

CLIENT INFORMATION SHEET

This customer information sheet is to better inform you of the materials and products that are used to fabricate marine boat canvas.

Certain factors to be considered when making a fabric choice are: breath-ability, abrasion resistance, the affects of salt water, UVRay damage, weight, and water repellency versus water-proof. It is best to talk to the canvas fabricator about these factors so that the best choice of fabric will be chosen for your particular boating needs.

THREAD

COTTON:

- Cotton is a food source for mildew. It is subject to UV degradation. Therefore the thread will only last approximately 1 year.

NYLON:

- Nylon is better than cotton, but due to UV degradation, will only last approximately 2-3 years.

POLYESTER:

- Polyester is a much better choice, as it will stand up to the elements much better than cotton or nylon. Polyester will last approximately 4-5 years, so your canvas will probably need to be re-stitched one time during it's lifetime.

TENARA:

- Tenara is made of Teflon and is guaranteed for the life of the canvas. We offer Tenara as an option as it is extremely expensive, adding approximately 17% over the cost of the canvas. Tenara should be used on all canvas that is subject to salt air and water.

BINDING:

- Binding is sewn on the outside perimeter of the canvas, binding all edges.

VINYL:

- Vinyl binding will peel and crack in a few years.

ACRYLIC:

- Acrylic binding will last the life of the canvas. We offer acrylic binding the same color as the canvas unless a complimentary color is chosen.

REINFORCING:

Reinforcing is used on the outside perimeter of the canvas so the snap fasteners have a good firm hold and will not pull through the fabric under normal use. It is also used where there is abrasion against the canvas, as when something sharp rubs against it or where the canvas pulls over a rail, etc.

Dacron reinforcing around the outside perimeter, as it is extremely strong to support the snap fasteners and it does not shrink or stretch. In other areas where the fabric needs reinforcing, other materials, more suitable, may be used.

SNAP FASTENERS:

Color coordinating snap-fasteners are available in 23 different colors. These give your canvas a super custom look. However, they are not suitable for salt water.

CLEAR VINYL FOR WINDOWS (glass):

20 gauge

Thin and wimpy, clarity is poor.

30 gauge Rolled Glass:

Thicker and the clarity is much better.

30 gauge Extruded:

Thick, and the clarity is better yet. This particular grade of glass is most common.

30 & 40 Gauge Sheets:

Sheet glass is much thicker, stronger and the clarity is even better. It is more expensive. This would be a good choice for bridge enclosures and camper windows. Although thick, it does roll.

Strataglass

StrataGlass is optically the most superior clear vinyl available and has a UVR protective coating and a scratch resistant coating. Although it is substantially more expensive, it offers the best value over the long term.

BREATHABILITY:

All canvas needs to breath, whether it is on a fiberglass, metal or wood boat. If a fabric has been chosen that does not breath, air vents must be installed.

COST:

We try to price our product fairly, factoring in the time and materials involved in producing a custom canvas. If our prices are somewhat higher than other shops, it is because we use top quality materials and spend more time in producing a super custom canvas that you will enjoy for many years to come.