

Maintaining your Honeycomb Roof Blinds

Honeycomb or cellular blinds are a popular choice for skylights and roof windows due to their insulating properties and ability to control light. However, their unique pleated design can also make them a haven for dust, dirt, insects, and even mildew if not cleaned regularly. Fortunately, with the right techniques and supplies, you can get your honeycomb blinds looking like new again.

Regular cleaning will prevent build-up, stop mildew before it starts, and eliminate any insect guests from taking up residence. Enjoy all the light control and insulating benefits with sparkling clean blinds.

Keeping your roof blinds clean is important for several practical reasons:

1. **Improved light control and insulation** - Built-up grime can impact the ability of the blinds to effectively control light and insulate.
2. **Prevention of damage** - Allowing mildew, moisture, and insects to accumulate can degrade the blinds over time.
3. **Elimination of allergens** - Dust and debris in the blind cells can contribute to poor indoor air quality.

What you'll need before getting started, gather the following supplies:

- Step stool or ladder
- Vacuum cleaner with hose and brush attachments
- Mild soap or blind cleaner (avoid harsh chemicals)
- Clean cloths or paper towels
- Small soft brush (unused toothbrush works well)
- White distilled vinegar
- Water spray bottle

Step 1: Vacuum the blind: Use the vacuum's hose and brush attachments to thoroughly vacuum the blinds. Go slowly and get into all the crevices and pleats. This will remove any loose dirt, dust, and debris and flies.

Step 2: Spot clean stains: If you notice any stubborn stains or marks, spot clean them before the deeper cleaning. Make a mild cleaning solution with a few drops of dish soap and water. Dip a clean cloth in the solution and gently blot the stain. Don't rub too hard as this can damage the blinds.