

# ABOUT ABC



ABC Industries has been supplying quality ventilation solutions and technical fabrics worldwide since its humble beginnings in 1926. Industry trends and new technologies have guided ABC along the path of innovation to provide its customers with premium products and outstanding service. What began with a single product, jute brattice cloth, has transformed into a diverse line of industrial ventilation ducting and textile fabric products. Today, ABC's high quality ducting and fabrics are recognized globally in a wide spectrum of industries.

ABC has a unique quality — we make curtains, but also manufacture the fabric used to make curtains. This allows us to critically monitor the quality of our curtain from beginning to end, ensuring the curtain's strength and longevity in all climates. As an all-American company, ABC has been laminating three-ply PVC fabrics for over 50 years. With this experience, we've developed routine practices to help make your curtain last even longer. By following these simple practices for curtain installation and maintenance you can extend the life of your Agri-Tex™ Ag Curtain.

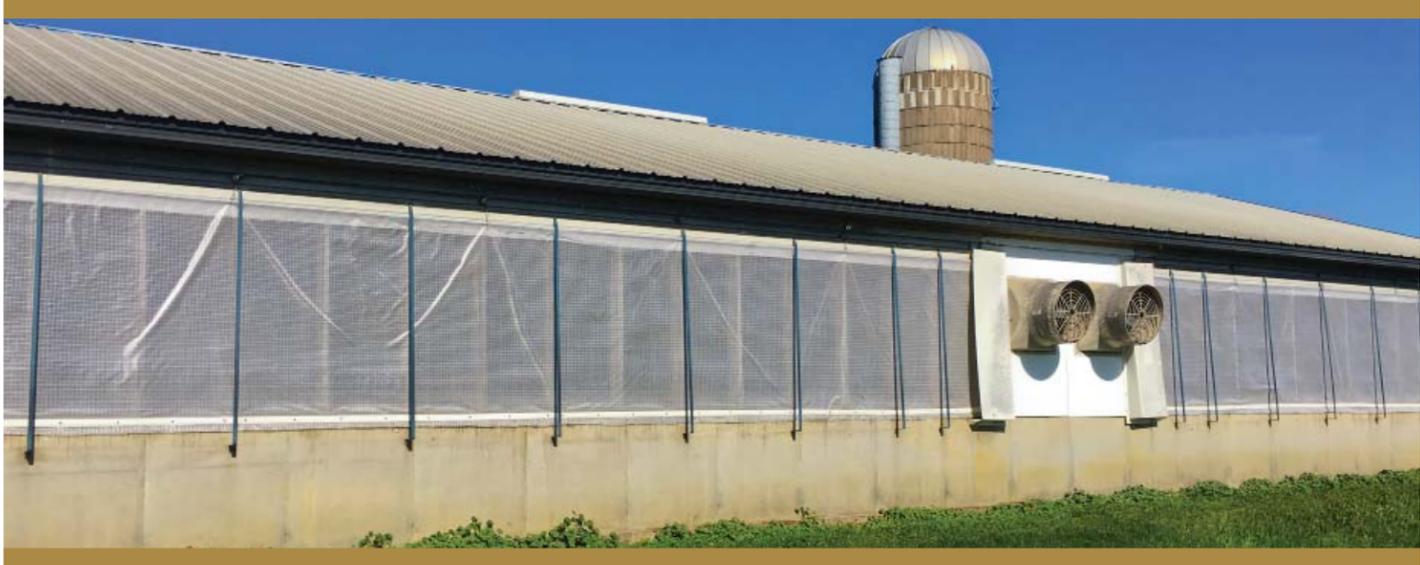
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## CARE AND MAINTENANCE TECHNIQUES FOR YOUR AGRI-TEX™ AG CURTAIN



## INSTALLATION DO's AND DON'Ts



**DON'T:** Install the curtain when temperature is below 40° F (4° C).

**DO:** Install curtains above 40° F (4° C) to prevent potential material damage during installation. Although Agri-Tex™ Ag Curtains are tested\* to withstand temperatures down to -35° F (-37° C), ABC does not recommend folding, rolling, crumpling, or aggressively handling our fabric in extreme cold environments.

**DON'T:** Nail through the stitch of the curtain hem during installation.

**DO:** Nail above or below the stitch line to prevent damage to the hem. Historically, it has been an occasional practice to nail the curtain while in the “up” position when the pipe is being put into the hem and/or during the roping system installation for curtain raising/lowering. Hems have failed as nails have pierced stitch threads while nailing the material; causing the hem to separate.

