

# Looking After Your Fiamma Awning



## **Safe Keeping**

Think of your awning as a Yacht Sail. When the wind blows the sail fills with air and creates a huge amount of power to the vessel it's attached to. This is the same for an awning.

If the wind starts to blow the awning can detach from the ground or the clips on the side of the vehicle and can become airborne. This can both damage the awning and the vehicle it is attached to. The bigger the awning the more power it will have.

### **We recommend –**

- Only put your awning out on a still day or when the wind is blowing less than 10km per hour.
- Try and position the vehicle so that the prevailing wind is on the opposite side of the vehicle.
- Always securely attach the feet of the awning to the ground or to the clips installed on the side of the vehicle.
- If you feel the wind start to strengthen and think it may get worse, it is advisable to put your awning away before it's too late. Often in this situation it's wise to have a 2<sup>nd</sup> person hold the awning whilst you take out the pegs and start winding it away.
- If you are leaving your vehicle for a long period and don't know what the weather conditions are likely to be, we recommend that you put the awning away or at least partially retract it.

## **Cleaning**

Your Fiamma Awning is quite durable however it does require attention if you want to keep it in pristine condition. The more often you use the awning the more likely it will require cleaning. When it needs cleaning –

- Wash with warm soapy water – let it completely dry before putting away
- Try not to put the awning away if it is wet or damp. If you have no choice then make sure you extend it out again when conditions allow to avoid the growing of mould and allow it to dry out.