F45VW-RACK

Rack Mounted Awning Bracket – Fits Fiamma and ARB Awnings

ARB BRACKET ATTACHMENT

Begin by measuring the distance between the rack bars. This distance should be at least 5 ft. to support the awning. Determine the desired position of the awning and where the awning brackets will fall along its length.

FOR THULE RACKS ONLY: Note how far inboard you want your awning brackets to sit. Using the awning brackets as a guide, drill two ¼" holes where you will later mount the bracket.

Slip the 6mm nylock nuts into the channels of the awning, and position the brackets using your measurements. You may need to use one of the 6mm flat washers under each bolt head to prevent it from bottoming out in the track. Final positioning of the brackets along the awning will likely require some trial and error.

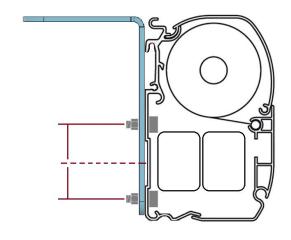
FIAMMA BRACKET ATTACHMENT

Note: Fiamma supplies two brackets designed to accept the feet of the awning legs. These can be installed on the side of the van to support the legs with the included stainless sheet metal screws (the plastic inserts are not needed, but some silicone sealant is recommended). These are optional and require drilling additional holes in the body of your van. You may want to use the awning for a bit to decide if this is a feature you really want **before** getting out the drill. If you choose to use them, there are some details you should watch out for:

- 1) Ensure the rear bracket is installed far enough to the rear so it does not interfere with the slider door.
- 2) The fore/aft position of the awning may need to be adjusted to avoid front leg interference when opening the front door.

Measure the distance between the rack bars. This distance should be at least 6 ft. to support the awning. Determine the desired position of the awning, and where the awning brackets will fall along its length. You may need to move a rack bar slightly to make up for any error in measurement. Final positioning of the brackets along the awning will likely require some trial and error.

With your measurements and the brackets as a guide, drill ½" holes through the back of the awning, evenly spaced about the recess as shown. Use CAUTION to only drill through the outer case, and not the bars or fabric spool inside. Partially open the awning to feed the 6mm bolts through these holes from the inside of the case, then attach the brackets to the awning using the 6mm nylock nuts.



AWNING INSTALLATION

Fit the bracket/awning assembly to your rack-help from a friend is pretty much a requirement. Use the included ¼" U-bolts (Yakima) or M6 hardware (Thule) to secure the awning and brackets to the rack. If you need to, make minor adjustments to your rack bar positions so they line up with the awning brackets. Secure your rack bars once they are positioned correctly, and tighten the fasteners on the brackets.



