

Installation Guide

Open Cassette Awnings





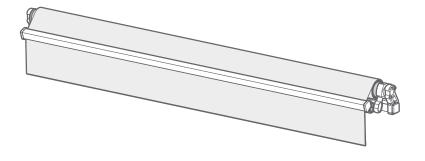


Please note that we STRONGLY recommend using at least 2 people, preferably 3, for this installation. Our awnings are designed for DIY installation but are very heavy, and attempting to install alone can be difficult and even dangerous.

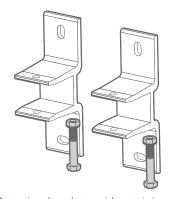
You will need...

- 1x Hammer drill
- 1x 14mm masonry drill bit
- 1x Hammer
- Chalk or pencil
- 1x Long spirit level (or laser level)
- Spanner set & adjustable spanner
- 2x Step ladders

Included in the parcel...



1x Awning



2x Mounting brackets with retaining bolts

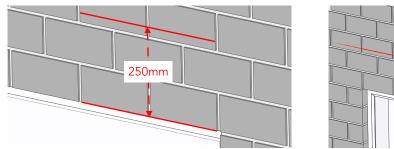


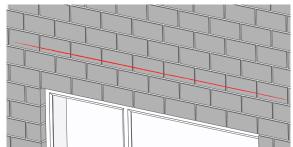
1x Crank handle



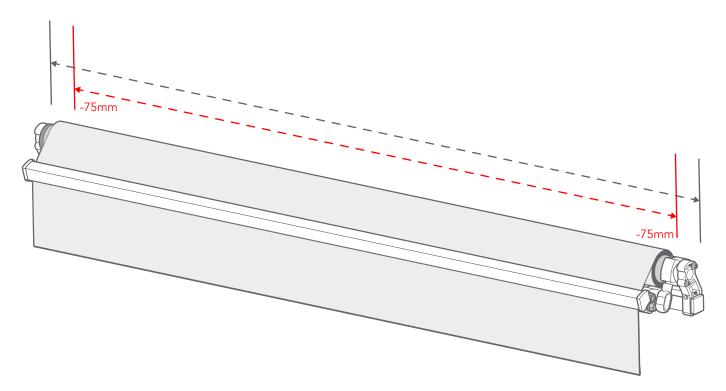
4x Wall anchors

Line up and mark out your fitting location

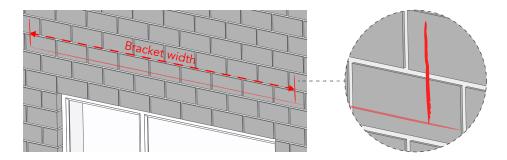




Measure 250mm up from the top of the window. This is the minimum height at which the awning should be installed above the window. Using a spirit level and chalk, mark a straight line all the way across the fitting area at this 250mm height.



Take the full width of the awning and deduct 75mm from each end. This new width will be the width between the screw holes of the two outermost mounting brackets. We'll call this the 'bracket width'.



Draw two vertical lines, going up from your 250mm mark. The distance between these vertical marks should be your bracket width.

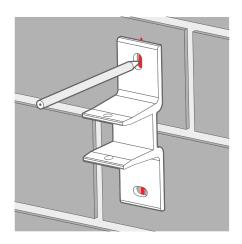


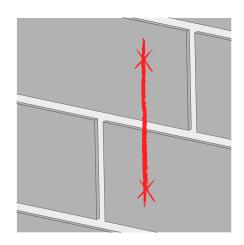
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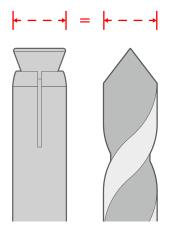
Install the brackets

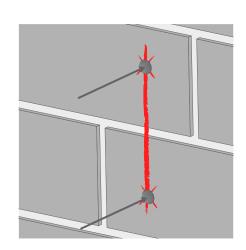
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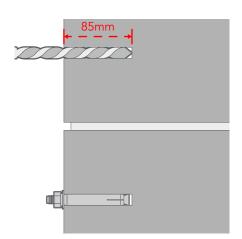




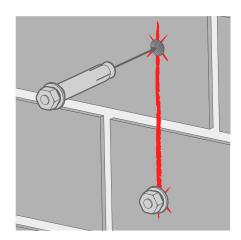
Hold a bracket up and mark out its screw holes over your vertical mark. Try to line it up so that each screw hole is as far away from the mortar between the bricks as possible - the lower screw hole should be marked on the row of bricks on or above the 250mm line above the window.

