

1: Erect The Awning

Roll out the awning as normal but do not lock off knurled knobs on rafter ends. Reverse the ratchet lever and allow the awning to roll in and pull down in the pull straps until the awning rotation is halted by the ratchet.

Check that the pull strap sail track is set at the 2.00 or 3.00 o'clock position. You may need to have a couple of attempts to locate the correct position.

Once located, retain the pressure on the roller by physically moving the pressure from the pull straps location to the frameset location, tighten the knurled knob on the top rafter arm.

Move to the other end and pull down on the top of the frameset so the fabric is tight and then lock off the other knurled knob.

This step is most important. If the awning is left in the roll out position when erected, wind can cause the roller to rotate out further which loosens the tension on the roof fabric and allows it to pool when it rains. This will occur even if the AFK is used.

Leave the awning ratchet mechanism in roll away mode. The top rafter arms along with the AFK's will prevent the awning from rolling in. (The addition of the Aussie Traveller Curved Roof Rafters also assist in roll away prevention as well as ensuring the fabric retains its tension and aids rain water runoff.)

Once the awning is erected and the pull strap sail track is in the 2.00 - 3.00 o'clock position, the AFK can be fitted. This eliminates the possibility of a gutter forming in the fabric/roller join.



2: Fit The AFK

Drill a 10mm (3/8") hole 20mm in from the fabric edge and 20mm down from the underside of the fabric on both ends of the roller tube.

Fit the wall bracket at either end under the the awning fabric.

The centre of the wall bracket should be 20mm down from the underside of the fabric.

The edge of the slot in the bracket and the point of the curve finishes should be in line with the fabric edge.

Rule of thumb: If the awning fabric has been mounted on the van with double sided sailtrack, the wall bracket will normally fit on the bottom edge of the track under the fabric.

