



# ***AFTERMARKET INSTALLATION MANUAL***

## **ASCENT & ASCENT XL**

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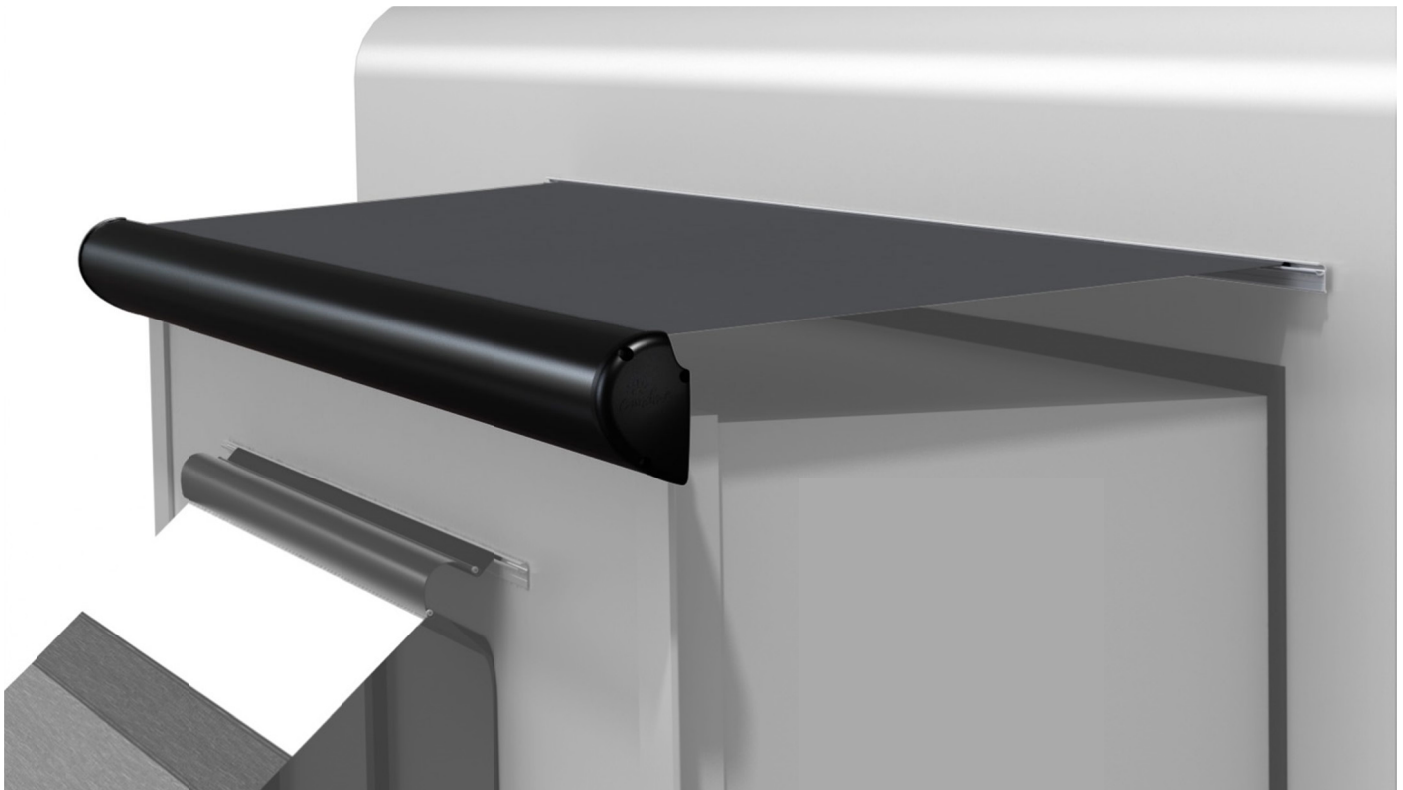
**SLIDE-OUT COVER**



**Read this manual before installing or using this product. Failure to follow the instructions and safety precautions in this manual can result in personal injury and/or cause the product to not operate properly.**

This manual contains installation instructions for standard units (for room widths 196" or less) and XL units (for room widths greater than 196").

