

Awning Tune-ups

After being rolled up and possibly damp (maybe even a growth of moss) for several months your awning will need a good airing out and a bath with warm water using a mild detergent or natural soaps. Zip Dee also makes a product called “Washout” awning cleaner that works well also. Use a soft bristle car wash type brush to scrub the surface of both the top and the underside of the fabric. A small amount of spray silicone on the moving parts (sliding tubes and latches) helps to free up and protect these components. Dry the fabric thoroughly before rolling it back up. It is also a good time to make sure all mounting brackets are still properly secured as well as the awning rail where the awning attaches to your Airstream.

Awning Question-- I hate going through the exercise of putting my awnings in and out, can I leave my awning out all the time? Jim Webb from Zip Dee says, “If it is too windy to sit under an awning it is probably too windy to have your awning out.” He also says that you should not leave your awning out when it is raining without adjusting the awning so water will run off. He advises lowering one or both ends of your awnings; awnings are not for collecting rain water, barrels do a better job. If you are leaving your Airstream long periods of time or going to bed, be safe roll up your awnings