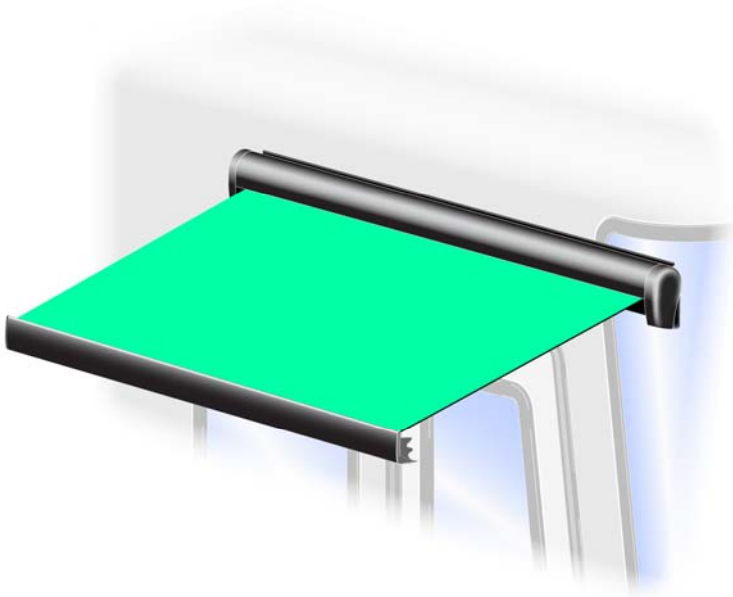




**OWNER'S MANUAL**  
**FREEDOM AWNINGS**

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**OTD (OVER THE DOOR) SLIDER AWNING**



*Awning shown in the camping position*

## About Carefree

From its beginning in the early 70's, Carefree of Colorado has emerged as the premier manufacturer of quality awnings and accessories for Recreational Vehicles (RVs). Our full line of products can provide the accessories that match your life style; no matter what type of RV you own. Check with your dealer to discover the products that can make your life more Carefree.

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The Carefree Freedom series of awnings are state of the art with lateral support arms that provides strength and functionality without interfering with coach sidewalls, custom graphics or equipment that may be mounted on the sidewalls.

The Freedom OtD (Over the Door) Slider Awning is a state of the art lateral arm awning. When retracted, the housing provides protection against the elements while the streamlined styling blends in with the coach side wall. The full tension canopy fabric allows the awning to be partially or fully extended for best shade coverage.

The slider assembly is a unique slide track made for coaches with a cab forward entrance door. In the travel position, the awning is stored toward the rear of the coach. In the camping position, the awning can slide forward to provide full coverage over the entrance.

### Freedom Awning Specifications:

- Fully retractable and self storing;
  - Canopy is made with woven acrylic fabric;
  - Case and frame are constructed of high-strength aluminum extrusions, protected with a polyester paint finish;
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## **OPERATION**

### **⚠WARNING**

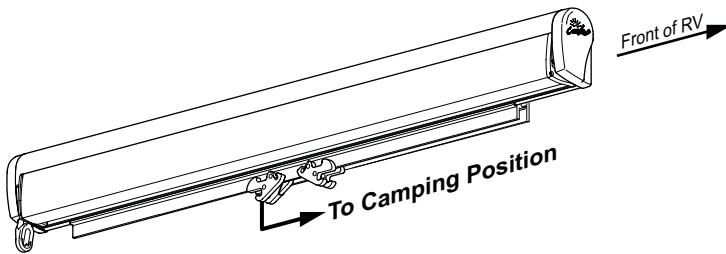
KEEP ALL SOURCES OF HEAT AND FLAME AWAY FROM THE AWNING CANOPY. FABRIC IS NOT FIRE-PROOF AND CAN BURN IF LEFT IN CONTACT WITH ANY FLAME OR HEAT SOURCE.

### **⚠CAUTION**

AWNINGS ARE DESIGNED TO PROVIDE SHADE AND PROTECTION FROM THE SUN. THE EFFECTS OF WIND AND RAIN ON AN AWNING ARE UNPREDICTABLE AND CAN CAUSE SEVERE DAMAGE TO THE AWNING AND/OR THE VEHICLE. IF WIND OR EXTENDED PERIODS OF RAIN ARE EXPECTED, ROLL UP THE AWNING AND SECURE.

## **POSITIONING THE AWNING**

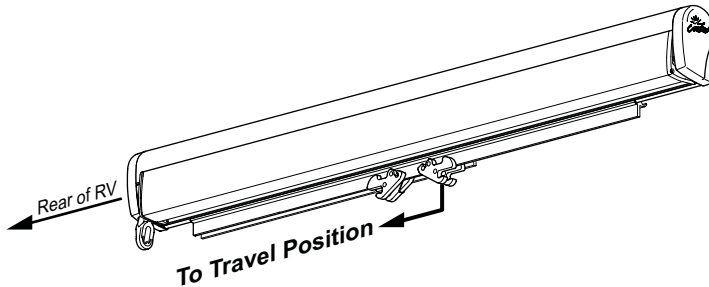
Use the hook of the manual crank handle to hook over the notches in the catches.