This manual does not cover Ascent configurations that may be used in OEM installations.



- *Stylized to blend smoothly with the coach wall;*
- *Simplified installation, deflector mounts directly to room and aligns with the top of the room flange;*
- *Hinged cover provides easy access for cleaning and service while providing a closed, finished appearance;*
- *Available in standard and XL versions.*

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### WARNING

Indicates a hazardous situation, which if not avoided, could result in death or serious bodily injury.



### CAUTION

Indicates a hazardous situation, which if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate bodily injury.

### NOTICE

Indicates a situation that may result in equipment-related damage.

### General Safety:



### WARNING

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### WARNING

Shock Hazard. Always disconnect battery or power source before working on or around the electrical system.



### WARNING

Always wear appropriate safety equipment (i.e. goggles).



### CAUTION

Always use appropriate lifting devices and/or helpers when lifting or holding heavy objects.

### NOTICE

When using fasteners, do not over tighten. Soft materials such as fiberglass and aluminum can be "stripped out" and lose the ability to grip and hold.

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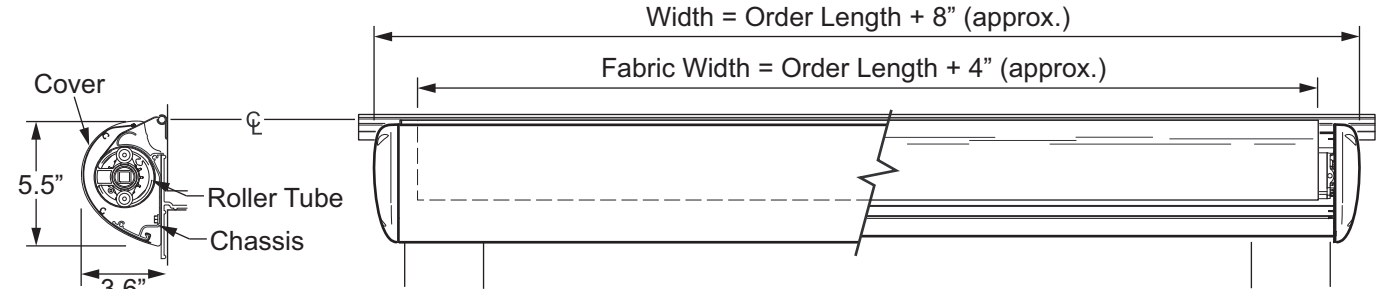
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PRODUCT OVERVIEW



Dimensions are approximate, actual dimensions may vary based on the slideout configuration and if optional mounting brackets are used. as029a

|  |                  |  |                             |                                       |           |
|--|------------------|--|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>AVAILABLE LENGTHS:</b><br>(measured box length) |                  | Standard   | 46" [107cm] - 196" [498cm]  | <b>EXTENSION:</b>                     | Up to 42" |
|  |                  | XL   | 197" [500cm] - 384" [975cm] |                                       |           |
| <b>FABRIC TENSION</b>                              |                  | One spring for standard widths; Two springs for XL models                |                             |                                       |           |
| <b>COLOR:</b>                                      | <i>Hardware:</i> | White, Black   |                             |                                       |           |
|  | <i>Fabric:</i>   | Woven Acrylic and Vinyl (refer to sales literature for available colors) |                             |                                       |           |
| <b>WEIGHT:</b>                                     | <i>Standard</i>  | Base Weight @  | 42" Box Length = 20 lbs;    | for every 12" increase, add 3.25. lbs |           |
|  | <i>XL</i>        | Base Weight @  | 197" Box Length = 71 lbs;   | for every 12" increase, add 3.25 lbs  |           |

Base weight calculation is approximate and does not include awning rail.  
Actual weight may vary based on type of canopy fabric and specific installation details

## PRELIMINARY LAYOUT

Two options are available to install the deflector. *Option 1* mounts the case directly to the flange and face of the room. *Option 2* uses mounting brackets for the deflector. This option is used when the coach has a curved flange or when the measurement of the top of room to top of flange height exceeds the 2.7" maximum for direct mounting.

