# **BASK PRODUCT CARE & MAINTENANCE**



Bask Outdoor Living Systems are manufactured from low maintenance, weather resistant aluminium and offers years of use and visual appeal. This simple maintenance programme is to preserve the longevity and fufil warranty requirements for your Bask louvre roof.

### **MAINTENANCE:**

Bask Outdoor Living systems require regular cleaning to overcome the effects of environmental damage such as pollution, ultra violet light and salt deposits. Regular visual inspections and maintenance also help to identify and fix any issues before they become serious. Cleaning should take place every six months in a normal environment and every three months in more harsh environments, such as seaside or industrial areas.

The drop down awnings are not designed to support the load of water pooling on the fabric or excessive windy conditions, ensure the awning is retracted during heavy rain or windy periods to protect it. Any damage caused by these conditions are not covered by the warranty.

## **CLEANING:**

#### **ALUMINIUM**

In general, anodised or powder coated aluminium, in urban areas, should be cleaned every three months and in rural areas every six months. In industrial and marine environments (within 1km of the sea), monthly cold water washing as well as six monthly washes, with warm water & detergent, is necessary.

- 1 Carefully remove any loose surface deposits with a wet sponge by gently rubbing.
- 2 Clean by gently rubbing the surface with a soft brush (non-abrasive) and a dilute solution of a mild detergent, e.g., pH-neutral liquid hand or dishwashing detergent in warm water to remove dust, salt, and other deposits. For stubborn stains use only recommended solvents on the affected area, e.g., Isopropyl alcohol (IPA) or methylated spirits and rinse off with clean water. Do not use other aggressive solvents.
- 3- Anodised finishes with greasy deposits or hard to remove grime, should be cleaned with a soft cloth dipped in white spirit, turpentine or kerosene then wiped with a dry rag.
- 4 Rinse the surfaces with clean fresh water after cleaning to remove all residues. A quick wipe-over with an absorbent cloth or chamois will prevent water marks from forming.

#### **DROP DOWN SCREENS**

- 1 Brush off any loose dirt (which can lead to the formation of mildew).
- 2 Clean your awning fabric with a mild neutral detergent and a soft cloth, or if necessary use a soft bristle brush.
- 3 For localised stains clean with a neutral detergent mixed with lukewarm water (maximum 38C).
- 4 Rinse with water.

If material is regularly exposed to damp conditions, extra cleaning is recommended.

**DO** leave the drop down awning fabric to dry completely before it is rolled up. **DO** remove obvious deposits as they occur.

- **DO NOT** use solvents or harsh detergents on any of the Bask outdoor living system.
- DO NOT use abrasive steel wool, scrapers, scouring liquids or powders to remove paint splashes these will damage your anodised/powder coating.
- DO NOT use aggressive solvents, thinners, petrol etc, on powder coating as these solvents will attack gloss levels and reduce its life expectancy.
- **DO NOT** let any solvents used on anodised finishes come in contact with any rubber components as they can degrade them.
- DO NOT expose your anodised/powder coatings to excessive heat, heaters or hot air guns these may damage the coating.

