

VIII. The rest of the instructions

1. Clean the area where the shade sail is to be installed. Carefully unpack the shade sail without using any sharp object as this can easily damage the sail material. Spread the sail out on the ground and attach the fasteners at each corner. We recommend that the sail is fitted with a tensioner and a carabiner at each corner. We recommend that the sail is fitted with a tensioner and a carabiner at each corner. The screw tensioners allow a large amount of force to be easily and evenly applied to the sail and the carabiner allow the sail to be quickly demounted if strong winds are forecast. Slacken the screw tensioners until they are their longest settings.

2. Taking each corner in turn, fasten the fully extended tensioners to the selected mounting point at each corner of the sail. The material of the sail is designed to stretch during installation and some force may be required to attach the last mounting points, even with the tensioners fully extended. This is quite normal and not an indication that the shade sail is too small.

3. Apply tension evenly at each corner of the sail - do not fully tension one corner before applying tension to the remaining mounting points. The recommended final tension varies with sail size but is typically 70-140 LB at each corner for sails up to 200ft². Larger sails will require much higher tension. After a week of use, we recommend retensioning to allow for any settling of the sail. In addition it is advisable to recheck the sail tension after it has been exposed to windy conditions.

