allow to dry before refitting



Specific Cleaning Instructions for stains e.g. rust, tree sap & grease can be found on the Sunbrella or Weathermax websites

### Stamoid, Mariner & PVC

1

**Rinse** Cover with clean water



2

#### Combine Cleaner:

- 1/4 Cup Dishwashing Liquid (Morning Fresh is our Preferred Cleaner)
- 4 Litres Water

3

#### Use soft cloth, brush or broom

Work cleaner into the cover



#### For **stubborn stains**:

- put the Morning Fresh on the spot neat & work it in a circular motion until stain is removed.
- Sometimes you may need to let the Morning Fresh soak in for 5 minutes or so

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#### Wash off & Rinse thoroughly

- especially if you have spot cleaned, make sure the area is rinsed well with clean water



**After Cleaning, allow fabric covers to dry before re-fitting**

### Important Notes - All Fabrics



**Do NOT** remove Bimini Tops for cleaning



**Do NOT** use abrasive cleaners e.g. Jif or Gumption



This advice is given in good faith and should not be considered a guarantee. If you have any doubt about cleaning a particular item, please consult a professional boat detailer.

