



## Seashore Area Installations Require Extra Care

Installing outdoor shading products in areas where salt laden air is present requires extra care on the part of the owner. Salt air is extremely corrosive on all objects including “Non-Ferrous” metals like stainless steel and aluminum. Rainier incorporates the finest materials available based on the requirements for long performance and strength. The frame components are manufactured with a combination of aluminum, stainless steel and corrosion resistant carbon steel where high strength is required.

Salt corrosion is not covered under any Rainier warranty. You will increase the life expectancy of your shading system investment by following these special instructions as soon as the unit(s) are installed.

**Shading systems exposed to salt air MUST be treated with the same care as would be given to a boat or other metal equipment in order to prevent accelerated salt environment as soon as the unit(s) are installed.**

Please follow these steps for the special care that is required for Rainier exterior mounted shading units that will be exposed to a salt air environment:

- The framework and fabric should be washed monthly with a car wash type soap solution to clean off salt deposits. A simple hose end sprayer like Soap Jet works well.
- Rinse the frame and fabric with clean water and let the fabric dry in the extended position. In the spring and fall lubricate the moving parts with a penetrating Teflon lubricant. Super Lube aerosol is a good choice.
- For Zipper screens, the fabric should be fully retracted and the black side track inserts should be cleaned out monthly. Once the track inserts are fully dried, they should be sprayed down with a dry lube.

This simple preventative maintenance process will significantly extend life of your awning or exterior screen.

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