

Mark-Off, Crazing

Sunbrella Awning/Marine fabric is treated with a finish which gives the fabric its water repellency and a firmer hand which helps in the sewing and fabrication of products. Mark-off appears as white scuff marks on the fabric and is caused when an object scrapes across the fabric, marring the finish on the fabric. Crazing appears as thin white lines on the fabric which are caused by folding or creasing the fabric, in essence "fracturing" the finish. Cleaning in general will not remove mark-off or crazing, however, both of them tend to diminish or disappear over time.

The best solution to mark-off and crazing is prevention, and by following certain standard practices during sewing, transportation and installation, fabricators can greatly reduce or eliminate mark-off and crazing concerns.

Whenever possible, Sunbrella should be rolled and not folded. Folding can result in hard creases which causes crazing. Avoid bunching up Sunbrella during fabrication. The Sunbrella product should be shipped in a way that protects the fabric from repeated abrasion between the fabric, carton, hardware or other component parts of the end product.

Should crazing occur, one remedy to improve the appearance would be as follows:

- Spray 303 Aerospace Vinyl Protectant onto a clean washcloth or other soft white cotton product
- Dab the affected area with the moistened cloth
- Let dry
- Repeat process if necessary.

Again, this phenomena is most prevalent on new fabric and if it occurs, will normally diminish or go away with normal weathering and will not affect the overall performance of the product.