

COMMERCIAL OUTDOOR FABRICS WARRANTY, CUTTING, & HANDLING GUIDELINES**GENERAL WARRANTY**

Richloom Fabrics Group warrants to its customers in the hospitality and contract industries that all fabric purchased from Richloom will conform to ACT (Association for Contract Textiles) Standards. All our products are designed for a specific end use and are engineered to perform satisfactorily under reasonable commercial conditions. ACT Abrasion Disclaimer: Multiple factors affect fabric durability and appearance retention, including end-use application and proper maintenance. Wyzenbeek results above 100,000 double rubs have not been shown to be a reliable indicator of increased fabric lifespan.

All materials must be properly installed, maintained, and cleaned in accordance with the specified care instructions provided by Richloom. All warranty claims must be submitted to Richloom in writing within thirty (30) days after discovery of the nonconformity or defect. Richloom Fabrics Group warrants outdoor fabric products against defects in material and manufacturing for a period of 1 year from the date of invoice under normal single-shift commercial use.

OUTDOOR — ADDITIONAL TERMS

The following additional terms and exclusions apply specifically to outdoor and covered-outdoor hospitality fabric products, in addition to the terms above:

UV & Fade Resistance

Outdoor fabrics are engineered for improved colorfastness under UV exposure; however, some fading over time is expected with prolonged sun exposure and is not considered a manufacturing defect. UV fade coverage applies only when the fabric is used within its intended outdoor or high-UV-exposure application.

Moisture & Mildew Resistance

Outdoor fabrics are treated to resist moisture absorption and mildew growth. Prolonged standing water, inadequate drainage, or failure to allow the fabric to dry between exposures is not covered under this warranty. Mildew growth resulting from improper storage, insufficient air circulation, or failure to clean and dry the fabric before storage is not covered.

Outdoor Use Conditions

This warranty applies only when outdoor fabric is used for its intended outdoor or covered-outdoor hospitality application. Use in fully submerged, below-grade, or otherwise abnormal moisture conditions not consistent with typical outdoor hospitality use voids this warranty.

MANUFACTURING

Application of a post-treatment (after shipment by Richloom Fabrics Group) voids this warranty. This warranty also does not cover manufacturing defects in design or wear resulting from:

- Inadequate or receding padding/foam underlayment
- Improper railroading
- Lack of pattern modification by textile type
- Inadequate or excessive stitches per inch (recommended: 8–10 for woven outdoor fabric)
- Upholstering outdoor cushions without adequate drainage/breathing holes in the cushion cover, allowing trapped moisture to cause mold, mildew, or foam degradation

Compliance with Construction Standards

Seam Allowance: 0.5 inches

Seam Type: 301 Lockstitch

Thread Type: 100% Nylon Bonded Monochord

Needle Thread Size: 8

Bobbin Thread Size: 5

Needle: Size 22 Ball Point

Stitches per Inch: 7 ± 0.5

All fabrication must conform to the Standard Construction Specifications set forth herein, including but not limited to seam allowance, seam type, thread type, needle and bobbin thread size, needle type, and stitches per inch. Deviation from these specifications — whether through insufficient or excessive seam allowance, incorrect seam or stitch type, improper thread or needle selection, or stitch density outside the stated tolerance — constitutes a fabrication defect rather than a manufacturing defect in the fabric itself and voids this warranty with respect to any resulting damage, seam failure, or performance issue. Richloom Fabrics Group assumes no liability for claims arising from construction that does not meet these specifications, regardless of whether the fabric itself conforms to all applicable warranty terms.

Cutting Technique

- Cut on a clean, smooth, lint-free surface — grit or debris underneath can snag or distort the weave during cutting.
- Use sharp shears or a rotary cutter; dull blades drag the fabric and can fray or distort the cut edge.
- Cut with the fabric squared to the true weave (grain) line — off-grain cutting causes visible twisting or bowing once fabricated.
- Confirm pattern repeat and railroading direction before cutting multiple panels — patterned fabric run the wrong direction cannot be corrected after the panel is cut.
- Avoid multiple passes with the blade on the same line; a single clean cut reduces fraying at the cut edge.
- Allow extra yardage for pattern matching and a test cut, especially on large runs or multi-panel installations.

