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Model: QJ188E00 | Brand: CAREFREE

1. INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW

This manual provides essential instructions for the installation, operation, and maintenance of your Carefree QJ188E00 White 18' Vinyl Roller Assembly. This roller assembly is designed for use with Carefree Pioneer, Pioneer Lite, Plus Steep, and Flat Pitch Traveler awnings, offering an 8-foot extension and a white weatherguard. Proper installation and care will ensure optimal performance and longevity of your RV awning system.



Image 1.1: The Carefree QJ188E00 White 18' Vinyl Roller Assembly. This image shows the rolled-up vinyl fabric with end caps, ready for installation as part of an RV awning system.

2. PRODUCT FEATURES

- **Size:** 18 feet in length.
- **Compatibility:** Designed for Carefree Pioneer, Pioneer Lite, Plus Steep, and Flat Pitch Traveler awnings.
- **Extension:** Provides an 8-foot awning extension.
- **Color:** White vinyl fabric with a white weatherguard.
- **Material:** Durable vinyl construction for outdoor use.

3. SETUP AND INSTALLATION

The Carefree QJ188E00 Vinyl Roller Assembly is a component of a larger RV awning system. Installation typically involves replacing an existing roller assembly or integrating it into a new awning frame. Due to the size and mechanical nature of RV awnings, professional installation is highly recommended. If you choose to perform the installation yourself, ensure you have the necessary tools, assistance, and a thorough understanding of your specific RV and awning frame's installation requirements.

3.1. Safety Precautions

- Always work with at least one other person.
- Ensure the RV is stable and level before beginning any work.
- Disconnect all power to the awning motor (if applicable) before servicing.
- Wear appropriate safety gear, including gloves and eye protection.
- Be aware of spring tension in manual awnings, which can cause injury if not handled correctly.

3.2. General Installation Steps (Consult Awning Frame Manual for Details)

1. **Remove Old Assembly:** Carefully detach the existing roller assembly from the awning arms and rail, following the manufacturer's instructions for your specific awning model.
2. **Prepare New Assembly:** Unpack the new Carefree QJ188E00 roller assembly. Ensure all components are present and undamaged.
3. **Attach Fabric to Rail:** Slide the awning fabric's polycord into the awning rail on the RV.
4. **Connect to Arms:** Secure the roller assembly to the awning arms. This step often involves tensioning springs for manual awnings or connecting to motor mechanisms for electric awnings.
5. **Test Operation:** Once installed, slowly extend and retract the awning to ensure smooth operation and proper alignment.

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- Awning Supports
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Image 3.1: An RV with a Carefree awning fully extended, demonstrating the typical appearance of an installed awning system. The roller assembly is integrated at the top, supporting the fabric.

4. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

The operation of your awning will depend on whether it is a manual or electric model. Always refer to your specific awning frame's operating manual for detailed instructions.

4.1. General Operation Tips

- **Extend Awning:** For manual awnings, release the travel locks and use the pull strap or crank handle to extend the awning. For electric awnings, use the designated switch inside your RV.
 - **Retract Awning:** Always retract the awning fully when not in use, during strong winds, heavy rain, or when leaving your RV unattended. This protects the fabric and mechanism from damage.
 - **Pitch Adjustment:** Some awnings allow for pitch adjustment to shed water. Consult your awning frame manual for instructions on how to adjust the pitch safely.
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5. MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance extends the life of your awning roller assembly and fabric. The vinyl material is designed for durability, but proper care is essential.

5.1. Cleaning the Vinyl Fabric

- **Frequency:** Clean the awning fabric at least once a month, or more frequently if exposed to harsh conditions or environmental debris.
- **Method:** Use a soft brush or sponge with mild soap and water. Avoid harsh chemicals or abrasive cleaners, which can damage the vinyl.
- **Rinsing:** Rinse thoroughly with clean water to remove all soap residue.
- **Drying:** Always allow the awning fabric to dry completely before retracting it to prevent mildew and staining.

5.2. Inspection

- Periodically inspect the roller assembly, fabric, and all hardware for signs of wear, damage, or loose fasteners.
 - Check the weatherguard for tears or damage.
 - Ensure the awning extends and retracts smoothly without binding.
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6. TROUBLESHOOTING

This section addresses common issues you might encounter with your awning roller assembly. For complex problems, contact a qualified RV service technician.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Awning does not extend/retract smoothly.	Obstruction, bent arm, low battery (electric), worn mechanism.	Check for obstructions. Inspect arms for damage. Ensure RV battery is charged (electric). Consult awning frame manual or professional.
Fabric sags or pools water.	Incorrect pitch adjustment, stretched fabric, bent roller tube.	Adjust awning pitch (if applicable). Inspect fabric for damage. Contact professional for roller tube inspection.
Mildew or stains on fabric.	Awning retracted while wet, environmental exposure.	Clean fabric thoroughly as per maintenance instructions. Ensure awning is dry before retracting.

7. SPECIFICATIONS

Attribute	Detail
Model Number	QJ188E00
Brand	CAREFREE
Material	Vinyl
Color	White
Size	18 feet (length)
Extension	8 feet
Item Weight	50 Pounds
Product Dimensions	5 x 5 x 224 inches
UPC	740544821562

8. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For specific warranty information regarding your Carefree QJ188E00 Vinyl Roller Assembly, please refer to the documentation provided with your original purchase or visit the official Carefree website. For technical support, replacement parts, or service inquiries, please contact Carefree customer service directly. Always provide your model number (QJ188E00) when seeking support. You can find more information and contact details on the [Carefree of Colorado Store Page](#).

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