

# Parasol fabrics compared



Canopies and winter cover bags are available in a choice of fabrics:

ShadeArt Recacril<sup>®</sup>, Spuncrylic<sup>®</sup>, Polyester & PVC.

Each fabric type has different characteristics, as outlined below.

## Material characteristics

	ShadeArt Recacril <sup>®</sup>	Spuncrylic <sup>®</sup>	Polyester	PVC
Fabric warranty	5 years	3 years	1 year	5 years +
Ageing resistance	Excellent	Excellent	Good	Excellent
Colour-fastness to light tested to EN ISO 105 B02. Scale: 1 (very low) to 8 (Excellent)	Grade 4-5	Grade 3-4	Grade 3 - 4	Grade 6-8
Fabric weight	300g/m <sup>2</sup>	240g/m <sup>2</sup>	240g/m <sup>2</sup>	580g/m <sup>2</sup>
Material	Acrylic	Polyester	Polyester	PVC
Method	Solution-dyed	Solution-dyed	Piece-dyed or yarn-dyed	High tenacity polyester 1100 decitex
Water resistance	Excellent	Good	Fair	Excellent



### ShadeArt Recacril<sup>®</sup>

ShadeArt Recacril<sup>®</sup> has gone through a process called solution-dyeing, which gives it very high resistance to fading due to sunlight. Both the surface and the inside of the fabric are protected against dirt build-up and the adverse effects of a wide variety of atmospheric agents. There is a choice of over 30 colours.

### Spuncrylic<sup>®</sup>

Spuncrylic<sup>®</sup> is a polyester fabric which has gone through the solution-dyeing process to give very high resistance to fading from sunlight. Spuncrylic<sup>®</sup> fabric has Ultraviolet Protection Factor (UPF) of at least 50, is water repellent, and offers good stain resistance. This material has a similar performance to acrylic but at a more affordable price. Please contact us for more information on the full range of colours available.

### Polyester

Polyester is a reasonably strong fabric, resistant to creasing and good at staying in shape. However, it is not solution-dyed, so will not hold colour as well as Spuncrylic<sup>®</sup> or Premium ShadeArt Recacril<sup>®</sup>. Polyester may fade over time, and is a thinner, lighter weight fabric than ShadeArt Recacril<sup>®</sup>.

### PVC

PVC technical fabrics are high-performance, durable, and waterproof materials designed for industrial and architectural applications. These fabrics offer superior UV resistance, anti-fungal properties, and easy maintenance for long-term outdoor use.

We do not offer polyester canopies other than in Spuncrylic<sup>®</sup> polyester for some of our volume commercial parasols.