

## Maintenance and Care Instructions for Metal Canopies

Thanks for choosing DAC Awnings for your recent canopy solution. Your canopy is designed to give you years of reliable rain/sun protection. However it will require periodic maintenance and care to keep it looking good and working efficiently.

**NOTE: Do not use a pressure washer to clean this product!**

For your canopy to present its best appearance as it ages, it is important that it be cleaned at regular intervals. The finish of your canopy is probably either a standard baked enamel finish, a custom color powder coat, or a Kynar metal finish. Any of these finishes may be cleaned using a soft brush with basic soap and water solution and then rinse well so that the soap residue does not remain on the surface. It is best to do this on a cloudy day so that the soap solution does not dry on the metal. Do not use any solvents such as lacquer or paint thinners as these will damage the top coat finish. If you have a stubborn stain or discoloration, please call our office and we will check to verify the finish of your product and then see if there are optional cleaning recommendations.

If your canopy has a built-in gutter drainage system, this gutter and outlet/downspout must be cleaned regularly. The frequency of the cleaning is dictated by the canopy location in relation to trees which has droppings which may accumulate in the drainage system. First remove the drain outlets or downspouts which are located on the bottom of the gutter. Then remove as much debris from the top surface as possible and rinse, using a garden hose, the top so that remaining dirt goes into the gutter system. Then put the end of the hose into the gutter system at the furthest point away from the outlet, turn the water at full pressure, and allow water to run thru the gutter until it is clean with no trash in the system. You may have to pull trash from the outlet as the water flushes the gutter. Clean the downspout in a similar manner and then reattach the outlet and/or the downspout

The DAC Awnings canopy which you have purchased should give you years of low maintenance service if you follow these cleaning requirements. As with any product, take care of small issues when you find them and hopefully there will not be big issues resulting.