

GUIDE

AWNING BUYING GUIDE

FIND THE RIGHT AWNING FOR YOUR RECREATIONAL VEHICLE



Mobile living made easy.

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THE DOMETIC AWNING RANGE



WHAT A DOMETIC AWNING DOES FOR YOU

When travelling in your RV you have the privilege of being free to stop at the most beautiful places. Simply turn off the ignition, get the table and chairs out, and enjoy the marvelous view. A Dometic awning gives you added pleasure: It turns the area in front of your vehicle into your personal mobile patio, which will give you many relaxing hours!

The awning provides shade as well as protection against rain, wind and weather and it can do so much more. With the right accessories you can quickly create an extra living or sleeping room for your recreational vehicle, complete with windows, doors, curtains, fly screens and lighting.



ABOUT THE AWNING

THE BIG QUESTION: WHICH TYPE OF AWNING IS COMPATIBLE WITH YOUR VEHICLE?

Awnings are either fitted to the roof or wall of a vehicle. Which method is suitable depends on the following three factors:

- The amount of room above the vehicle's doors and windows.
- The shape of the vehicle's side where it converges with the roof.
- The mounting brackets available for your vehicle.
- Curved edges are suitable for roof fittings. Whereas a squared edge with sufficient room above the door will accommodate a wall mounting. In either case, suitable mounting brackets are also required. Your vehicle's length will determine the size of the awning you can install.



AUTOMATIC OR MANUAL AWNING?

Ultimately, this comes down to individual preferences and the amount of space available on your vehicle for mounting. We outline key details below:

AUTOMATIC AWNING

BENEFIT: It is quick and easy! At the click of a button, the awning will open or close within 35 seconds.

DISADVANTAGE: You lose genuine freedom of travel because you're reliant on power. Although automatic awnings do have a manual override function: use of this can be inconvenient as often the awning must be dismantled to access parts required for manual operation.

MANUAL AWNING

BENEFIT: You have freedom to travel to the remotest destinations! No reliance on power, so no limitations.

DISADVANTAGE: It takes on average 10-12 minutes to deploy a manual awning. For some people this may be a problem, particularly if the awning will be deployed and stowed several times over a short period of time.

SUPPORTED OR SELF-SUPPORTED AWNING?



Consider the following when deciding to purchase a supported or self-supported awning:

SUPPORTED

- Available with automatic and manual deployment;
- Awning legs staked into the ground make it more robust in windy conditions
- Weather kits containing elastic straps can be used to tension the lead rail and further secure the awning's position
- Its multiple, independent mounting brackets require a seal or rain guard to fully protect against rainwater running down the side of the vehicle
- Challenging for one person to deploy or stow away – ideally a two-person job!

SELF-SUPPORTED

- Only available with automatic deployment
- Requires mounting within the structure of the vehicle which must, therefore, be able to support the weight of the awning
- As the lead rail "hangs" in mid-air it is more susceptible to movement in the wind
- A wind sensor is always fitted and a weather kit with support legs and tie-down straps is provided to secure the awning when open
- Continuous, flush mounting means there are no gaps for rainwater to run through
- Can easily be deployed and stowed away by one person

THE FIVE TYPES OF AWNING

There are five types of awning available: patio, cassette, window, door and slide topper. Below we explain the features and purpose of each:

PATIO AWNING

A patio awning extends from the side of your vehicle to provide a shaded area and extend the vehicle's living space. The use of a support arm means patio awnings have limited headspace at the sides. The awning's hardware and rollertube remain visible. The length can be adapted

in 1 inch increments to exactly match the RV's length – maximizing the shade available! Maximum length: 21 ft (motor) or 25 ft (manual).



CASSETTE AWNING

Like the patio awning, it provides extensive cover across the length of your vehicle. One key advantage is that the hardware of a cassette awning is hidden from view giving a clean appearance. Unlike the patio awning, there is no support arm limiting headspace at the sides, instead the

support runs along the underside of the awning. Available in the following lengths: 8 ft, 10 ft, 12 ft, 14 ft, 15 ft, and 16 ft for both motor and manual operated awnings.



