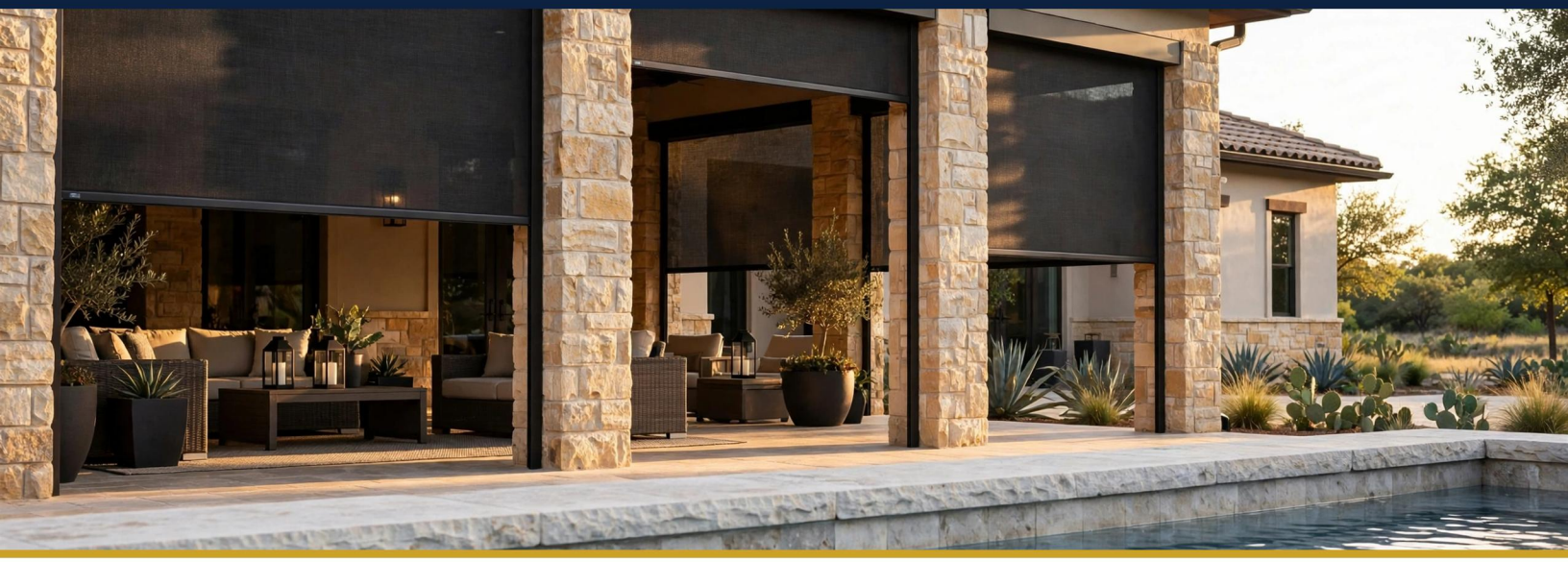
# MAINTENANCE
## FOR EXTERIOR SHADES

**EXTERIOR SHADE GURU**
Good Practices Sheet



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### Keep Tracks Clean & Lubricated

To keep your exterior shades operating properly, the side tracks should be kept clean and lubricated with a dry silicone spray. CRC Heavy Duty Silicone Spray or Super Tech Silicone Lubricant can be used — both are found at most major automotive and home retailers. This is often the solution to minor operational issues when raising and lowering the shade.

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### Cleaning the Screen Fabric

The screen fabric is a vinyl-coated polyester yarn designed for exterior use. It is made to live outdoors, but dirt and debris will still build up on it over time. Windex Outdoor products are recommended for cleaning — simply attach the bottle to a garden hose and follow the directions on the cleaning product label.

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### Caring for Clear Vinyl Shades

Clear vinyl shades are a beautiful way to enclose a space, and they require regular cleaning to maintain clarity and shine. 303 Protectant is recommended for caring for vinyl shades. The cleaner is worked into the vinyl, leaving a hazy film — simply polish the film off with a microfiber towel. This enables the unit to operate smoothly and the vinyl to remain clear and polished.

### GOOD PRACTICES

- These shades are made to be used — even when they are left down all of the time. Operate your shades 1 to 2 times a week to make sure they are operating correctly, before you might need them for something important.
- Spray the vinyl inserts inside the side tracks 6–7 times a year, or any time you see the shade operate irregularly.

### PRODUCTS WE RECOMMEND

**For tracks:**
CRC Heavy Duty Silicone Spray or Super Tech Silicone Lubricant

**For fabric:**
Windex Outdoor cleaning products

**For clear vinyl:**
303 Protectant