**NOTE:** Dimensions are shown with the room CLOSED. These dimensions apply to all room styles including drop-down rooms.

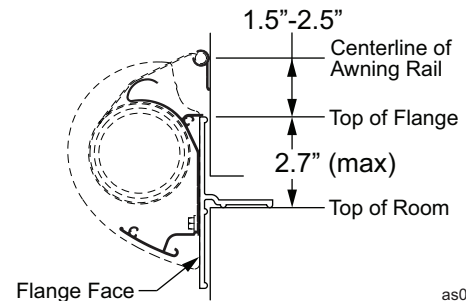
### OPTION 1 - DIRECT MOUNT OF DEFLECTOR

Top of room to top of flange:

2.7" maximum.

Top of flange to centerline awning rail:

1.5" to 2.5" along surface of coach wall.

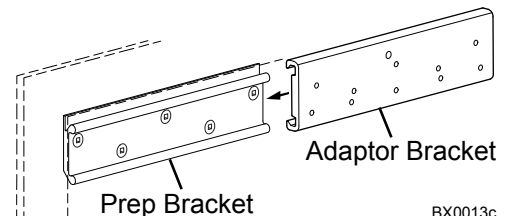


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### OPTION 2 - DEFLECTOR MOUNT W/ BRACKETS

#### Adaptor Brackets

Some vehicles may have competitor's "prep brackets" installed for mounting their shorter slideout awnings. The Carefree Slide Topper Prepped Access Plate Adapter Kit (BX0013-2-WHT or BX0013-2-BLK) allows installers to mount Carefree slideout awnings on these "prep brackets". Refer to installation supplement "070045-001 BX0013 Carefree Slide Topper Prepped Access Plate Adapter Kit" for mounting instructions using the adaptor kit brackets.



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The illustrations show the minimum and maximum tolerances for installing the brackets and awning rail.

Top of room to top of flange:

4.5" maximum.

The bracket must be positioned to meet the following:

Bottom of bracket to top of room: 1" minimum

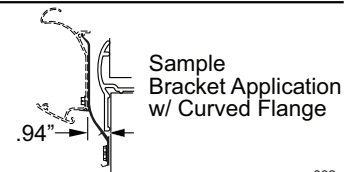
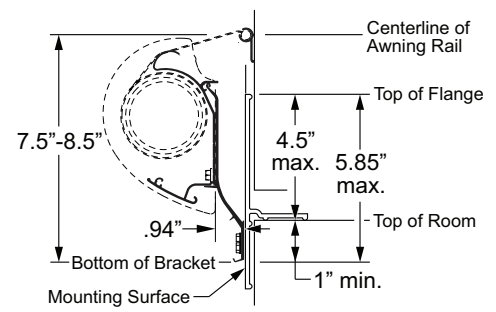
Bottom of bracket to top of flange: 5.85" maximum

Maximum allowable flange thickness:

.94" measured from the mounting face to the outer most face of the flange.

Bottom of bracket to centerline awning rail:

7.5" to 8.5" along surface of coach wall.



