

# Contender UK Product Care Guide



## WeatherMAX™

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### Cleaning Tips

**Congratulations on choosing WeatherMax. WeatherMax is deigned and manufactured to harness the benefits of the very latest in textile technology.**

It is important to remember though that WeatherMax is a textile product. Like all textiles an ongoing care program will help ensure that you get the very best in terms of performance and durability from your WeatherMax cover, awning, sail shade and structure etc. for many years to come.

### General Care Instructions

Ensure the cover is properly fitted, do not allow it to flog and flap unnecessarily.

Regularly check for wear and chafe points that may have been caused by sharp fittings and edges etc.

Rinse regularly with fresh water with standard running water hose pressure to ensure that dirt, dust, tree leaves, bird droppings and salt etc. are not allowed to accumulate on and become ingrained in the fabric.

Bird excrement, in particular Seagull's, is highly acidic containing high levels of phosphoric acid. Clean with a pure soap solution as shown on the right and rinse with fresh water.

Do not store away damp or dirty. Always clean and air dry thoroughly before prolonged storage.

We would recommend a yearly health check from your local cover maker to resolve any small repairs in seams and offer advise on general maintenance etc.

### Recommended Cleaning Products

Due to the nature of the HydroMax finish general rinsing with fresh water will be sufficient in keeping the WeatherMax clean.

For more thorough cleaning we recommend the use of Holmenkol Textile Wash. This product is a special mild detergent designed specifically for the cleaning of performance textiles at low temperatures. It will not reduce the effectiveness of the HydroMax finish.

Wash carefully with a warm solution of Holmenkol Textile Wash at 40 degrees centigrade. Use a sponge for general cleaning. For more stubborn stains use a very soft brush without excessive scrubbing. The Shurhold Hammerhead Brush is an ideal brush for this sort of application. Rinse thoroughly with fresh water and leave to air dry.



### Special Care Instructions



**DO NOT** use a pressure hose or high pressure cleaner



**DO NOT** use a washing machine or tumble dryer



**DO NOT** use a stiff scrubbing brush or scrub excessively



**DO NOT** use general detergents, solvents, chemical or abrasive cleaners

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### Protection Tips

Over a period of time the effectiveness of the protective finishes on cover fabrics will diminish through general wear and tear. They are gradually abraded away. This leaves the cover fabric vulnerable to dirt, pollutants and general wetting out. This in turn will decrease the overall life expectancy of the cover, weakening its structure and diminishing its original good looks.

After thorough cleaning with Holmenkol Textile Wash we would recommend the use of Holmenkol PowerImpregnation to protect and re proof your cover or awning.

### General Re-proofing Instructions

It can be as beneficial to give a new cover a light protection as rejuvenating an old one. We feel it is important to use a re proofing product that does not affect the original technical characteristics of the cover and awning fabric. It is essential that a fabric designed to offer excellent breathability is not re proofed with a "waterproof coating" thus negating all the original benefits of the fabric.

PowerImpregnation brings nano technology to woven fabric cover materials. It is specifically designed to compliment a fabrics technical characteristics. The application of PowerImpregnation transforms any woven cover fabric into a water repellent, soil, oil and dirt resistant surface, with enhanced UV protection.

Importantly, nano technology achieves this without affecting the breathability of the fabric.

PowerImpregnation has been specifically formulated to protect against the rigours of a harsh marine environment and is equally ideal for protecting tents and awnings.

### Recommended Protection Products

Ensure that your cover is clean and dry before re proofing

Shake can and spray evenly over the entire surface, paying particular attention to seams, stitching and edges.

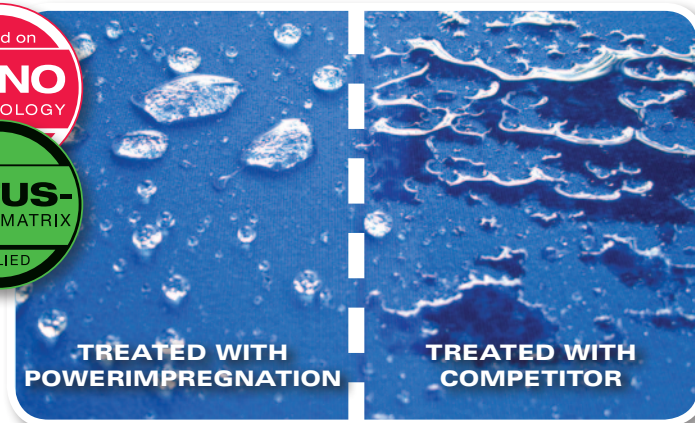
Allow to dry completely.

Do not saturate the material completely with PowerImpregnation. Just coat the outer surface lightly. Two thin coats are much better than one thick coat.



### Why use PowerImpregnation?

In the photograph on the right the left hand side of the fabric is treated with Holmenkol PowerImpregnation. See how the Holmenkol treated section repels water by forcing the water into droplets that roll away even in the heaviest wetting conditions. Compare this to the wetted out section treated with a competitor's product on the right.



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