

# CARING FOR YOUR OUTDOOR BLINDS

To ensure that your new Outdoor Blinds remain beautiful and functional for years to come, we encourage you to carefully read through this guide.

Inside, you'll find essential tips on both operation and maintenance.



## INITIAL INSTALLATION

A freshly installed Ziptrak<sup>®</sup> blind is likely to have a few creases in the fabric, this being due to the blinds being rolled up after manufacture and during transportation. After installation, please leave the blinds down for at least 24 hours to allow the material to settle. Any major creases in the mesh will subside after this time.

# **CLEANING**

Warm soapy water is suggested to keep outdoor blinds clean and remove stains and impurities. Alternatively, outdoor blind cleaners such as 'Swiftee' can also be used to ensure a great look for years to come.

For PVC blinds, do **NOT** use window cleaning detergents or sprays. Instead, use a soft, clean cloth to polish the PVC before rolling them up.

We strongly do **NOT** recommend using a high pressure hose, stiff brooms or rough cleaning products on both mesh and PVC blinds.

#### **WEATHER EVENTS**

Avoid rolling up the blinds when the material is wet. This is to make sure no mould or mildew develops due to the moisture trapped inside. If this is unavoidable, it is recommended the blinds are wound down within 48 hours to air them back out.

Our outdoor blinds have a wind loading of up to 139km/hr, depending on the size of the blind. When expecting or experiencing strong winds, the blinds should be fully retracted upwards. Leaving blinds halfway is the most vulnerable position in extreme winds. Common sense must be utilised; every installation is unique, and localised wind conditions and installation type should be considered.

## **GENERAL MAINTENANCE**

Oil-based lubricants should **NOT** be used on blinds, as this can damage the spline and clog dust within the track, preventing them from operating smoothly.

While blinds can be stopped at any level, we recommend pulling them down completely first before adjusting to the desired level to ensure the correct tension is given for the mesh. This will give your blinds a tighter, neater look.

If using a pull stick for manual blinds, do **NOT** attach the pull stick to the inside latch of the bottom bar as this could damage the latch. We suggest attaching the pull stick to the bottom bar directly.

For hand-operated manual (spring-balanced) Ziptrak<sup>®</sup> outdoor blinds, always operate the blind from the centre. This will ensure the material rolls evenly onto the top tube.

Motorised Ziptrak<sup>®</sup> blinds should be supervised whilst in motion. Avoid operating motorised blinds in high winds, as the motor will have difficulty moving the blind whilst wind pressure is against the material.







Thank you for choosing Just Quality! We hope you enjoy your Outdoor Blinds for years to come.

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