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#### Vertical Positioning for Brackets

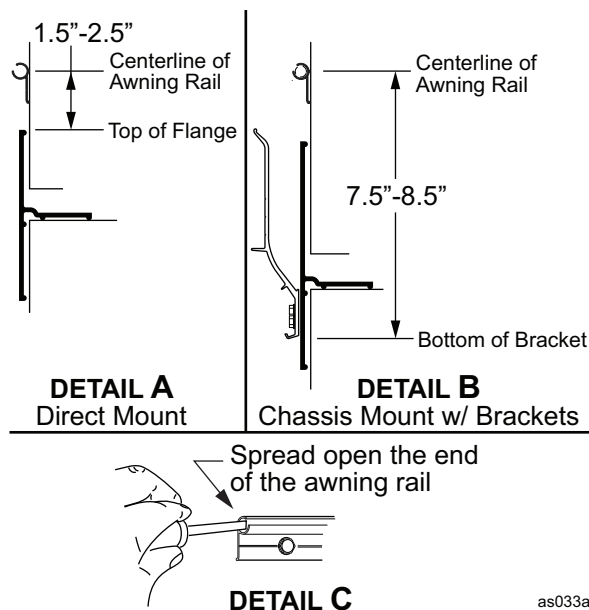
The following steps are suggested as a starting point for the bracket layout. The bracket position can be adjusted upward to best fit the application on condition that the bottom of the bracket falls within the limits given above. Please note that both the bracket and awning rail must move an equal amount.

1. From the top of the flange, measure 5.75" down on the face/flange of the room. Use a non-permanent method to mark this position. This will be the bottom of the bracket.
2. From the bottom of the bracket, measure 7.5" to 8.5" up along the surface of the coach. This will be the centerline of the awning rail.

## MOUNTING THE AWNING RAIL

### NOTES:

- a) The awning rail for the XL is shipped in two pieces.
  - b) Clean and deburr the mating ends of the rails so that there are no sharp edges at the joint.
  - c) When mounting the rails, make sure that the two pieces are aligned and straight.
1. *For Option 1:* (Detail A) Mark the centerline of the awning rail 1.5" to 2.5" above the top edge of the room flange. (Detail A)
  2. *For Option 2:* (Detail B) Mark the centerline of the awning rail 7.5" to 8.5" from the bottom of bracket line (refer to "Vertical Positioning for Brackets" on page 2).
  3. Seal the back of the rail with silicone sealant or putty tape.
  4. Align the centerline of the awning rail and attach the rail using #10 x 3/4 screws.
- To aid sliding the canopy into position:*
5. (Detail C) Using a screwdriver slightly spread open one end of the awning rail.
  6. Clean and deburr the end of the rail.
  7. Spray inside the rail track with silicone lubricant.

