



Care and Maintenance for Coverplas™ Nets

Coverplas™ Nets are premium products designed for use in viticulture and horticultural crop protection applications.

Coverplas™ Nets (Netting) are made using quality polymers along with Ultra Violet (UV) stabilisers and colour additives. Coverplas™ recommends the following care to take care of your quality investment in crop protection.

INSTALLATION

All netting must be installed firm and tight so as to prevent sagging, gaps and wind flap. Do not directly hang the netting on metal posts or nails or other metal objects. Abrasion, rust and extreme heat in the metal can potentially damage the netting by tearing it or even melt the plastic. Always use plastic clips to hang and secure the nets on the training wires when in application. Keep metal posts, cables and parts away from direct contact with the netting as far as possible. Where ever possible, tape or cover the metal parts closest to the netting. Where the nets go over trellis posts, the use of post caps is essential to prevent tears due to wind rub.

Avoid extreme friction on the netting surface especially when using netting applicators to apply and retrieve the netting. Noncompliance with the above may result in a mechanical breakdown, tears and premature failure. This does not constitute UV degradation or breakdown and is not covered by the warranty.

CARE AND STORAGE

Periodic checking and maintenance of the netting is recommended. Coverplas™ recommends a quick inspection of the nets before each application each season. Dirty nets may be cleaned using a mild dish washing liquid with the use of a low pressure water hose and a soft scrubbing brush. Any leaves or vine growth should be removed gently by hand from the netting. High pressure water blasting is not recommended as this may damage the nets' dimensional stability and tensile strength. It is important that any punctures, frays, tears or rips are stitched and repaired promptly as this will prevent bird from getting in and also prevent small tears from becoming large holes.

Most Coverplas™ Nets are generally chemically inert. Contact with organic solvents, halogens or highly acidic substances may reduce the service life of the fabric and void the warranty. Chemicals that may contain bleach or other agricultural chemicals containing Sulphur and or Halogens (Chlorine, Bromine) must not contact the nets, directly or indirectly, as these chemicals may attack the UV stabilisers within the fabric leading to UV breakdown and reduce the life of the nets and render the warranty void.

Some examples of chemicals that may cause the chemical breakdown of the UV stabilisers are pesticides, metals, metal oxides and metal salts, all halogens and chemical compounds containing halogens or sulphur in all of their oxidation states. Avoid exposure to any petrochemical or petroleum based product.

Nets should be clearly marked and stored in a cool dry place in a protective bag or bale and away from direct sunlight. For information on Coverplas™ Nets warranty, please visit coverplas.com