

# Tension Patio Blind Installation

## TOOLS REQUIRED

- No. 2 Square Drive Screwdriver or Drill Bit
- Drill with 5mm Drill Bit
- Tek Screw Drill Bit
- Pen (Black is the easiest to read on PVC)



**1** Roll your Tension Patio Blind out onto a flat surface. Do not drag the patio blind across the ground, as this will damage the Clear PVC.

**2** Pre-drill the marked holes on the top edge of your patio blind. To keep the aluminium flat aligned, insert a screw into each hole (as shown in the picture to the left).

All holes should be drilled with a 5mm drill bit.

**3** Lift the blind and align it against the posts. Insert 3x screws now: one in the centre and one at each end.

We recommend you get your ladder, drill, etc. in the correct places before lifting the blind, as they are difficult to handle once off the ground. If the top of the blind uses rope track, refer to the Rope Track Installation Instructions now.

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- 4 Check the blind is aligned correctly and adjust as required.

*Horizontally:* the patio blind should be centred between the posts. *Vertically:* the top stitch line should be aligned with the bottom of the top beam.

- 5 Check centre screw alignment and lift as required. There should not be any V-shaped sags in the blind (like the picture to the right).

- 6 **Attach stowage straps.** There will be a screw hole 150mm in from each end, which is where the stowage straps need to go. Slide the stowage straps into position: female end to the outside, with all the double thickness webbing on the outside (see picture). Insert the screws gently to avoid damaging the webbing. Then, insert any remaining screws.



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**7** Insert the hooks and screw knobs, as shown in the picture to the right.

**8** To work out where to put your flush rings: dangle the flush ring from the hook just above floor level (see left picture). Align the blind and mark where the flush ring will go.

Mount the flush rings with tek screws. In timber, screw into a joist if possible. Do the ends first, then the centre.

*Tip:* after you've installed the first flush ring, attach the blind to it. It will make the rest easier.

**9** Use the screw knobs to tension the blind until it is 'drum-tight'. Leave the blind tensioned for the Clear PVC to settle out. Wrinkles from manufacture should settle out within 24-48 hours.

If the blind has picked up dust or dirt from installation, refer to the cleaning instructions in your user guide.



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