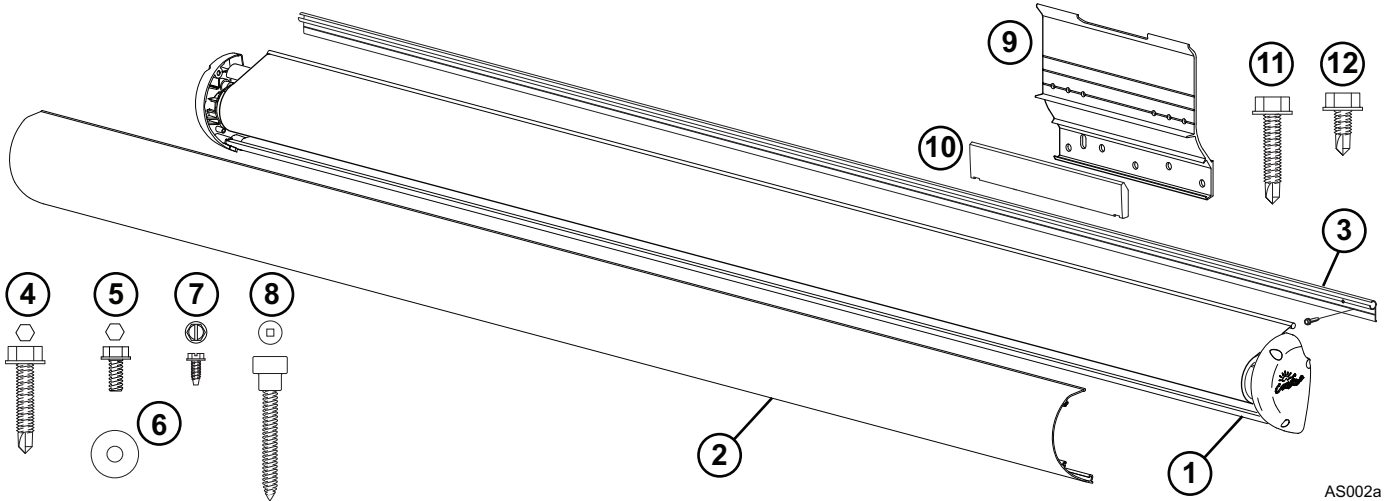


If installing the **Ascent** or Ascent XL (up to 353"), go to **page 4**, "Installation - Ascent".

If installing the **Ascent XL** with lengths 354" or longer, go to **page 9**, "Installation - Ascent XL, 354" and longer".

# **INSTALLATION - ASCENT**

## **COMPONENT CHECKLIST**



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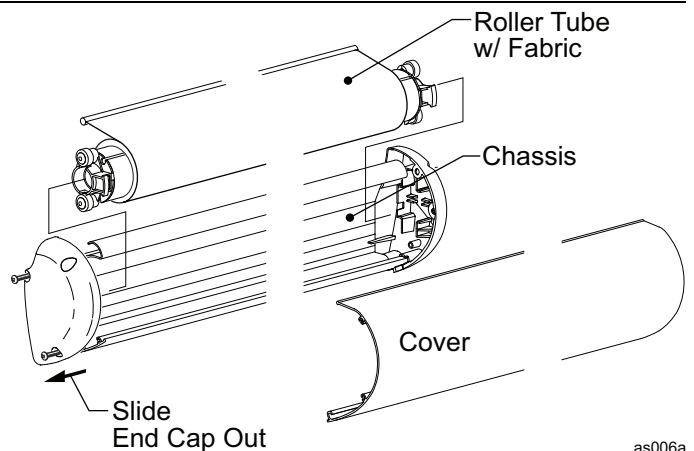
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| <input type="checkbox"/>            | 2    | Cover                             | 1          |        |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | 3    | Awning Rail                       | 1          |        |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | 4    | Screw, Self Drilling              | #12 x 1    | NOTE 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | 5    | Screw, Washer Head, Thread Cutter | #10 x 3/8  | 2      |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | 6    | Fender Washer                     | #10        | 2      |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | 7    | Screw, Hex Head                   | #6 x 3/8   | 2      |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | 8    | Screw, Shoulder                   | #8 x 1 1/2 | 2      |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | 9    | Bracket, Deflector Mount          | NOTE       | 3      |
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| <input type="checkbox"/>            | 11   | Screw, Self Drilling              | #12 x 1    | 5 3    |
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NOTES: 1. Product configuration is specified at time of order, including length, fabric, color etc. Check assembly against original purchase order.  
2. Quantity for screw (item 4) is determined by length of awning ordered.  
3. Bracket (item 9) is specified at time of order. For lengths 42" - 114", qty = 2; for lengths 115" - 196", qty = 3. Quantities for cover (item 10) and screws (items 11, 12) are per bracket.

## **UNPACKING THE UNIT**

The Ascent is shipped partially assembled. For installation, it will be necessary to separate the components.

