

Cleaning your canopy

As a general rule your canopy should be cleaned every 6 months, or every 3 months if you are in a damp or coastal area. Cleaning removes pollution, dirt, bugs and airborne salt that can otherwise build up and ultimately damage your canopy. A regular cleaning programme is required in order to validate your warranty.

Fresco Shades can clean your canopy for you if you prefer, please call us for a quote.

Cleaning The Frame:

Use a soft cloth/sponge and a mild household detergent in water solution, wipe over the frame to remove dirt. Then rinse clean with fresh water.

Sometimes if the frame has not been maintained, oxidation can result (a milky appearance on the surface). The simplest way to remove this is with a damp cloth and ordinary white vinegar. If this doesn't remove all the oxidation, most marine shops sell NZ made, non-toxic Grunt Emer-Gel oxidation remover.

NB. While our powder coating is fairly robust, if at any stage you do scratch your frame, ask Fresco about our spray paint repair kits.

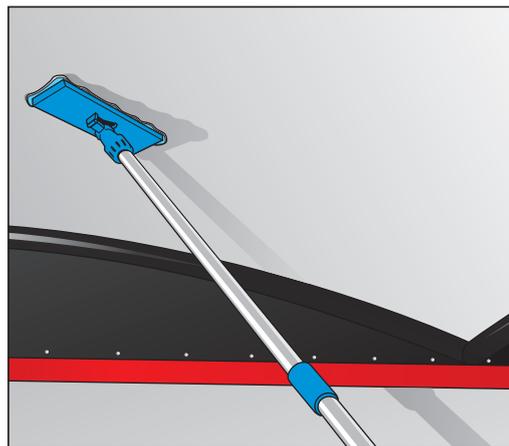
Cleaning the Roof:

The **underside** of the roof can be wiped over with a soft brush (like long handled outdoor window cleaning brushes) or a long handled microfibre mop, using a detergent in water solution. After cleaning it's a good idea to wipe the underside of the roof with a weak bleach solution. This will deter any pink airborne bacteria from attaching to the PVC, which can happen in certain environments. It's easy to do this using a long handled mop.

The **outside** of the roof can be hosed down, then use a soft brush with soapy water (again, ordinary detergent is fine). Rinse clean with a hose.

A water blaster can be used, but on full power it will damage the fabric. If you do use a power spray, make sure it is on low pressure only.

Very occasionally, over time and only in some environments you may find lichen or moss builds up on your roof. This usually only happens in damp situations, and/or if the roof has not been maintained. Should you need it, "30 Seconds One Step Spray and Walk Away" may be used, but we don't recommend the original 30 Seconds Product. "Wet and Forget" and "Move It" are also acceptable, but please bear in mind, these products will probably not clean off dirt, so are best applied after cleaning.



▲ Long handled brushes for the roof. These can be bought at stores such as Bunnings, Mitre 10, etc.

▲ Microfibre Mops can be bought at most hardware shops

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