

SUNBRELLA FABRIC FAQs

Aren't all Outdoor Fabrics the same?

Definitely not. You will find most other cushion manufacturers don't make 100% solution dyed acrylic fabric and instead sell coated fabrics designed for outdoor use which are only fade resistant for up to 500 hours of UV sunlight. These fabrics are recommended not to be left exposed to the sun for long periods of time and only to be used for filtered light and slight exposure to rain. (5 hours of sun a day x 100 days = 500 hours).

How do Sunbrella fabrics lock in colour?

Sunbrella fabric is a 100% solution dyed acrylic and designed for easy maintenance and longevity. Solution dyeing is the process of adding colour to the acrylic fibres during manufacturing while they are still in a liquid state. This characteristic of acrylic fabric is the key to locking in colour, easy care and long life. Acrylic fabrics offer incredible resistance to stains, weather and wear in most applications. Solution dyed fabric is the hardest wearing fabric for outdoor use and originally designed for the marine industry and will retain their colour the longest and can be left in the sun and rain all season.

What do I need to do if a spill or stain occurs on my Sunbrella fabric?

The best way to keep your fabric looking good is to brush off dirt before it becomes embedded in the fabric and to wipe up spills or clean spills soon after a stain occurs. The quicker you clean spills and stains, the easier they can be removed.

Is Sunbrella fabric waterproof?

Our range of Sunbrella fabrics we use at Outdoor Interiors are not waterproof. They are water repellent. During the finishing process, a water repellent finish is applied to the fabric. Normal wear and useage will reduce the effectiveness of this finish, as will cleaning the fabric.

Does Sunbrella fabric dry quickly?

Sunbrella fabrics are woven, they are also highly breathable, which is why they dry quickly with only air exposure.

Can Sunbrella fabric be used near chlorine without deterioration or fading?

Yes. Sunbrella is chlorine resistant.

Is Sunbrella fabric mould or mildew resistant?

Yes. Sunbrella fabrics do not promote mildew growth, however, mildew may grow on dirt and other foreign substances if not removed from the fabric.

Is Sunbrella fabric bleach resistant?

Yes. Sunbrella is bleach resistant. Please protect the area around your Sunbrella fabric when using bleach or other chemical solvents that may discolour non Sunbrella fabrics. Always rinse Sunbrella thoroughly.

What zippers do you use?

Where possible we use YKK invisible zippers to give your cushions a much neater, designer finish. Our ottomans and floor pillows are sometimes used with a regular coil zipper instead of a YKK invisible zipper due to colour availability of invisible zippers in the longer lengths.

What thread do you sew your cushions with?

We sew our seams with a UV resistant thread.

Is Sunbrella fabric suitable for indoor cushions?

Yes. Sunbrella fabrics comes in a large range of colours and patterns, they are very durable and feel soft to touch like an indoor cushion.

Sunbrella has the look and feel of a natural cotton material but has the high-performance characteristics of a synthetic fibre.

What is the difference between Sunbrella Awning/Marine Canvas and other Sunbrella Upholstery fabrics?

Awning and marine canvas is engineered for shade structures and features a very stiff, tight construction and heavy finish. Sunbrella upholstery fabrics are engineered to offer softness, comfort and flexibility for seating and other furniture applications.

What is the warranty on Sunbrella Fabric?

We stand behind our Sunbrella fabrics with a guarantee that is the best in the industry. A 5-year limited warranty against fading from normal exposure conditions.

Where are Outdoor Interior's cushions made?

Our Sunbrella fabric comes from the USA or Australia and is handmade in Adelaide, South Australia.