



Solar Screens / Sun Screens / Privacy Screens

Care and Maintenance

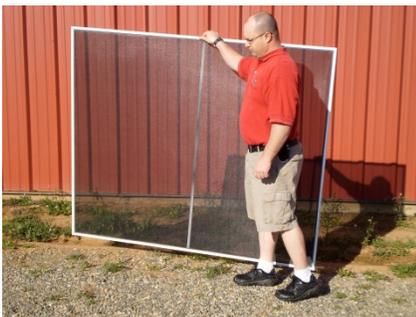
Congratulations on your purchase of Solar Window Screens from AtoZ Window Screens! We use only the finest materials and construction methods to make your screens, and with proper care and maintenance, they will give you years of effective heat blocking service.

Keep Your Clips Snug!

Remember that due to the daily expansion and contraction of your home's siding and windows, the clips and screws that were used to install your solar screens WILL LOOSEN up each year. Therefore, if you don't remove your solar screens to clean the windows sometime during the summer, at least go around and tighten the screen clips once a year in the fall! If you don't, the loosened clips may allow the winter storms to blow your screens off your house and destroy them! Why be forced buy another sunscreen when you could avoid it?



Handling your Screens



Remember that the larger the solar window screen, the more difficult to handle and delicate it can be! Therefore, handle your screens carefully so as to not to bend the aluminum frame! The best way to carry your screens around is by holding your window screen frame



from the top rather than from the bottom. Carrying your window screen from the top keeps all the weight of the screen fabric from bending the aluminum frame. Also, avoid the temptation of carrying your screens around holding onto the support bar(s) often found in the middle of the screen because you could bend them. Again, the larger your solar screen, the more important it is to pay attention to the way you carry them! In addition, avoid removing and

installing your window screen on a windy day if at all possible. The screens can catch the wind easily and quickly become damaged!

Storing Your Screens

To Store your Window Screens, find a place in your garage, attic or storage shed that is out of the way and protected. The screens can all be laid flat or stored flat and stacked one on top of one another or kept vertically next to each other in some out of the way place.



Suspended storage racks hanging from your garage ceiling are ideal for storing your screens up and out of the way where they can be protected from accidental damage. Remember, your solar screens can be easily damaged if somebody or something leans up against them or falls on them. The aluminum framing can easily be bent, so the more out of the way your storage area is, the better!

Cleaning Your Screens

To Clean your window screens, lay them down flat on a sprayed off section of your cement driveway or patio.

Use one of the following methods to clean them:

1. Soft Bristle Brush Method:

Step 1: Prepare a work area of clean cement to work on. Spray off a section of your driveway or patio so you have a clean place to lay your screens flat.



Step 2: Fill a 5 gallon bucket half full (or half empty, depending on your disposition – grin) with water. AFTER filling the bucket with water, add a tsp of liquid dishwashing soap and stir. Avoid making a bunch of suds if possible.

Step 3: Lay all of your screens flat on the clean cement surface.

Step 4: Using a soft bristle brush on a pole (the same kind of brush you use to wash your car with) clean the BACK SIDE (the side of the screen that will be facing inward towards the inside of your home once installed on your home) of your screens using the soapy water from the bucket and brush. Alternate directions so



the brush bristles can get thoroughly clean all the little holes in the screen!

Step 5: Flip your screen over and clean the FRONT SIDE (the side you'll see from the outside of your home once the screen is installed on the house) of your screen using the brush and method described above.



Step 6: Lean the screen up against your house or fence or some other nearby object and rinse the screen thoroughly using your garden hose and a non-aggressive spray nozzle. DO NOT use a pressure washer to spray off your screens while leaning otherwise the water pressure could bend / break the aluminum frame! Simply use your hose and a regular spray nozzle to gently rinse the screens off thoroughly until the soap and dirt are gone.

Step 7: Leave the screens leaning until completely dry.

Step 8: Once dried, re-install clips are used, be sure to use a the clips snugly in order to onto your home properly. DO screws or you may dent the the threads out of the hole so to be tightened anymore. used are snug and aren't too side by hand. If your clips are might damage or ruin your screen!



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2. Pressure Washer Method



Step 1: Prepare a work area of clean cement to work on. Pressure wash a section of your driveway or patio so you have a clean place to lay your screens flat.

Step 2: Lay all of your screens flat on the clean cement surface so the BACK SIDE of the screen is facing skyward towards you. The backside is the side of the screen that faces inward toward the inside of your home when it is installed on the house.

Step 3: Using the LEAST AGGRESSIVE NOZZLE POSSIBLE and moderate pressure settings, use your

pressure washer to clean your screens. Keep the nozzle about 12 inches away from the screen fabric and systematically alternate directions in order to clean the every square inch of the screen thoroughly!

Step 5: Flip your screen over and clean the **FRONT SIDE** (the side you'll see from the outside of your home once the screen is installed on the house) of your screen using the same method described above.

Step 6: Lean the screen up against your house or fence or some other nearby object and rinse the screen thoroughly using your garden hose and a non-aggressive spray nozzle. **DO NOT** use a pressure washer to spray off your screens while leaning otherwise the water pressure could bend / break the aluminum frame! Simply use your hose and a regular spray nozzle to gently rinse the screens off thoroughly until the soap and dirt are gone.

Step 7: Leave the screens leaning until completely dry.



Step 8: Once dried, re-install your screens. If screen clips are used, be sure to use a screwdriver to tighten the clips snugly in order to secure your solar screen onto your home properly. **DO NOT OVER TIGHTEN** the screws or you may dent the aluminum frame or strip the threads out of the hole so the screw won't be able to be tightened anymore. Ensure that all of the clips used are snug and aren't too easily rotated off to the side by hand. If your clips are too loose, strong winds might damage or ruin your screen!