Seaming & Construction Notes

- Test stitch on a scrap piece first to confirm tension, stitch length, and needle size before running the full order.
- Use the needle and thread specifications above consistently across a job to maintain uniform seam appearance. Use UV- and moisture-resistant (e.g., solution-dyed polyester or PTFE) thread rated for outdoor use.
- Maintain consistent seam allowance across all panels in a single job — variation shifts pattern match and finished dimensions.
- Press seams open or to one side per spec before topstitching or hemming; pressing after construction, rather than during, is a common source of visible seam ridges on the face side.

WEAR | ABUSE

Damage, disintegration, or loss arising from abuse, misuse, vandalism, burns, cuts, abrasion from other furniture or structural components, or punctures is not covered under this warranty. Damage includes but is not limited to staining or marks made via ink transfer, dyes, and other external contaminants. Dye transfer (also known as reverse crocking) can occur in any environment, especially when light-colored fabrics are exposed to pigments from dark clothing or other materials. Once dye has penetrated the fiber, stains are often permanent and are not covered under warranty.

CLEANING

This warranty may be voided by any of the following:

- Use of improper cleaning agents or methods
- Lack of routine cleaning and maintenance
- Combining cleaning agents
- Failure to rinse thoroughly with clean water following cleaning protocol

Outdoor fabrics rated as bleach cleanable may be cleaned as follows: brush off any loose dirt or debris, then prepare a cleaning solution of mild soap and lukewarm water (approx. 1/4 cup soap per gallon of water) for routine cleaning. For mildew, stains, or deeper cleaning, a diluted bleach solution of up to 1 cup of bleach per gallon of water may be used on bleach-cleanable fabrics only. Apply the solution with a soft brush or sponge, allow it to sit for approximately 15–20 minutes, then rinse thoroughly with clean water and allow the fabric to air dry completely; do not machine dry. Do not combine bleach with ammonia or other cleaning agents, as this may produce harmful fumes. Confirm the bleach-cleanable rating of the specific fabric before use — applying bleach to a fabric that is not rated as bleach cleanable will void this warranty. Failure to follow approved cleaning protocols voids outdoor fabric warranty coverage.

USE

This warranty applies only when the fabric is used for its intended outdoor or covered-outdoor hospitality application, as specified at the time of purchase. Colorfastness performance applies only under normal outdoor exposure conditions consistent with the fabric's intended use. Any use other than intended, or use subsequent to a change in ownership from the original purchaser, excludes all warranty claims.

HANDLING | SHIPPING | STORAGE

Handling During Fabrication

- Handle cut panels by the edges where possible to avoid soiling, oils, or marking on the face fabric.
- Avoid folding sharply or creasing tightly; set-in fold lines can be difficult to press out fully and may show once fabricated.
- Support the full weight of fabric when moving cut panels; do not drag fabric across itself or other surfaces, which can cause pilling, snags, or soiling.
- Keep away from direct heat sources (irons, heat guns, direct sun through glass) during fabrication — prolonged heat exposure can distort some finishes prior to installation.
- Inspect panels for shading, flaws, or width variation before cutting or fabrication, and store rolled, not folded, in a dry, ventilated area to prevent mildew and premature fading.

Freight claims due to damage that may occur during shipping or transit do not fall under this material warranty. Materials are not covered for UV fading, moisture damage, mold, or mildew resulting from storage in non-ventilated, non-climate-controlled, or high-humidity areas for an extended period.

Richloom Fabrics Group is not responsible for damage resulting from improper installation or handling, including but not limited to tears, punctures, improper fastening, or mishandling during transport and setup, and such damage is excluded from warranty coverage.

REMEDIES

If a fabric fails to perform as warranted herein, Richloom Fabrics Group will provide a credit of the purchase price to be applied to future orders, or offer replacement of the fabric with a mutually agreed-upon substitute of equal value, for the affected area only. Under no circumstances will credits or reimbursements include labor costs. This warranty applies only to the original purchaser of the fabric.

Warranty inquiries must be submitted in writing to Richloom Fabrics Group. Original purchase information is required to investigate all claims.

FORCE MAJEURE

Should Richloom Fabrics Group be required to cease business operations due to force majeure, terrorist attack, declaration of war, earthquake, flooding, or other natural or man-made disaster, all warranties express or implied will be voided. Except as expressly provided herein, Richloom Fabrics Group makes no representations

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