WINDOW AWNING

The window awning covers individual windows or multiple windows which are located next to each other. They are ideal for warmer climates as the shading of the vehicle's interior

helps to cool the temperature; plus it allows windows to be left open in the rain.



DOOR AWNING

Mainly used for larger vehicles when a primary awning is not wide enough to cover the door or if there is insufficient space above the door for mounting a wider awning. Useful for providing weather protection when exiting the vehicle or searching for keys to unlock the door!



SLIDE TOPPER

Does your vehicle have a slide-out room? A slide topper awning protects the roof of your extendable room from collecting leaves and other debris. Without a slide topper awning, when the room retracts inside your vehicle, so too will any debris! Use a slide topper and avoid creating a mess.





DO YOU WANT A SPECIFIC ACCESSORY? ENSURE YOUR AWNING IS COMPATIBLE

The vast majority of awning accessories such as lights and rooms work equally well across all types of awnings. However, as the list below highlights, certain products require specific types of awnings. So if you have your heart set on a specific accessory, ensure you purchase the appropriate awning.

VERANDA ROOM

Only compatible with patio awnings



VERANDA SHADE

Only compatible with patio awnings



IS THERE SPACE FOR MOUNTING THE AWNING?



Beware that automatic patio awnings need at least 62¾ in (160 cm) of unobstructed space on the vehicle wall for mounting. Potential obstructions include a window or vent. An automatic cassette awning, however, has no such mounting constraints in terms of the space needed.

Since the manual awning hardware is set away from the wall, there is greater versatility when mounting. You can even mount the awning over a window if you're willing to block light from the vehicle's interior. This is great news if you have a smaller vehicle with limited wall space for mounting. As always, doors should never be blocked.

ABOUT YOUR PERSONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

HOW MUCH TIME DO YOU HAVE TO SET UP?



If you're staying somewhere for a short period of time or want to react quickly to a sudden change in weather, you may appreciate the quick action of an automatic awning. Don't forget to factor in the amount of time needed for deploying any accessories, such as a Veranda Room:

AUTOMATIC: 35 seconds to deploy / stow away

MANUAL: 10-12 minutes to deploy / stow away



WILL YOU NEED TO SET UP WORKING ALONE?

If you want the ability to set up your awning alone, you're better off having a self-supported awning. Self-supported awnings are always operated automatically – at the simple

click of a button! Although possible, it's far harder to deploy a supported awning working alone.



HOW LONG WILL YOU LEAVE YOUR AWNING OPEN?

The length of time an awning will be left open often impacts how people feel about the set-up time. So consider how long you will tend to leave the awning open: does 12 minutes deploying a manual awning appear to be more

effort than it's worth? Perhaps an automatic awning that opens in seconds is more suited to your usage needs. That's not lazy — it's simply being realistic!



DO YOU WANT TO TRAVEL TO REMOTE DESTINATIONS?

Many of us like to use our RVs to escape the world and travel to remote spots, far from civilization. If you are one of those people, then a manual awning is the ideal choice for you as it has no reliance on power. This means you'll also be buying a supported awning, as self-supported models are only available with automatic operation. But if you're someone who wants to get lost in the middle of nowhere, away from shops and power sources, we're guessing you won't mind deploying your awning manually!

CLIMATE CONDITIONS: WIND, TEMPERATURE, RAIN AND STORM

We advise all types of awnings be stowed away in wind and rain. Remember: “awnings are for shade, not shelter”.



WIND:

Supported awnings offer better resistance against wind and may further benefit from a weather kit containing elastic straps to secure them.

Self-supported awnings, on the other hand, are more susceptible to wind. A weather kit with support legs and tie-down straps is provided to secure the awning in its open position.

Automatic awnings are helpfully fitted with a wind sensor that automatically closes the awning when wind causes too much movement to the lead rail.

