



## **Read This First for Damage Free Installation**

### **Tips for Installing Clear Curtains in Cold Weather**

- Keep curtains inside in warm temperatures while installing the top headrod clamps, then tie ropes to headrod clamps per instructions.
- Roll curtain while warm from the bottom to the top leaving top pocket exposed to slide in top ½” fiberglass headrod.
- Install top of curtain onto headrod clamps. The headrod clamp will clamp over the fabric with the rod inside the pocket.
- Let curtain fall to the floor, then slide galvanized pipe into bottom pocket above the flap.
- Removing the rubber tips will allow the pipe to slide through easier, then reinstall tip when pipe is in place.
- Install tie downs. **DO NOT INSTALL SIDE FASTENERS YET.**
- Repeat until all curtains are installed with tie-downs in place.
- Use a portable heater inside the porch/area to warm the curtains and the room.
- The curtains will relax with heat. Pull on bottom tie downs after curtains relax to tighten.
- Install side fasteners.
- Clear & Solid vinyls expand and contract with warm & cold temperatures.
- Zippers should not be forced closed in cold weather. Either slide the curtains closer to each other or warm the area to relax the curtains until they meet then zipper the curtains together.

## **Use Caution When Handling Curtains**

- Lay Curtains on soft surface.
- Do not Drag Curtain across rough surfaces or sharp objects. This will scratch the Clear Vinyl Windows.
- Clear Vinyl will expand and contract with changing temperatures.
- During cold weather the panels should be left down and only rolled back up when its warm enough for the Clear Vinyl to be pliable.
- Use tie-downs when curtains are lowered to prevent any wind damage.

## **Care & Cleaning of Porch Protection Curtains**

- Rinse off loose dirt and particles with clean fresh water.
- Fill a clean bucket with fresh water and add a mild, non-detergent soap such as Ivory Dish Liquid. Mix  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup soap per 1 gallon of water.
- Wash the windows by wiping them with a soft cloth, towel or washing mitt and soap/water solution.
- Rinse thoroughly in the same manner with clean fresh water and a clean cloth.
- Dry the Clear Vinyl with a clean absorbent cloth or towel to prevent water spots.
- Now the windows are ready for scratch remover and polish.

## **Do Not**

- Do not use window cleaner, Windex, detergent soap, dish soap, Fantastic, simple green, Rainx or any other cleanser on clear vinyl windows. These chemicals break down the plasticizers that prevent yellowing, hazing and cracking.
- Do not use paper towel or anything abrasive to wipe the windows-they will scratch.

## **Do**

- Only use a mild non-detergent soap such as Ivory, Dreft or products that are specifically labeled for use on clear vinyl windows.
- Follow up with 210 plastic scratch remover. (Can be purchased at most boating supply stores)
- Frequently apply a specialized polish and/or UV protectant after cleaning to maintain clarity and prevent sun damage such as 210 plastic cleaner/polish.

## **Storing Clear Protection Curtains**

- Only roll up clear vinyl curtains when they are clean and dry. Dirt is abrasive and can cause minor scratching.
- A handy fresh water squirt bottle can help rinse small areas .
- If you're rolling up the windows for storage, roll them with soft, clean fabric to keep the vinyl from touching itself and potentially abrading the surface. Old white bed sheets laid in between each layer of the clear does a great job.
- Never store curtains when they are wet as it can cause them to become cloudy and white.