



Equine Concepts, LLC General Maintenance Guide

Thank you for choosing the Equine Concepts, LLC Equi-Cover! Now is the time to take proper care of your cover to ensure that you will get many productive, long-lasting years out of your cover.

Securing Mechanism:

First, let's discuss the fact that your vinyl has a tendency to stretch and give over time. We recommend that you inspect the condition and tension of your rope or ratchets every Fall or Spring. At that time, you may need to manually tighten them or replace them. The rope is 3/16" braided 100% nylon, mold, mildew, and rot resistant, high strength, weather-resistant and abrasion resistant but always check your ropes the same time you check the tension of your vinyl. It is a lot less expensive to replace a few hundred feet of rope or a couple ratchets than an entire vinyl cover.

Snow:

The Equi-Cover is not designed to accommodate heavy, wet snow loads. In the event you receive unexpected amounts of snow of more than 3-4", inspect bolts, welds, and signs of bowing, especially at the crown, from the **OUTSIDE** of your cover. **DO NOT ENTER** roundup if there are **ANY** signs of structural duress. If pockets develop between your purlins, runners and rafters the best solution is to use a long handled push broom to lift up on the pockets from underneath. Please do not use any sharp or pointy objects to lift up on the cover. Please do not sit, stand or put heavy objects on the top of your cover.

Cleaning:

If you would like to clean or refurbish your cover please use a hose with a sprayer and gentle scrub brushes. **DO NOT** use harsh solvents, chemicals or cleaning products as these may harm the vinyl. We recommend a vinyl cleaner and restorer from www.winsol.com or mild dish soap such as Ivory. To get started all you really need is a ladder, bucket, source of water and a brush or awning sponge. The brush should be about the stiffness of a hog's hair brush. The bristles should be relatively short, around 2" in length. If the bristles get any longer they have a tendency to lay flat and this will inhibit your scrubbing effectiveness. For applying a restorative product the most effective way is with a pole, window washers' T-bar and a scrub sleeve or towel fastened. This will give you a wide path of coverage and a soft applicator. You can go from a bucket and brush to a pump sprayer and even a boom truck.

Storage:

Do not store your cover where it is not allowed to breathe. Store it as clean and dry as possible and in a covered, well ventilated area. Folding it and putting it on a pallet works well if you have to move it and it keeps it off the ground. Depending on where you store it, please be aware that mice may get to it so check it often.

Gate:

If your Equi-Cover has a gate, it may have a tendency to sag over time. We have made the gate adjustable to manually tighten the gate as needed. You will need a 15/16" deepwell socket with ratchet and a 15/16" wrench. All other bolts are 3/4" or 9/16". Remember to oil the spring in your gate latch as needed.

Touch-Up:

Steel, even Gatorshield, will develop surface rust over time. If you see rust on the welds, channel, gate latch, etc. these can be easily retreated with Rustoleum Aluminum aerosol paint as needed.

Please be advised that these are maintenance guidelines to ensure that your cover has the longest life expectancy as possible. This is not a warranty.