

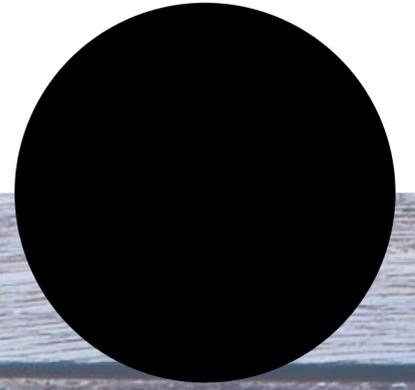
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THE 5 SECRETS TO BUYING AWNINGS

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In this book we shall give you some tips and things to look for when buying awnings

- Why are you buying an awning?
- Fixed or retractable awnings?
- Do I need mesh or blackout?
- Are aluminium awnings better than fabric awnings?
- Where do I buy awnings?

These are the questions we get asked all the time

**AWNINGS ARE AN ASSET
FOR YOUR HOME THEY
CREATE A LIFESTYLE**

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Why are you buying an awning?

Everyone has a reason for buying awnings

What are yours?

Are you after an awning for sun protection over your windows? Especially the ones facing west?

Do you need awnings for your patio area?

Is it the sun or the wind that you are trying to stop?

Are you trying to keep all the elements out?

Do you only need the awning when we are sitting out there?

Are you going to leave the awning down all the time?

Is it that you need some privacy from neighbours or passing traffic?

Do you need to see through the awning to enjoy the views?

Is the awning to help you sleep and keep the room dark?

Once you have answered these Questions on why you need an awning you will be able choose the correct style of awning that you really need.

Too many times we have seen people by the incorrect awning for the situation they have. All they have done is wasted their money.

Awnings have to keep the direct sun off the glass of your home.



Fixed or Retractable Awnings?

Do you want to be able to adjust the awning or are you happy for it to be fixed?

Most aluminium awnings are fixed whereas fabric awnings are normally retractable.

Retractable awnings are the most versatile style and are usually manufactured from sunscreen mesh or a block out material like acrylic or canvas.

They can range from extending straight out like a Folding Arm Awning or move up and down vertically like a channel guide or side retention system.

One of the popular awning styles is the Auto-Roll up awning which goes perfectly over a window and comes down on an angle to help with airflow but keep the harmful sun off your windows.



MESH OR BLOCKOUT MATERIAL

Do you want to see through the awning to the outside or are you happy to just keep the sun out.

Both styles of cover will give you privacy, mesh awnings are hard to see through from outside but easy to see through from inside, mesh is great for living areas.

Blockout acrylic or canvas is better for bedrooms and areas that you want total privacy, especially facing the west and the afternoon sun.

Mesh lasts longer in our harsh conditions, Acrylic and Canvas are quite long lasting as well.

The cost should be the same for the same style of awning in any material.



Are Aluminium awnings better than Fabric awnings?

Aluminium nearly last forever but can only be in a fixed position. You can get adjustable louvre awnings which are great over second floor windows but they are in a fixed position, its only the blades that rotate.

Bahamas and Caribbean fixed awnings are great for over doors and walkways. Fully waterproof and very stable in harsh conditions.

Fabric awnings are a lot more flexible for retracting and opening. You can have the awning out of the way and have a clear view through your opening. Life expectancy is shorter than aluminium but if you look after your acrylic awnings they will last 10 to 20 years, mesh awnings last longer with less maintenance and you can see through them.

Normally Aluminium awnings are more expensive than Fabric awnings



Where do I buy Awnings?

You must buy them from a reputable dealer or manufacturer.

Preferably from a manufacturer, so that you are not paying for the wholesaler and the retailer markup. Awnings should be viewed as an asset and often cheap awnings aren't the best awnings for your house or budget.

Ensure that you know what the warranty of the product is and where it has been manufactured or derived from, buy local where you can.

Make sure the company representative has product knowledge and can solve the problems that you have, there is nothing worse than buying a awning that doesn't solve the problems that you are trying to fix.

It can be a costly mistake

For more info and advice about awnings get in touch with us.

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