TEMPERATURE:

All awnings are tested to reliably function within a range of -4°F to 104°F. So unless you're staying in Death Valley or the Arctic Circle, you should have nothing to worry about!

RAIN:

The multiple, independent brackets of a supported awning mean they require a seal or rain guard to fully protect against rain water running down the side of the vehicle.

The continuous, flush mounting of self-supported awnings means that there are no gaps for rain water to run through!

The speedy deployment of an automatic awning would certainly be appreciated in sudden cases of rain.

STORM:

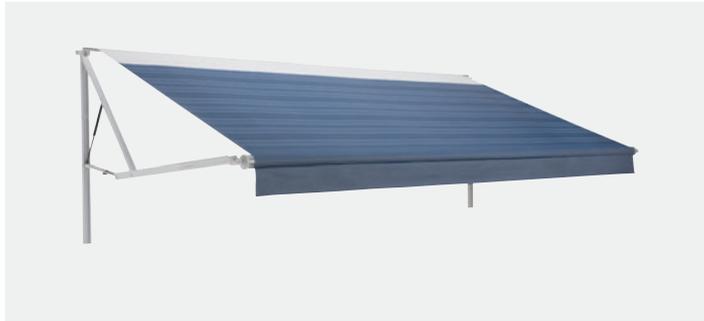
If storm clouds are on the horizon, you will want to pack up as quickly as possible and take shelter inside your vehicle. An automatic awning means you'll be safely inside in less than a minute!



THE DO AWNING

DOMESTIC GRANGE





DOMETIC 9100 POWERCHANNEL

PATIO | AUTOMATIC | VINYL OR METAL

The PowerChannel is an innovative and convenient option available with the 9100 Power Awning. The awning's roller tube contains the PowerChannel which provides a track of electrical power along its entire length that Dometic accessories can tap into without using any cords or wires.



DOMETIC 9100 POWER AWNING

PATIO | AUTOMATIC | VINYL OR METAL

Simple operation, elegant design and technical superiority are key attributes of the Dometic 9100 Power Awning. Comes with a rugged and stylish single sided vinyl fabric and a vinyl weathershield (wrap) for protection against the elements. The Dometic 9100 Power Awning comes in sizes ranging from 8 ft to 21 ft for your convenience. Note: Awning does not come with hardware (arms). Product only comes with Fabric, Rollertube and Torsion assembly.

- Vinyl or metal weathershield
- Acrylic or vinyl fabric
- Sizes ranging from 8 ft - 21 ft widths



DOMETIC 9100 MANUAL AWNING

PATIO | MANUAL | VINYL OR METAL

Simple operation, elegant design and technical superiority are key attributes of the Dometic 9100 Manual Awning. Comes with a rugged and stylish double sided acrylic fabric and a Metal weathershield (wrap) for protection against the elements. The Dometic 9100 Manual Awning comes in sizes ranging from 8 ft to 21 ft for your convenience. Note: Awning does not come with hardware (arms). Product only comes with Fabric, Rollertube and Torsion assembly.

- Vinyl or metal weathershield
- Acrylic or vinyl fabric
- Sizes ranging from 8 ft - 21 ft widths



DOMETIC 8500 AWNINGS AND DOMETIC 8500 GEARED AWNINGS

PATIO | AUTOMATIC | METAL | VINYL

The rugged construction, beautiful fabrics, ease of operation and affordability combine to make the Dometic 8500 Awning one of the best manual awning in the world. This dependable awning is available with straight or curved hardware to fit virtually any vehicle, it can also be conveniently operated by a single person.

- Scratch-resistant vinyl with UV protection
- Secure rafter lock system that stabilizes awning and has automatic tension
- Vinyl cushioned lift handles



DOMETIC SUNCHASER AND DOMETIC GEARED SUNCHASER AWNINGS

PATIO | AUTOMATIC | VINYL

Not only is the Dometic 8300 SunChaser a great looking awning, it offers convenience and durable quality too. It's an awning of the highest quality that RV enthusiasts have trusted for years. The heavy-duty, polyester reinforced vinyl fabric features a beautiful horizon pattern.