**DON'T:** Cause unnecessary strain from wind gusts on your Agri-Tex™ Ag Curtain.

**DO:** As a preferred method, use curtain bars (powder-coated brackets, shown on the cover page) to guard your Agri-Tex™ curtain during strong winds. You may also utilize rope, as shown in the above photo. Without proper bars or rope guards, a large ag curtain can gather wind similar to a sail. The exterior rope guard will keep the curtain from billowing. An optional interior installation of chicken wire will help prevent the curtain from whipping into the facility.

**DON'T:** Leave the ends of the Agri-Tex™ curtain raw after trimming to size on-site.

**DO:** Finish and secure the raw ends of the curtain with tape, roofing staples or adhesive on-site. Once the curtain has been trimmed to length, the thread has most likely been compromised (broken stitch lines tend to allow the seam to separate). Make sure to re-secure the stitch line on either side of the curtain by utilizing one of these methods: applying a piece of duct tape around the hem end, attaching a roofing or upholstery staple on the hem over the stitch line, or using a plastic adhesive to glue the edge of the hem.

\*ASTM D2136 Testing Method

## MAINTENANCE DO's AND DON'Ts

**DON'T:** Use high pressure spray systems on your Agri-Tex™ Ag Curtain.

**DO:** Spray your Agri-Tex™ curtain clean annually with a garden hose type sprayer. The sprayer will remove the majority of the dirt and grime inherent to livestock farming. Our curtains are waterproof, resistant to dirt and have mildew inhibitors. However, mildew can still develop on a highly contaminated surface. Proper annual cleaning with the standard garden hose sprayer will improve the life of your curtain.

High pressure sprayers have the capability to peel paint off of aluminum siding. Agri-Tex™ curtain fabric is designed to be flexible even at very low temperatures and can be damaged with high pressure spraying.

**DON'T:** Use any abrasives, solvents, citrus, or chlorine bleach cleaners; or utensils that have a rough surface.

**DO:** Use our recommended cleaning solutions below in the case of mild or stubborn stains:

For exterior minor stains, the outside (vinyl) portion of the fabric can be cleaned with a mild liquid detergent and water, using a sponge or soft cloth. ABC recommends these products for use: OxiClean®, Fantastik® (must state it can be used on vinyl), Star Brite® Vinyl Cleaner/Shampoo (#80216), Meguiar's® 57 Vinyl & Rubber Cleaner/Conditioner (#5716), Marine Specialties Group® Vinyl Finish Vinyl Cleaner (#990197), and West Marine® Vinyl Cleaner (#2669323).

For interior minor stains, the inside (fabric) portion should be cleaned by utilizing a dry soft bristle brush or clean tap water with a sponge, soft cloth, or soft bristle brush. ABC recommends these products for use on more stubborn stains utilizing either a sponge, soft cloth, or soft bristle brush: OxiClean®, mild liquid detergent, or Resolve® Carpet Cleaner.

For any of ABC's recommended products, please follow the manufacturer's directions. If needed, you may use a wet/dry vacuum to remove all moisture or excess cleaning agent.

Please do not fold or roll up curtain while it is still wet or damp. Utilizing any abrasives, solvents, citrus or chlorine bleach cleaners will damage the curtain and void the warranty.

**DON'T:** Leave your curtains stagnant during the warm season.

**DO:** Utilize a regular cycling schedule (once a week) during the warm season to avoid rodent nesting, and water and debris buildup. Cycling a curtain takes only a few minutes, so we recommend making it a habit to raise and lower your curtain once a week during these months. Weekly curtain disturbance will deter rodents from making your Agri-Tex™ Ag Curtain their home, as well eliminating buildup of water and debris.

**DON'T:** Let weeds and debris accumulate close to the barn wall.

**DO:** Maintain at least an 18” perimeter clear of weeds and other debris from barn wall. Cutting back the growth of grass or weeds or using a grass/weed killer (like Roundup®) is a good way to reduce rodent activity around your facilities in addition to implementing bait stations. This 18” clearing makes it easier to get around your facility, check bait stations and cycle curtains. Debris accumulation and weed growth close to the barn wall has proven as encouragement for rodent movement, as they prefer the cover of protective vegetation to stay safe from predators.