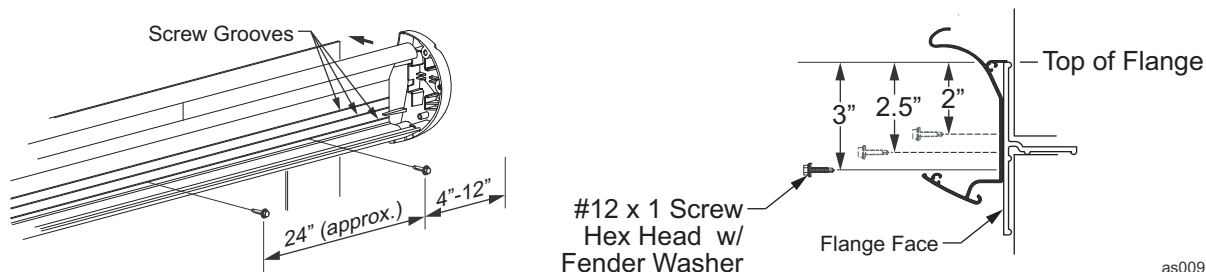
1. Remove the packing wrap.
2. Lift the cover up and set aside.
3. The left endcap is installed loose. It is not necessary to remove the screws. Do not tighten the screws until instructed to do so.
4. Slide the end cap away from the deflector.
5. Carefully pull and lift the roller tube assembly out of the RH end cap and set aside.



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## INSTALLING THE DEFLECTOR - OPTION 1, DIRECT MOUNT

The following instructions reference the preliminary layout done previously. Refer to "Option 1 - Direct Mount of Deflector" on page 2.



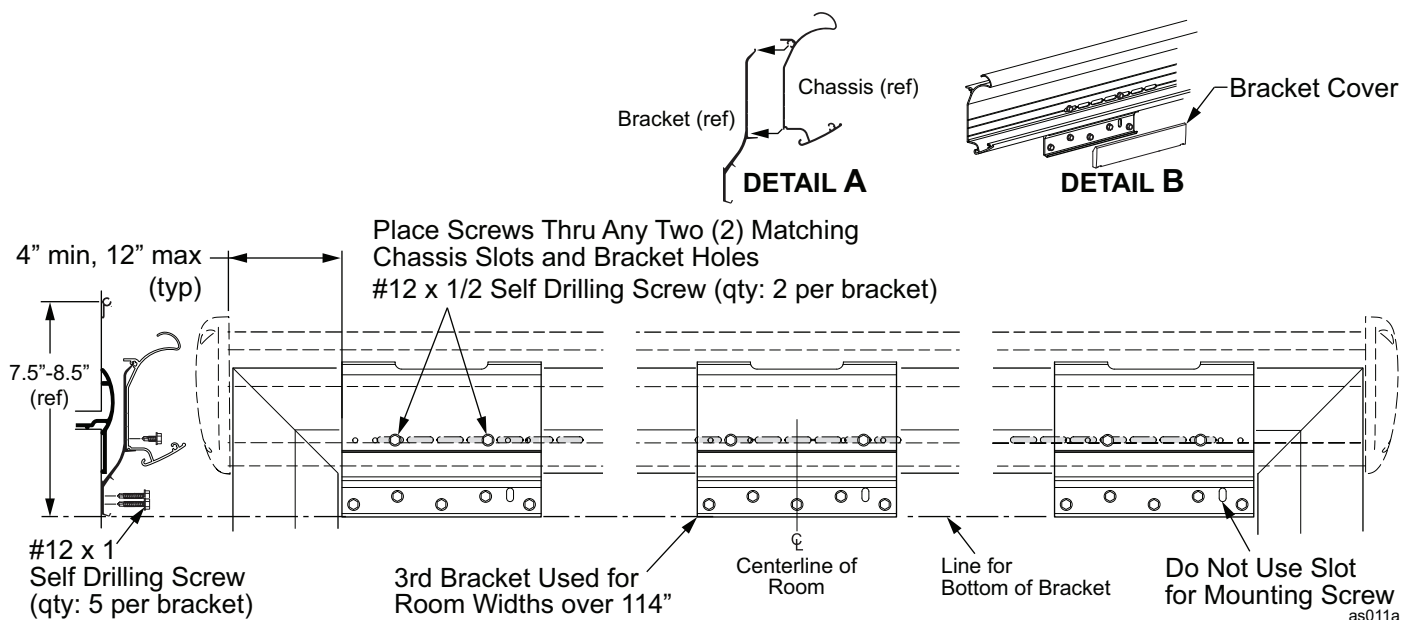
1. If closed, open the room approximately 3 inches. If open, close the room to approximately 3 inches.
2. Lift the deflector up and set the rear protrusion on top of the flange as shown. Horizontally center the deflector on the room.
3. Attach the deflector to the room face using the #12 x 1 self-drilling screws. Attach the ends first placing the screws 4"-12" from the end of the case AND into structure. Continue to attach by evenly spacing screws between the ends approximately 24" apart.

