

# Ordering checklist

The following items cover details for purchasing an awning. These are some of the factors your Home-teck awning professional will consider and discuss with you.

## 1. Determine the size of the awning.

Determine the size of the area you want to protect. You're buying shade. You may need weather protection, or you may want to expand your living area. The awning is just the tool to accomplish these tasks and create a more comfortable living area.

- Select an awning size that is adequate for the area requiring shade. Remember that awning width is more important on north-south positions and the awning projection is more important on east-west positions.
- Awnings wider than 19 feet usually require a center support. For awnings 20 feet and over, it is recommended to split the overall width and install two separate awnings.

## 2. Determine the mounting surface.

When a Home-teck awning professional visits your home they will be able to determine the best way to mount your awning. The most common mounts for awning installations are wall mounts, ceiling and under an overhang (eave) mounts. The dealer will need to consider the following:

- Is there height available (min. 7 ft. 6 in.) to accommodate the projection if mounting under an overhang?
- Is there enough clearance if mounting between a door, window or roof line?

## 3. Determine Open awning or Cassette awning.

Open awning:

An open awning is a favorable solution when your awning is protected against the elements – for example under a balcony ceiling or under a roof-overhang.

Cassette awning:

Compared to an open awning, the cassette awning offers more protection against the elements. When the fabric is rolled up into the fully closed aluminum cassette, it guarantees optimal protection of the fabric and the

mechanisms from harsh weather. The front bar profile doesn't need a valance to hide the folding arms. The awning looks very beautiful from all sides.

#### 4. Do I want or need a motor on my retractable awning?

We recommend to motorize an awning if the width is more than 16 feet, and also for all the roof installations. It's really a question of ease of use, much like a remote control for a television. We also recommend motors because research shows that retractable awnings with motors are used up to four times more than hand-cranked retractable awnings.

The Somfy RTS motor has remote control electronics located inside the motor. These motors can be ordered with an plug-in cable. This is a state-of-the-art motor and the plug-in feature is the most popular choice by consumers. Sun and wind sensors are also plug-ins and communicate wirelessly with the motor.

#### 5. What motor options are available?

Somfy Systems provides motors to meet any of your needs and also offers optional wind or sun sensors. Wind sensors retract the awning when wind speeds exceed preset limits. Sun sensors operate by automatically extending the awning when light/heat settings are favorable. Remote controls are also available to make motorization as seamless as possible.

#### 6. Selecting the fabric color.

For our high-quality Solaris awnings we use Sunbrella® fabrics. Sunbrella fabrics are available in Solids and stripes and offer coordinating furniture fabrics to assist you in decorating your outdoor Space.

#### 7. Choosing a valance.

For our Solaris Valance awning most people choose our ocean wave # D design for their valance style. Other styles such as straight, scalloped and serpentine are also available.