

# Patio Blind Care

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## Clear PVC & Outdoor 3000 Mesh

Straitline® Patio Blinds are manufactured from top quality materials, imported from all over the world, and are designed for New Zealand conditions. To ensure you get the maximum possible lifespan from your Blinds, we recommend you follow these care and cleaning tips.

### Care

- When first installed or after being rolled up for long periods, your Blinds may show fold lines. Leave the Blinds down and these will settle out over time.
- Ensure your Blinds are clean and dry before rolling them up.
- Straitline® Patio Blinds are designed to withstand normal New Zealand winds only. Roll your Blinds up in high winds or storms, as the pressure exerted can cause damage to your Blinds (this does not apply to Tension Patio Blinds, which can be left down).
- Keep your Blinds as clean as possible. Clear PVC marks easily, so do not leave them down while mowing lawns, cleaning gutters, etc.
- Do not roll up your Blinds while wet. Clear PVC can absorb moisture, which shows up as a cloudy residue. If this does occur, leave the Blinds down and it will disappear over several days, depending on exposure to sunlight. Outdoor 3000 Mesh doesn't show the effects of water absorption like Clear PVC. However, it is still important to ensure Outdoor 3000 Blinds are dry when rolled up, to prevent mould and mildew.
- **Zip/Tension Patio Blinds:** leave your Blinds rolled **down** as often as possible to avoid fold lines and wear marks.
- **Gearbox/Ziptrak Patio Blinds:** leave your Blinds rolled **up** as often as possible to increase the life of your blinds.
- Do not leave your Clear PVC Blinds rolled up in direct sunlight. Clear PVC can trap the sun's heat, causing heat wrinkles. See our list of Clear PVC Known Properties for more information, available at <https://straitline.co.nz/products/shade-blinds-outdoor-covers/outdoor-patio-blinds>.
- Keep heat sources at least 1m away from your Blinds, e.g. patio heaters, barbecues, braziers, etc.

### Cleaning

Gently hose to remove loose dust and dirt. Spray with Straitline® Patio Blind Cleaner (available from <https://straitline.co.nz/products/shade-blinds-outdoor-covers/shades-blinds-parts>). Rub gently with a soft cloth. Take care not to rub dirt or grit into the surface, as this will scratch the Clear PVC. Rinse and dry with a soft cloth. Do not use a water blaster. Ensure your Blinds are completely dry before rolling up.