



Bambrella parasol maintenance instructions

If your parasol is starting to look a bit tired, please follow the instructions below to bring your parasol back to life!

Preparation

Before beginning the restoration of your parasol, dismantle the parasol using the following instructions:

- To remove the canopy:
 - lay the parasol on a large table
 - remove the finial from the top of the parasol
 - remove the cover bolts holding the cover to the frame
 - lift the frame out and away from the cover, remove the cover and lay the frame back on the table.
- Make a note of how the ribs are attached to the frame. If it helps, take a few pictures. This may sound pedantic but it will help when it comes to putting the ribs back onto the pole to make sure that the stays are positioned on the right side of the rib (usually to the left of the rib).
- When dismantling the parasol, do not remove the pulley rope. However, if you do, there is guidance available for how to re-rope it.
- Remove the rib end protectors from the end of the ribs. Be careful when removing these covers as not to bend or damage the screws. Keep all the screws and covers together as they will go back on to the ribs once the cleaning and sanding is complete.

To bring your parasol back to life:

- **Before sanding the ribs**
 - mix 2 caps of bleach in a bucket of water (be careful not to use too much bleach)
 - scrub the ribs using a standard kitchen scrubbing brush
 - the aim is to try to remove any mould or marks that may have accumulated on the ribs.
 - Allow 24 hours, or as long as it takes for the ribs to be dry.
- **Sanding the ribs**
 - Use a fine sandpaper to sand the ribs, removing any marks that were not removed by the bleach.
- **Treating the sanded ribs with supplied maintenance oil:**
 - Shake the cutek bottle before application (the cutek contains a special pigment that will settle in the bottle if left alone).
 - Apply with a piece of material (rag cloth is sufficient)
 - Ribs only need a light application. However, if you want a darker finish, apply a thicker coat or apply 2 coats.
 - Leave the ribs for 24 hours to dry.
- **Reassembling the frame**
 - Re-attach the rib end protectors on to the ribs
 - Re-attach all ribs back on to the frame, using the images you took to ensure the ribs go back in the same order as before.
 - Lay the new cover, open on the table and place the frame on to it.
 - Fold the cover over the frame and attach the cover bolts to each of the rib ends.
 - Re attach the finial.

Your parasol should now be good as new and ready to shade!