

NAVIGATOR™ MARINE FABRIC

Used for Bimini Tops & Mooring Covers

CLEANING AND GENERAL CARE INSTRUCTIONS

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Navigator Marine Fabric is a woven material, produced from solution-dyed polyester yarn. It is coated on one side with a thin film of polyurethane. This combination provides maximum beauty, durability, and water repellency, at a cost which assures maximum value.

These two material components will not support the growth of mold or mildew on their own, as they are not a suitable food source for mold or mildew development. Dirt and dust, however, are extremely good food sources for mold and mildew and it is prudent that your new Navigator product be routinely cleaned to provide long-term use.

CLEANING GUIDELINES:

Navigator fabric should be cleaned monthly during the time that it is "in the elements". This simply requires a light scrub with a soft bristle brush using a mild soap and warm water mix, and thoroughly rinsed with a garden hose to ensure that loose dirt, pollen, and dust do not become lodged in the contours of the fabric, thereby inviting mildew growth (a power washer should not be used). The climate and environment in your local area may require more or less cleaning frequency. More regular cleaning is necessary if you live in warm, humid, or dusty environments. Storing your product under trees or foliage during the spring and summer months will also require more frequent cleaning.

Navigator fabric itself is not an easy platform for the growth of mold and mildew, but left long enough in a negative environment, the accumulation of dirt will eventually allow growth to occur. Material left in poor environmental conditions without routine maintenance washes will diminish the appearance and performance of the fabric. Depending upon the severity of the conditions and the length of time involved, substantial mildew growth may occur.

If mildew is noted early, fairly simple clean up may be possible. First, try a 1:4 Clorox® Outdoor bleach to water mixture, placed into a conventional spray bottle. Then proceed with the following:

1. Spray this liberally onto your fabric and let sit for 15-20 minutes.
Make sure to perform this task away from other materials that might be harmed by chlorine bleach.
2. Use a soft bristle brush and scrub lightly.
3. Thoroughly rinse the bleach mixture off the material, and check results. Note: Bleach will not change the color of your fabric, as Navigator is solution-dyed polyester. Bleach should be rinsed off very thoroughly, however, because prolonged contact could eventually degrade the fibers.
4. If necessary, repeat for stubborn stains.

SUMMARY:

With proper and routine care and cleaning, you can enjoy excellent performance and long life from Navigator Marine Fabrics.

Certain clothing and accessory dyes (such as those used on denim jeans) may migrate to lighter colors. This phenomenon is increased by humidity and temperature and is irreversible.