BLUWATER LITE FABRIC CARE & MAINTENANCE

5-YEAR UV WARRANTY

Bluwater Lite is supported by a 5-year UV warranty, provided in partnership with the manufacturer.

Ricky publishes a 5-year UV warranty for Bluwater Lite. This is the advertised fabric warranty period; this guide does not set out or extend the warranty terms.

Request the full written warranty from Ricky for the applicable coverage, conditions, exclusions, claim requirements and any allowance for labour or other costs. The public product pages and brochure referenced below do not provide these detailed terms. Do not assume the fabric warranty covers the completed cover, stitching, fittings or fabrication workmanship.

For a warranty enquiry, retain your invoice and product details. Supply photographs, the installation date, a description of the issue and the cleaning products used. Contact your supplier or Ricky before carrying out repairs to an area requiring assessment.

Regular gentle cleaning, good ventilation, and dry storage help protect the fabric surface and keep marine covers in good condition. This guide covers routine care for boat covers, biminis, and spray dodgers made from Bluwater Lite by Ricky.

Bluwater Lite is waterproof, UV stabilised, and treated to resist mould and mildew. Resistance treatments support maintenance, they do not remove the need to clean and dry the cover.

Routine cleaning

1. Remove loose dust, leaves, and debris with a soft brush or cloth. Rinse off salt spray with clean fresh water after marine use.
2. For ordinary dirt, use lukewarm water with a small amount of mild, pH neutral soap and a soft cloth or sponge. Test the solution on a small inconspicuous area first.
3. Gently wipe the surface without vigorous scrubbing. Rinse thoroughly with fresh water so no soap residue remains.
4. Allow both sides to air dry completely before folding, rolling, or storing. Do not use direct heat to speed up drying.

Spills and stubbon marks

Remove bird droppings, food, and other deposits promptly. Soften dried deposits with water before wiping them away. Do not scrape the coating. If a stain or mould remains after gentle cleaning, contact Ricky for advice before using a stronger cleaner.

Cleaning methods to avoid

- Solvents, petrol, acetone, thinners, strong acids, or alkaline cleaners.
- Bleach, mould removers, or specialised marine cleaners unless Ricky confirms suitability for the fabric.
- Abrasive pads, stiff brushes, scouring powders, and aggressive scrubbing.
- Pressure washing, steam cleaning, machine washing, tumble drying, and ironing.
- Polishes, waxes, waterproofing sprays, or surface dressings unless confirmed suitable by Ricky.

Use and storage

- Keep covers correctly fitted and supported so rainwater drains away. Avoid water pooling and excessive fabric tension.
- Check contact points for rubbing against frames, fittings and sharp edges. Ask your fabricator to address worn areas or add suitable reinforcement.
- Maintain ventilation beneath the cover and remove accumulated moisture. Clean surface dirt regularly to reduce conditions that encourage mould.
- Store the cover clean and completely dry in a cool, dry, ventilated place. Roll where practical, or fold loosely without sharp creases or heavy objects on top.
- Keep the fabric away from exhausts, hot surfaces, fuels, oils, and other chemicals. Inspect seams, stitching, fasteners, and fittings regularly and arrange repairs promptly.

Further advice and sources

Product specifications and advertised warranty periods checked 8 October 2026. The care steps in this document are general recommendations for coated PVC marine fabrics, rather than a reproduced manufacturer cleaning procedure. Obtain product specific advice before using chemical treatments.

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