

# Folding Arm Awnings

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As with all textiles, Luxaflex® fabrics are subject to some variations. Slight wrinkling, puckering or bowing is inherent in textile products and should be considered normal, acceptable quality. Precautions should be taken to reduce exposure to harsh environmental elements, such as salt air. Continuous exposure to the elements will accelerate the fabric deterioration. Additionally, there will be slight differences in pattern alignment from the fabric on the rails to the fabric of the shade, which do not detract from the product's appeal. Variations in colour and/or pattern irregularities are unique characteristics that contribute to the classic beauty of a shade.

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# Welcome to the Luxaflex lifestyle

Thank you for purchasing Luxaflex® Awnings. With proper operation and care your new awning will provide years of beauty and shading for your home. Please review this instruction booklet thoroughly for operation and care information.

## Operation

### Manual crank operation

#### To extend out:

1. Locate crank handle into the ring of the gearbox.



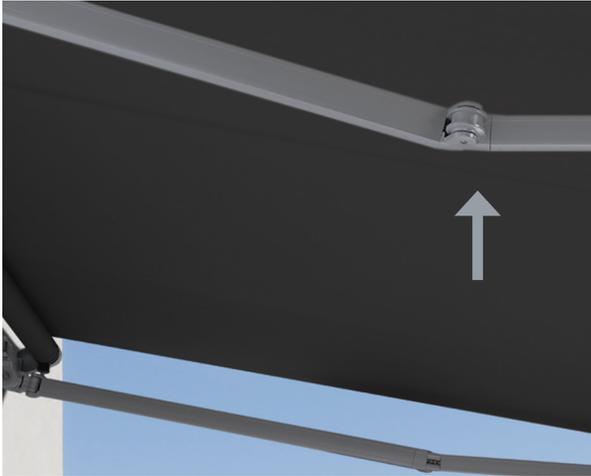
2. Wind handle clockwise and allow awning to extend to the desired projection.



3. If the arms are fully extended and you continue to wind, the fabric will sag.

**NOTE:** Never extend the awning to expose the roller tube.

4. Rewind until the fabric is taut. There should be approximately a 5mm gap at the elbow of the arm.



#### To retract in:

1. Locate crank handle into the ring of the gearbox.
2. Wind handle in an anti-clockwise direction until the awning is completely closed.
3. When retracting the awning, ensure the fabric always rolls over the top of the roller.



4. To avoid getting hurt from a suspended crank handle, remove crank handle and store in a safe place.

## Motorised operation

For motorisation information, please refer to the SOMFY® or Merger® product brochure that is supplied with your awning.

## Care and cleaning

The fabric used on your awning is manufactured from the highest quality materials and will give many years of outstanding service if cared for appropriately.

- The awning should be retracted in rain, storm or windy conditions to avoid damage.

**NOTE:** Sunrain® Awnings are designed to be left out in light rain.



- Avoid rolling up the fabric awning when wet. If rolled up wet, the awning should be extended and allowed to dry once the weather clears. Failure to take this action will encourage algae, mildew or other fungal growth, that will not be covered under your product warranty.
- Avoid pools of water laying on the fabric or leaving the awning extended in the rain, as failure to do so will accelerate some leaching of chemicals, reducing mould and mildew resistance.
- Do not allow dirt, dust, grime, leaf litter and bird matter to remain on the fabric (as this provides a perfect medium for bacteria to proliferate). Cleaning should be carried out by light sponging with warm water and a mild natural soap. Rinse thoroughly to remove soap. Do not scrub the fabric. Hosing the fabric occasionally on a hot day is also beneficial to the appearance of the fabric as it removes dust and grime and minimises the development of algae, mildew or other fungal growth. Do not use soap powder, concentrated soaps or detergents, nor cleaning fluids. Keep insecticides, solvents and fuels away from the awning.
- Acrylic fabrics should be re-coated with a water repellent treatment annually.
- Occasionally extend the awning fully out to even out the material, particularly if the awning is usually set in one position.
- If your awning is equipped with a sun and wind or wind only sensor, the awning will automatically extend or retract according to how the criteria has been set up by the installation technician. The automatic retraction options are not fail-safe due to wind gusts and should not be relied upon to react quickly.

**IMPORTANT:** Never leave the awning unattended in the extended position as manual intervention may be required.

- Should mildew spots develop on the fabric, there are numerous products available at outdoor/

camping stores that can be used. Mildew removers are primarily bleach-based and manufacturer's instructions must be followed. In applying these products the following general tips are given:

- a) Treat the awning in situ i.e. as it sits fully rolled out.
- b) Apply the solution to the fabric liberally (a squeezy sponge mop is ideal). Care should be taken to protect gardens from the solution run off, which will kill plants it comes in contact with.
- c) A second application of mildew remover may be applied if desired. However, obstinate mildew stains may remain.
- d) ALWAYS follow steps (a), (b) and (c) with a water proofing application.



- Awnings exposed to coastal environments and salt spray should be washed down regularly. Salt build up can be very corrosive and salt damage is not covered under your product warranty.

