



## **BAMBRELLA PRODUCTS CARE AND MAINTENANCE**

### **Levante Side Wind Maintenance**

**Important:** When you open the parasol, always make sure the canopy material is tight, so that the ribs/arms cannot move from side to side.

We recommend that all Bambrella® parasols are closed when not in use, and always ensure that Parasols are tied, or strapped closed in windy conditions. This is to protect both parasol and people from damage, or possible injury. If the parasol becomes wet, open the canopy so they are completely dry prior to closing/storage.

### **Bambrella® Bamboo parts**

As a general rule, Bambrella® products need very little maintenance; the maintenance of bamboo is similar to teak wood. The bamboo overtime will lighten in colour and where the bottom of the pole can be in direct sunlight it will eventually fade to a grey colour if oil is not reapplied. If you do not have Bambrella®oil, the oil you use must be a synthetic penetrating decking oil. Before oil is applied wash the bamboo with warm soapy water using a sponge or soft brush. Allow to dry. Using a cloth, wipe a thin coat of oil onto the bamboo, do not apply a thick coat as it will take a long time to dry. Dry off any excess oil with a dry cloth. Oiling will bring back the colour and lustre. If you want to oil the canopy frame you will need to remove the cover first, see instructions on how to remove a cover.

The whole parasol should also be washed down periodically using warm soapy water to remove any dirt or other substances that mildew can form on and then rinsed off with clean water removing any residue.

As on most surfaces left outdoors mildew may form on the surface of the bamboo. If you see the first signs of mildew clean it off using Bambrella® cleaner or a household mould and mildew cleaner. This will kill the mildew and stop it from spreading. Mildew can spread quite quickly if left, especially in tropical, humid and damp conditions. If the mildew is left it can stain the bamboo. If this happens and the Bambrella cleaner or the household mildew cleaner does not get rid of the stain you can use a Bleach based household cleaner and a pot scourer or Scotch-Brite to remove the staining. After cleaning, always rinse off thoroughly with clean water.

### **Bambrella®Stainless steel parts**

The stainless steel parts are high grade 304 and the only maintenance needed is to be washed down periodically with warm soapy water to remove any corrosive deposits from the surrounding environment.

In the rare occurrence of a stain/rust appearing on the stainless steel parts of a Bambrella® clean off stainless steel cleaner, if you are unable to purchase a **Bambrella® stainless steel care kit**, we recommend the following;

Clean the stain using a Non-abrasive stainless steel cleaner/polish. Test a small area first and carefully follow the Manufacturer's instructions.

Rub with the grain of the metal, NOT in a circular motion to ensure that the original finish is not damaged. Rinse with clean water and dry thoroughly to avoid streaks, rubbing with the grain, not against.

If required you can use a Non-scratch pot scourer to rub over the stainless steel. Again rub with the grain, NOT in a circular motion. Rinse with water and dry thoroughly.

Rinsing well with water and drying with care will ensure that the cleaned stainless steel is then back to its original form, corrosion free.

### **Seaside/Pool areas:**

Bambrella® products that are used in these locations, may require cleaning more often due to potential chloride deposits that can create both corrosion and etching

### **Powder coated parts – Side Winds**

These parts are E-coated and then double powder coated for extra protection. The powder coated parts of the Side Wind include the base frame and the brackets that hold the bamboo beams that the parasol canopy hangs from. Like the other parts of the parasol, wash down periodically with warm soapy water using a sponge or soft brush. You can use a car wax or protectant to maintain or restore the lustre of the powder coated finish. In seaside and areas next to swimming pools you should wash down the parts more frequently to remove the build-up of chloride salt deposits which are corrosive.

### **Bambrella® Parasol Canopies and Covers**

The Life of your parasol canopy can be increased by both using a protective cover when not in use, and occasional maintenance. It is important that the cover is completely dry before using a Bambrella® protective cover.

Fabric life can be extended by simply washing down the cover periodically with warm soapy water using a sponge or soft brush, to remove any dirt or other substances on which mildew may form. Spuncrylic covers are machine washable on a cold wash and can be washed up to six times without affecting the Teflon specialist coating. Do NOT tumble dry, air dry instead.

Before storing at the end of the season, make sure that the fabric is free from dirt and moisture to prevent surface deterioration.

We hope you get many years of trouble free enjoyment from our products.

Many thanks, Mr R Bottomley. (Managing Director, Bambrella® Ltd)