- Scratch resistant vinyl fabric with UV protection
- Secure rafter lock system that stabilizes the awning and has automatic tension
- Full 8 ft extension in carport or patio position



DOMETIC 9500 CASE AWNINGS

PATIO | MANUAL OR POWER

The Dometic 9500 Case Awning is a convenient alternative to other awnings. The simple single piece assembly and lateral arms provide hassle-free installation. The automatic rain shed protects your awning from harsh weather conditions. This Dometic 9500 Case Awning come in sizes ranging from 8 ft to 16 ft.

- Available in 12-volt power or easy manual crank-out operation
- Automatic Rain Shed makes it easy to drain away accumulated water
- Case available in multiple colors



DOMETIC ELITE WINDOW AWNINGS

WINDOW | ACRYLIC | MONOCHROMATIC

The Dometic Elite Window Awning shields windows from the sun to help lower the temperature of the interior coach. Window awnings also protect the windows from light showers, so you can enjoy the fresh air without having a puddle in your mobile living space.

- Use with window height under 30 in
- Easy to use strap
- Setup takes less than 10 seconds
- Rich, vibrant color patterns, top and bottom
- Hardware sold separately



DOMETIC DELUXE PLUS WINDOW AWNINGS - STANDARD

WINDOW | VINYL | MONOCHROMATIC

The Dometic Deluxe Window Awning shields windows from the sun to help lower the temperature of the interior coach. Window awning also protect the windows from light showers, so you can enjoy the fresh air without having a puddle in your mobile living space.

- Use with window height under 30 in
- Easy to use strap
- Setup takes less than 10 seconds
- Rich, vibrant color patterns, top and bottom
- Hardware sold separately



DOMETIC DELUXE PLUS WINDOW AWNINGS - TALL

WINDOW | VINYL | MONOCHROMATIC

The Dometic Deluxe Window Awning shields windows from the sun to help lower the temperature of the interior coach. Window awning also protect the windows from light showers, so you can enjoy the fresh air without having a puddle in your mobile living space. Use with window height under 30 in.

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DOMETIC FULL COVER SLIDETOPPER - VINYL FABRIC

SOLID COLOR, FULL ALUMINUM PAINTED COVER

The Dometic Full Cover Slide Topper comes in a case similar to the 9500 Case Awning. The awning protects your RV slide out from unwanted debris. There are no buttons needed to extend the Slide Topper over your slide out. The awning automatically extends and retracts with the RV slide out for easy setup and tear down. The metal case protects the Slide Topper when not in use.



DOMETIC DOOR AWNINGS

DOOR | POWER OR MANUAL

The Dometic Door Awning can automatically or manually extend and retract from inside your RV. As an option, this awning comes with an LED light strip built into the case for your immediate convenience. There are multiple colors available for you to choose from that will match virtually any RV or motorhome. The canopy comes in a variety of sizes and fabrics such as acrylic or vinyl.



DOMETIC ELITE SLIDETOPPER EZ

SOLID COLOR, METAL WEATHERSHIELD

The Dometic slide out awning's fabric is made of a very durable material. The Dometic Elite Slide Topper has a Durable Vinyl Fabric and also a Metal Weathershield to help protect the slide out awning when it is rolled up on your camper.



DOMETIC VERANDA ROOM

Turn your RV awning into a comfortable screened-in enclosure.