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### To position the awning in the camping position:

Grab the rear catch with the crank handle and pull down to unlock and pull forward until the front latch catches.



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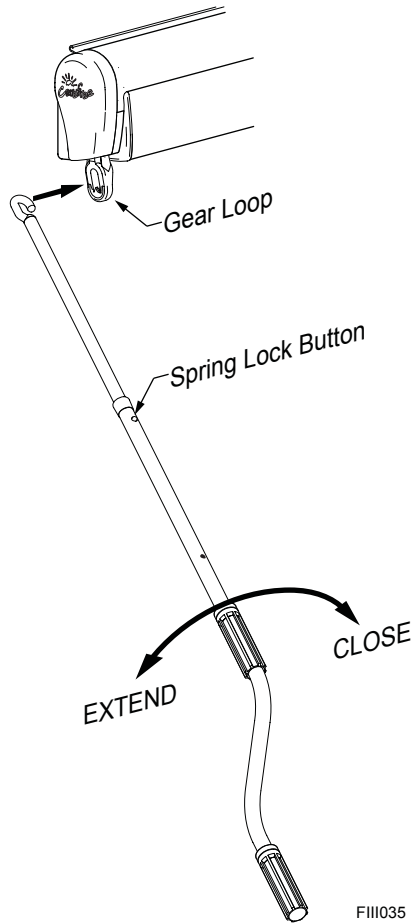
### To position the awning in the travel position:

Grab the front catch with the crank handle and pull down to unlock and pull to the rear until the rear latch catches.

## ***To OPERATE THE AWNING***

- Insert the hook of the manual crank into the gear loop located on the left side of the awning.
- Turn the handle counterclockwise to extend the awning.
- Turn the handle clockwise to retract the awning.

The crank handle may be extended or shortened by pressing the spring lock button then sliding the handle in or out to the next button hole.



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## **AWNING CARE**

Maintaining a Carefree Awning is easy. Just follow these basic steps:

- Always operate the awning according to the instructions.
- Periodically check that the fasteners are tight. Tighten if necessary.
- Keep the awning fabric and arms clean.

### **FABRIC CARE**

#### **CAUTION**

**DO NOT USE OIL BASED CLEANERS OR ANY CAUSTIC, GRANULATED, OR ABRASIVE TYPE CLEANERS ON YOUR CAREFREE PRODUCT.**

1. One of the best ways to keep the fabric looking good and to delay the need for deep or vigorous cleanings is to hose fabrics off on a monthly basis with clear water. This practice will help prevent dirt from becoming deeply imbedded in the fabric. In most environments, a thorough cleaning will be needed every two to three years.
2. When it's time for a thorough cleaning, the fabric can be cleaned while still on the awning frame.
  - For Vinyl Fabric – Use a soft brush and warm water with soap.
  - For Acrylic Fabric – Use a stiff brush and warm water with soap.
3. When cleaning the fabric, it is important to observe the following:
  - Always use a natural soap, never detergent.
  - Water should be cold to lukewarm, never more than 100°F.
  - Air-dry only. Never apply heat to the fabric.
  - Always allow the fabric to dry thoroughly before rolling up the awning.

### **MILDEW**

Mildew is a fungus growth that looks like dirt. Vinyl coated polyester fabrics are mildew resistant because of a chemical biocide in the vinyl coating. Under ordinary conditions, mildew will not appear. However, in areas where high temperature and humidity are common, mildew can be a problem and required the material to be washed more frequently. Thoroughly rinse the fabric and allow to air dry completely before retracting the awning.

### **POOLING**

When water collects on the top of the fabric, this is known as "pooling". This can occur during inclement weather or if a running air conditioner discharges over the awning. The water is dumped when the awning is retracted. It is recommended that if water accumulates; retract the awning in steps (8"-12") to dump the water. This will help prevent the fabric from stretching or distorting.

### **ARM CARE**

The best method of keeping the arms and channels operating smoothly is to clean them. Dirt and debris can cause the channels not to slide easily.

Periodically wash out the channels with running water (i.e. a hose) to keep them clean. If the channels still do not slide easily, lightly spray the joints and/or inside of the channels with a dry silicone lubricant after the arms have been cleaned and dried thoroughly.

## **CAREFREE MAJOR PRODUCT LIMITED WARRANTY**

Carefree of Colorado (hereafter referred to as Carefree) warrants to the first retail Purchaser that the Carefree Product is free of defects in material and workmanship within the terms and conditions as set forth in the warranty statement available online at [www.carefreeofcolorado.com](http://www.carefreeofcolorado.com). Carefree's obligation under this warranty is limited to the repair or replacement, at Carefree's option, of any defective component with new or factory refurbished components.

OWNER MUST RETAIN THE ORIGINAL PROOF OF PURCHASE AND/OR HAVE THE PRODUCT WARRANTY REGISTRATION ON FILE AT CAREFREE FOR WARRANTY CLAIMS.

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- Warranty Terms of Coverage; and,
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052978-231 Freedom Slider Owner's Manual

052978-031 Freedom Slider Installation Manual

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** It is strongly recommended that adjustments and repairs not described in this book be performed by trained technicians at your Authorized Carefree Dealer. Work performed by non-authorized persons or businesses may void warranty.