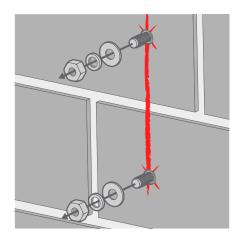


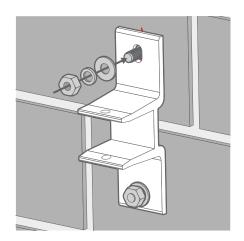




Using a drill bit that matches the diameter of the wall anchors, drill a hole at each screw-hole mark. The drill holes should be roughly 85mm deep.







Take the wall anchors and screw on their nuts and washers with your fingers - they don't need to be tight. Hammer the anchors into your screw holes until the washers are touching the wall. Remove the nuts and washers, slot your brackets over the protruding bolts, then screw the nuts and washers back on to secure the brackets. At this stage we would recommend screwing them on loosely so that the anchors can be removed if you need to adjust their positioning later on; once fully tightened, the anchors will be tricky to remove.



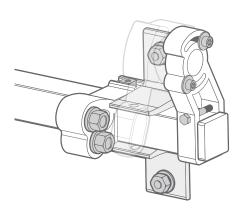
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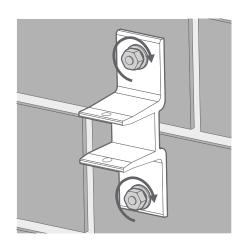
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Install the awning

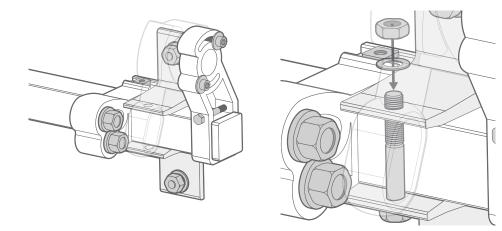




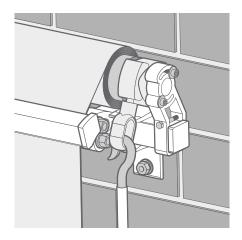




Lift the awning into place and check that the brackets sit in the correct position - The square bar at the back of the awning will slot into the open section on the lower part of the bracket, and the bracket should sit somewhere between the two outermost components attached to the square bar. If you're happy with the bracket positioning then remove the awning and fully tighten the bracket nuts to secure them in place.



Slot the awning's square back-bar back into the brackets. Use the provided retaining bolts to secure the bar in the brackets. You and your installation partner will need to do this at the same time so that both ends of the awning are held steady whilst it's secured in place.





IMPORTANT

It's important that you always have the awning either fully retracted or fully extended, as the extending arms are strongest in these positions. When fully extended, the extending arms should be slightly bent with a visible gap between them, not locked out straight.

Hook the crank handle onto the awning's crank mechanism to complete the installation.

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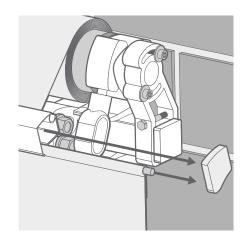


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Aftercare

Maintaining your awning properly throughout the year will greatly extend its lifespan and ensure that it remains reliable and in good condition for years to come. Follow these simple routines to correctly care for your awning:

- Remove the crank handle when the awning is not in use
- The fabric is hardwearing and weather resistant, but if it gets wet then take the next opportunity to extend the awning and allow the fabric to dry
- Clean all metal parts of the awning with warm water and a soft cloth or sponge, at least once a year
- Wipe the fabric with a soft cloth or sponge, using warm water and mild detergent, at least once a year
- Spray any moving parts of the awning (the crank mechanism in particular) with silicon spray or WD-40, twice a year
- Take down and store your awning somewhere dry when it is not being used for long periods *



* If you decide to leave the awning installed over winter then it is still recommended to remove the valance (the decorative strip of fabric attached to the front bar) and store over winter. To do so, pull off one of the plastic end caps on the end of the front bar, loosen the hex screws holding the valance rod in place inside the bar, and slide the rod and valance out of the front bar.

IMPORTANT

An awning is designed primarily for shading and sun protection. The awning should be fully retracted during periods of wind, heavy rain or snow. If it is left extended in these conditions there is a risk of damage to the awning or the structure to which it is installed.