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Canvas care instructions

There is nothing quite like canvas, which both protects against and withstands the extremes of the Australian climate. The unique appeal of canvas lies in its strength, durability, relatively lightweight, breathability and general performance.

Our camper tops feature superior 12oz. canvas. To gain the best from your canvas camper top, please observe the following:

New canvas will shrink a small amount when wet for the first few times. If possible it is desirable to do this in a controlled manner before you go camping. New stitching will also swell and improve the sealing along seams when wet. You may experience some leaking along seams when new or unused for long periods, the wetting will help to reduce this.

Avoid over stretching the canvas placing stress on the stitching. It is best to shorten the camper bows slightly when getting wet for the first few times and allow room for shrinkage, 20 to 30mm shortening of the bows from normal is ok.

If stitching does become stretched and will not seal application of a **seam-sealing product** may be necessary. These are available at most camping suppliers.

Before first use

- Before using your new camper for the first time, please unpack, extend and set up the canvas top.
- Ensure all windows and doors are zippered closed.
- Thoroughly wet the **outside** surfaces of the canvas camper tent with a hose, particularly the areas of the seams and stitching.
- Allow the canvas to dry. Note that this will **minimise** any chance of leakage during initial exposure to rain.

General

- Canvas must be completely dry and clean prior to storage or mildew may result.
- Clean the canvas with water only and a soft brush.
- Do not use soap or detergent and do not scrub the fabric.
- Do not allow contact with petrol, oil or solvents.
- Mildew: If this occurs, remove first by brushing, then treat with diluted chlorine bleach (typically 1 part liquid bleach to 4 parts water). Rinse well with water and allow to dry. Note: Do not use strong bleaches such as 'pool chlorine'.
- Prompt removal of any organic matter such as grass cuttings, leaf litter, bird droppings etc. will maintain fabric appearance.