

# Showpiece Design Maintenance Manual

## General Tips

An awning is intended as sun shading and not for use in all weathers! If winds stronger than 30 km/h are expected, if water collects on the cover, in damp and frosty weather or in the case of snowfall the awning must be retracted.

However folding arm awnings are so sturdy in construction and material, and the cloth is so resistant to the vagaries of the weather (**though not waterproof**), that they may remain extended during light rain showers without suffering any damage. A cover which has been rolled up while wet should immediately be extended again once it has stopped raining to allow to dry.

If it is damp and frosty the cover may become stiff and prevent the awning from retracting. We therefore recommend that before periods of bad weather the awning be retracted.

Retracting and extending the awning several times in quick succession may activate the thermal cut-out switch, which prevents the motor from overheating. After it has cooled down the motor will reactivate itself again. Force should not be used to wind gearbox operated awnings in or out.

## Covers Manufactured from Acrylic Material

Dirt as a result of impurities in the air can best be removed on a regular basis by means of a stiff, dry brush. Small persistent marks should be treated as follows:

- Scrub by hand at approx. 30° C using a commercially accepted brand of washing powder
- Rinse thoroughly with clean water
- Repeat the process until the material is clean (ensure that all washing powder remains have been removed)
- Allow the cover to dry
- If the material needs waterproofing, use tent impregnation spray.

Every 4-6 weeks the hardware and arms should be washed with warm, soapy water.