



# SHADE AUSTRALIA ITALIAN PIAZZA CARE AND MAINTENANCE GUIDE

Congratulations on the purchase of an Italian Piazza commercial umbrella. If treated in accordance with the following care and maintenance instructions recommended by Shade Australia, your umbrella/s will give you years of trouble-free service. We are pleased to offer a two year warranty on the frame and fabric of all commercial umbrellas installed to the manufacturers specifications and maintained as outlined below. You will find your umbrella’s individual identifying number on the stainless steel disc where the wind up handle locks in.

## Frame Maintenance

### Umbrella Wind Limits

The warranty offered does not account for degradation of synthetic materials over time, nor for modifications or lack of maintenance that may result in reduced strength over time. It also does not cover mistreatment of the umbrella, particularly leaving it standing in high winds, or damage caused during the removal and replacement of the umbrella.

The wind rating refers to the ‘safe breakdown’ wind speed. The limits listed below are in km/h:

SQUARE	Open Limit	Closed Limit	OCTAGON	Open Limit	Closed Limit
3.0m	>200	>200	3.5m	>200	>200
3.6m	>200	>200	4.0m	>200	>200
4.0m	192	>200	4.5m	>200	>200
4.5m	172	>200	5.0m	>200	>200
4.8m	143	>200	5.5m	183	>200

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## ● Umbrella Wind Limits

Pole Diameter:	82.5mm x 5.2mm
Arms Section:	25.0mm x 50.00mm x 3mm
Handle Height:	650mm for 3.0m Square
Mechanism:	Rack and Pinion Gearbox
Material:	Structural Grade Aluminium
Finish:	Powder Coated
Canopy:	Outdoor Acrylic or PVC

## ● Storing of Umbrellas

When removing umbrellas, **do not lie them down or stack them on top of each other**. Do not scuff, scratch or mark the powder-coated frame or fabric – it may be helpful to cover the post with a cloth to protect it during handling. Remember, these umbrellas are designed to stay open permanently. **Only close these umbrellas when absolutely necessary.**

## Handling the Umbrella

### ● Opening Guide

1. Gently push arms out from the pole. The umbrella should unfold most of the way by itself.
2. Bolt the handle to the round stainless steel axle and wind up by rotating the handle clockwise.
3. Open the umbrella until the canopy is taut.
4. Secure it by placing the locking pin into the round stainless steel axle.
5. (If required) remove the handle and store it somewhere nearby.

NB: **Please ensure that the canopy is not loose**, as it can become damaged, leading to tears.

### ● Closing Guide

1. Attach the handle to the round stainless steel axle.
2. Release pressure on the locking pin and remove it from the axle once it is able to be moved.
3. Wind the umbrella down by rotating the handle anti-clockwise.
4. Ensure that the canopy material is not jammed between.
  - The arms and arm bracket
  - The arms and centre pole
5. Furl the canopy material around the umbrella in the same way you would for a rain umbrella.
6. Secure with the supplied strap.

There are several important things to keep in consideration when handling the Italian Piazza umbrella. Please see these tips on the next page.

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## ● Important Closing Information

**The Italian Piazza is designed to stay permanently open;** closing the umbrella frequently greatly increases the chances of damage to the canopy from arms rubbing against each other. If you have questions about when to close the umbrella, please contact us.

**You must secure the panels with the strap provided.** Failure to secure with the strap may result in damage to the canopy. Any such damage is NOT covered by our warranty.

**Make sure there is no fabric jammed between the arms.** If there is fabric between the arms and the bracket or pole, damage to the canopy may occur. Any such damage is NOT covered by our warranty.

## Acrylic Care Guide

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When used in permanent outdoor situations 100% Acrylic Outdoor Fabric should be hosed regularly to remove dust, bird droppings, tree sap and other solid particles.

To ensure that the water repellence of the canopy is fully retained after continuous outdoor exposure, the fabric should be treated with a water repellent compound every 12 months. Professional services are available for this re-treatment work.

## ● Waterborne Stains

Waterborne stains such as coffee, tea, red wine, etc, should be treated first by rinsing in cold water. If this is not sufficient, the fabric may be washed with a mild solution of soap in lukewarm water (max. temperature 38 degrees C, 100 degrees F) and rinsed thoroughly. Stubborn soiling may require treatment with a hypochlorite bleach such as White King. The fabric should be soaked for 20 minutes in a solution of one part White King to four parts of warm water (max. temperature 38 degrees C, 100 degrees F). Apply the diluted solution to the fabric with a soft brush and rinse off thoroughly after 15 minutes. Follow the safety directions outlined on the White King container.

Part of the water repellent finish may be removed after a bleach application or solvent, so The fabric should be treated with a water repellent compound after any such treatment. As the fabric is made from 100% acrylic fibre, it is heat sensitive. Therefore, when washing or cleaning;

- **Do not** wring, spin or press dry, as permanent creases may be set in the fabric.
- **Do not** dry in an electric or gas dryer, and
- **Allow to air dry.**

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