

North Winds Canvas

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Custom Canvas Care and Maintenance

Congratulations on your purchase of your new custom canvas from North Winds Canvas. We hope that your new canvas will add pleasure and convenience to your sailing experience for years to come. In order to ensure that this is the case, here are some handy general care guidelines to maintain your new product.

Basic Care: Rinse all loose dirt off monthly with fresh, clean water. Both Strataglass/Crystal Clear and Sunbrella® will last longer if kept clean and free of dirt, salt, and bird droppings. Neither material likes harsh detergents or chemicals.

To keep a perfect appearance, roll all windows down nightly and fasten securely in place.

Storage: Protect your canvas by removing it carefully. Avoid scratching the materials or catching the fabric on sharp objects. Remove from frame completely, and store it with the window material laid flat. Protect the windows with craft paper, and if the windows are laid on top of one another, use craft paper to separate the windows.

Use only the products listed below. Use of any others will void the manufacturer's warranty.

Strataglass / Crystal Clear

IMAR Yacht Soap Concentrate
IMAR Strataglass Protective Cleaner
3M Adhesive Remover
IMAR Strataglass Protective Polish

Sunbrella®

Natural soaps (Ivory Snow, Dreft, Woolite)
Diluted bleach (see below)
303 High Tech Fabric Guard™ for water repellency
Cleaner

Keep **Rainex, sunscreen**, and all other chemicals not listed above **away from your canvas**.
Keep Sunbrella® cleaners off Strataglass and vice versa.



Polishing: Flush thoroughly to cool the surface and rinse away environmental abrasives. Wash with IMAR Yacht Soap Concentrate, or other equally gentle and high quality soap. Apply the soapy water to the clear vinyl section of the curtain with special purpose washing mitt or soft cotton cloths. Thoroughly rinse the soapy solution with fresh water and completely dry the curtains with a high quality chamois. (Swobbit.com makes several tools to make these tasks easier.) Your clear vinyl curtains should be washed whenever your boat is washed. After washing the curtains, apply IMAR Strataglass Protective Polish sparingly with small, light circular motions using a soft cotton cloth. Allow the polish to dry and then remove with a clean soft cotton cloth. Finally, lightly buff to a sparkling shine.

Routine Cleaning: For routine maintenance between polishing, use IMAR Strataglass Protective Cleaner. Ensure the clear vinyl panels are free of abrasives (salt, dirt). Very lightly mist a soft cotton cloth. Lightly and briskly rub a manageable sized area and then lightly buff dry with another clean cloth.

AVOID: Sunscreen, Rainex, Simple Green, or any other harsh cleaner.

Sunbrella® canvas will require a thorough cleaning every 2-3 years. When that time comes, follow these simple steps:

- Brush off loose dirt.
- Hose down.
- Prepare a cleaning mixture of water and mild, natural soap (no detergents).
- Use a soft bristle brush to clean.
- Allow soap to soak in for up to 20 minutes.
- Rinse thoroughly.
- Air dry only. Never apply heat to Sunbrella® fabrics.



For spot cleaning of mildew or other stubborn stains, use the following special cleaning mixture:

- Four ounces (half cup) of chlorine bleach.
- Two ounces (one-fourth cup) of natural soap.
- One gallon of water.

Repeat the cleaning instructions above, but allow the bleach mixture at least 20 minutes to soak in.

When cleaning Sunbrella® fabrics, it is important to observe the following:

- Always use a natural soap i.e. Ivory Snow, Dreft or Woolite. Never detergent.
- Water should be cold to lukewarm. Never more than 100 degrees.
- Air dry only. Never apply heat to Sunbrella® fabrics.

After every thorough cleaning, your Sunbrella® fabric should be retreated for water repellency. Sunbrella® recommends only 303 High Tech Fabric Guard™. Fabric should be clean and dry before spraying. Apply two thin, even coats, allowing the material to thoroughly dry between each one. Never allow more than five years to pass without re-treating.