### NOTE:

- Three screw groove guides are scribed into the case. Use the groove that best matches the room's structure.
  - Pre-cut slots are provided through the bottom guide. These can be used if the slots line up with the room structure.
  - Before tightening the screw, seal the hole and head of the screw with a quality silicone sealant.
4. Thoroughly clean any shavings and debris from the case before proceeding to the next step.

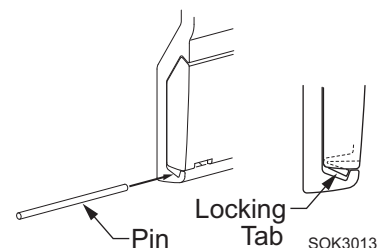
## INSTALLING THE DEFLECTOR - OPTION 2, w/ BRACKETS

The following instructions reference the preliminary layout done previously. Refer to "Option 2 - Case Mount w/ Brackets" on page 2.



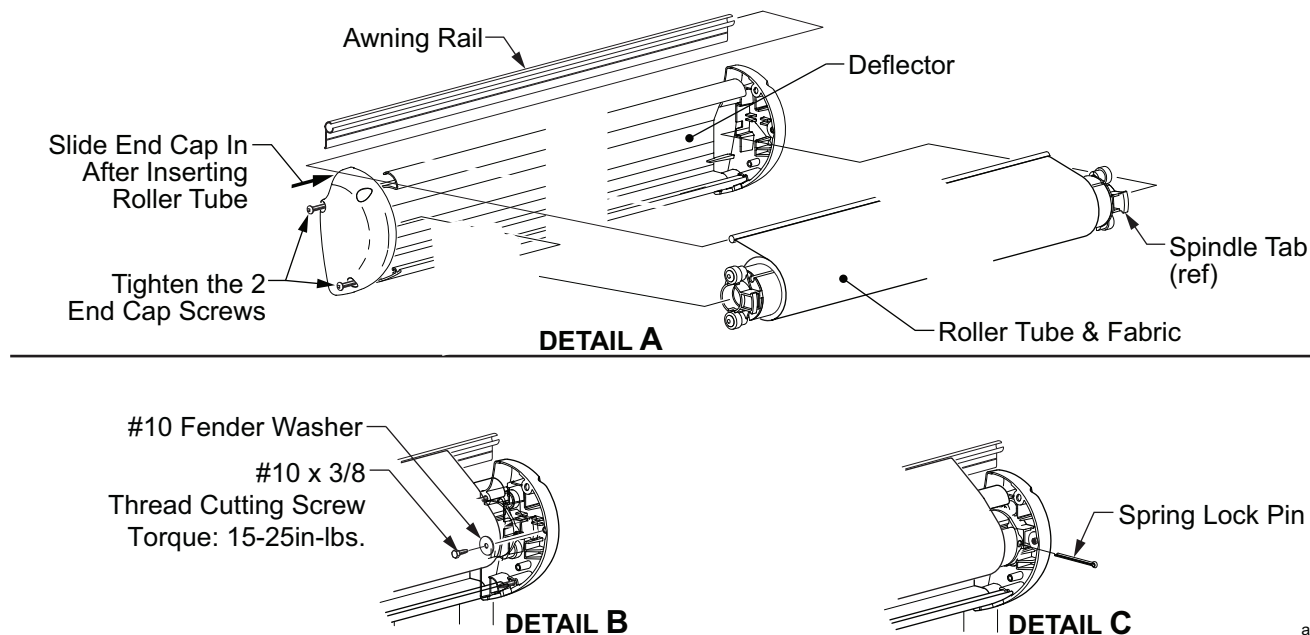
1. Position the brackets on the room face as shown. For rooms with box lengths 42" - 114", bracket quantity = 2; for lengths 115" - 196", bracket quantity = 3.
2. Using a quality silicone sealant, coat the mounting surface of the bracket with particular attention around the mounting holes.
3. Attach the bracket using five (5) #12 x 1 self-drilling screws each. The slot is not for a mounting screw.
4. (Detail A) Lift and set the groove in the back of the deflector onto the hook of the brackets.
5. Horizontally center the case over the room.
6. Attach the deflector to the brackets using two (2) #12 x 1/2" screws for each bracket. Place the screws through any 2 matching chassis slots and bracket holes.
7. Thoroughly clean any shavings and debris from the case before proceeding to the next step.
8. Snap the bracket cover onto the bracket to cover the screw heads. The tab on the back of the cover goes into the slotted hole of the bracket.

