

Safety Checklist

Before you hit the road, check your awning carefully...



- Is it properly rolled up and in a locked travel position?
- Are the push buttons locked in the prepunched holes?
- Are all adjustment knobs tight?
- Is the cam lever locked?
- Are travel latches down?

These safety precautions will keep your awning working properly and make your vacation a more enjoyable one.

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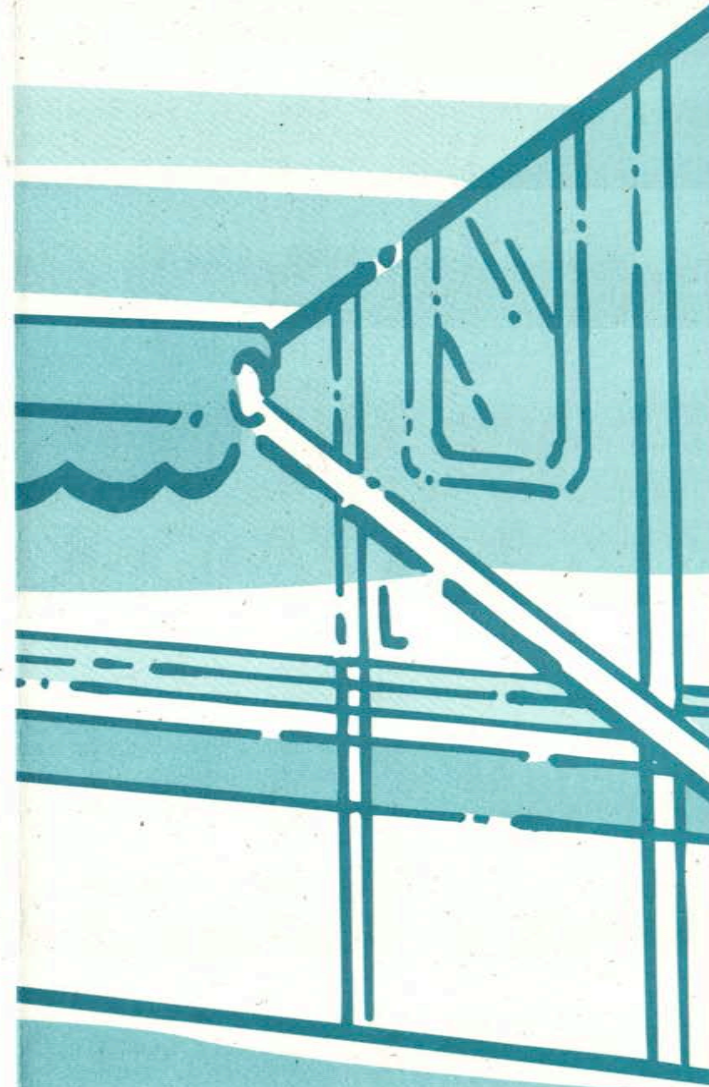
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Awnings: Tips & Tricks



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Awnings are wonderful. They not only keep your coach cooler, they extend your camping space. Have you ever had questions about cleaning your awning? Here are some care and operation tips to help extend the life of your awning. It really is important that you keep your awning in tip-top shape while you travel.



let it dry. Do not scrub your acrylic awning as this could remove its water retardant finish. *If you need to remove a grease spot, use K2r® Spot Remover; this is different than how you would remove a similar spot from a vinyl awning.*

While a vinyl awning is mildew resistant, mildew can still form on the dirt and dust that sticks to the awning. To avoid these problems you will need to keep your UV-protected vinyl awning clean. Use a mixture of 1/4 cup dish soap, 1/4 cup bleach and five gallons of fresh water. Soap the open awning with this mixture, then roll it up to soak for five minutes. Next, open the awning and hose it off with fresh water top and bottom. Repeat this process if necessary. After the awning is completely dry, roll it up.

To remove a grease spot from a vinyl awning, use only soap and water. Do not use household cleaners, mildew removers or hard bristle brushes!



Awning Fabrics

Awnings come with two types of fabric... acrylic, a cloth-type fabric or vinyl. Is one better than the other? Not really. It's a matter of taste and preference.

Acrylic awnings have the color woven right into the fabric. Acrylic also performs a little differently than vinyl in wet weather. It is water repellent, not waterproof. Because it's a woven cloth, it breathes. Air circulates through the fabric so dew and rain can dry quickly. However, you should avoid touching the underside of an acrylic awning when it is wet. This will break the surface tension and allow seepage through the fabric. If your awning gets rolled up while wet, unroll it as soon as the weather allows. It should be completely dry before rolling it up again to avoid mildew.

To keep your acrylic awning clean, simply hose it off occasionally and

also need to spray the bottom bracket release tab and rafter and support arms.

- 3 One of the secrets to a long life for your awning is to keep it clean. Follow the instructions for your type of awning.
- 4 If you get water streaking or experience seeping behind your awning rail, inspect the rail for loose screws or peeled sealant.
- 5 To avoid water pooling, lower one end of the awning for proper water runoff.
- 6 For ease of operation on hardware, rub candle wax on all sliding surfaces.
- 7 If you're expecting heavy or prolonged wind or rain or if you will be leaving the awning unattended, it's best to roll it up. Damage as a result of weather is not covered by warranty.
- 8 Finally, make sure the awning is extended high enough before opening the entry door.



More Things You Need to Know:

- 1 At the start of each camping season, make sure the top and bottom bracket screws are tight.
- 2 If the lift handle is hard to operate, spray it with silicone spray. You may have to repeat this process periodically. You may

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