

Known Properties

Clear PVC

Clear PVC is a plastic membrane and is different to glass. As such, it has a few properties which are important to know. Please see below for details and tips on how to get the most from your Clear PVC.

- Quality Clear PVC is only available in 1380mm wide. Since most Patio Blinds are wider than this, a join is normally required (see photo on next page). We make every effort to minimise the visual impact of joins, however they will be more noticeable in certain situations.
- If your Patio Blind is exposed to direct sunlight when rolled up, the Clear PVC can become a heat trap, which can sometimes cause heat wrinkles (see photo on next page). If your Blinds are rolled up and exposed to direct sunlight, it is important to check them regularly and roll them down if they start to show wrinkling. Heat wrinkles are permanent, but do not affect the function or structural integrity of Patio Blinds.
- If your Patio Blind is rolled up when wet, the Clear PVC can absorb some of the water in just a few hours. This absorption will make the Clear PVC look cloudy. This cloudiness can be cleared from the Clear PVC by leaving the Blind down and exposing it to sunlight (this process can take several days). If your Blind is left rolled up when wet for an extended time, then this cloudiness can become permanent. It is important to ensure that your Blind is dry before rolling it up, or that you dry your Blind out as soon as possible if it has been rolled up when wet.
- Clear PVC will shrink and harden in cooler weather, and stretch and soften on warmer days. You can expect your blinds to be more difficult to operate on a cold winter morning than a warm sunny day.
- It is normal for Clear PVC Blinds to have fold lines after installation or after being rolled up (see photo on next page). Leave your blinds rolled down and these will settle out over a few days, depending on ambient temperature.

These are known properties of Clear PVC. Straitline® Canvas Ltd. does not accept any liability for issues caused by these properties.