- Fast and easy setup - just hang and zip!
- Universal attachments fit most patio awnings
- Super-durable, quick drying, nonflammable fabric and screen mesh
- Fits standard awning heights
- Compatible with manual and automatic awnings
- Lightweight and compact for easy storage



DOMETIC VERANDA SHADE

54" HEIGHT, STAKES AND TIE DOWNS INCLUDED

- Installation is quick, easy and doesn't require any tools!
- Slide Veranda Shade into the utility slots of most awning rollers for extra shade
- The vinyl-coated mesh fabric is weather resistant
- Secure fit with brass grommets that allow you to stake it into the ground (nylon elastic tie-downs included)
- Fabric colors coordinate with other Dometic awning products



DOMETIC POWER WAND ASSEMBLY

The Dometic Power Wand Assembly can easily allow Dometic 9100 or 9200 Power Awnings to be installed without the time and cost of altering your coach for hardwiring.

- Hassle-free wiring
- Lithium ion battery powered
- Simple installation for plug-and-play use
- Easier option for upgrading to power awning
- Includes 110V charger with LED status light
- 50-60 awning operations on full battery



DOMETIC POWER AWNING PRO FOR 9100 POWER AWNING

This awning control system works with any power awning on the market, giving you remote control of the awning up to 100 ft/30 m away from your campsite. You can open and close the awning and control the awning's LED lights (on, off, and dim) remotely.

- Use with any power awning on the market
- Open/close the awning remotely
- Advanced wind sensor automatically closes the awning in high winds
- Control awning's LED lights remotely (on/off/dim)
- Ignition interlock prevents accidental opening while RV is moving

PRODUCT SPECIFICATION CHART

	Patio	Window	Dome	Door	Slideout	Vinyl canopy fabric	Acrylic canopy fabric	Single-sided fabric	Double-sided fabric	Metal weathershield	Vinyl weathershield	Power hardware	Universal hardware	Case or box hardware	Manual hardware	Sizes available	Rain shed	Wind sensor	Remote control	Weight
9100 PowerChannel	•						•		•	•	•					10' - 21'				46 - 90 lbs.
9100 Power	•					•	•		•	•	•					10' - 21'	•	•		43.5 - 68.5 lbs.
9100 Manual	•					•	•	•	•	•	•				•	10' - 21'				45 - 63 lbs.
9000	•						•			•			•			8' - 25'				65 - 130 lbs.
8500	•					•				•	•		•			8' - 25'				65 - 130 lbs.
SunChaser	•					•		•			•		•			8' - 21'				54 - 90 lbs.
9500	•					•			•			•		•		8', 10', 12', 13', 15', 16'	•	•	•	55 - 102 lbs.
Trim Line II	•					•			•							7' - 12'				18 - 29 lbs.
Elite Window Awning		•					•		•	•						36" - 156"				8 - 33.5 lbs.
Deluxe Plus Window Awning		•					•		•		•					30" - 144"				6.5 - 21.5 lbs.
Elite Oasis II				•		•	•		•			•		•		48" & 56"				23 - 26.5 lbs.
Oasis II				•		•	•		•					•		48" & 56"				23 - 26.5 lbs.
SlideTopper FC					•	•				•	•					Length x 44"				25 - 65 lbs.
Elite SlideTopper EZ					•	•				•						Length x 44"				25 - 65 lbs.
Deluxe SlideTopper EZ				•	•					•						Length x 44"				25 - 65 lbs.

PRODUCT APPLICATION CHART

	Motorhomes Trailers	Travel Wheels	Fifth Motorhomes	Mini-Campers	Truck Campers	Fold-Down	Vans
9100 PowerChannel	•	•	•	•			
9100 Power	•	•	•	•			
9100 Manual	•	•	•	•			
9000/Geared 9000	•	•	•	•	•		
8500/Geared 8500	•	•	•	•	•		
SunChaser/Geared SunChaser	•	•	•	•	•		
9500	•	•	•	•	•		•
Trim Line II						•	•
Elite Window Awning	•	•	•	•			
Deluxe Plus Window Awning	•	•	•	•			
Elite Oasis II	•	•	•	•			
Oasis II	•	•	•	•			
SlideTopper Full Cover	•	•	•	•			
Elite SlideTopper EZ	•	•	•	•			
Deluxe SlideTopper EZ	•	•	•	•			

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