**NOTE:** If it is necessary to remove the cover after installation, slide a small pin (e.g. paper clip) in the end under the cover. Lift the locking tab and gently pull out the end of the cover. Repeat for other side of the cover.





## INSTALLING THE ROLLER TUBE ASSEMBLY



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**CAUTION** Do not remove the spring locking pin until instructed after all steps are complete.

1. Lift the roller tube assembly up and slide the canopy poly rod into the awning rail. Center the fabric over the room.
2. Roll up any slack material onto the roller tube.

**CAUTION** Failure to roll up the slack before installing the roller tube will reduce the spring tension. Reduced spring tension may cause the fabric to sag and not roll up correctly when the room is closed.

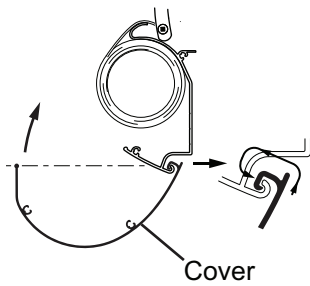
3. Insert the roller tube into the RH end cap. Note the orientation of the spindle tabs at the ends of the roller tube; these must point forward (away from coach).
4. Align the spindle with the LH end cap then push the LH end cap onto the roller tube and against the deflector. Tighten the screws.
5. (Detail B) Inside each end cap, screw in the #10 x 3/8 thread-cutter screw and fender washer as shown. Torque screws 15-25 in-lbs.

**CAUTION** The roller tube has a pre-wound spring. When the spring lock pin is removed, the roller tube spring will quickly roll up any slack material. Use care that hands and fingers are out of the way.

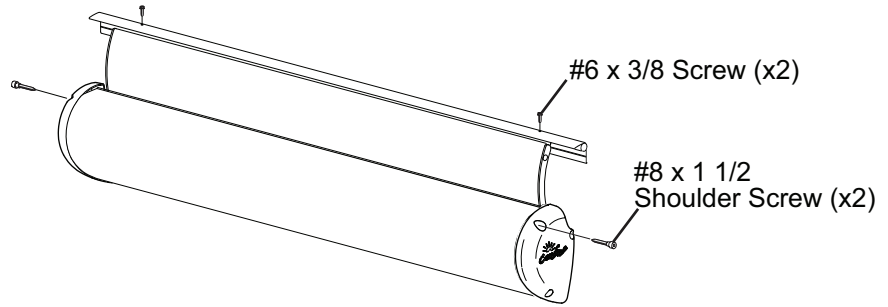
6. (Detail C) Remove the spring locking pin from the end of the roller tube assembly. This is located on the right end of the roller tube.
7. Open and close the room to confirm that the fabric is rolling up straight on the roller tube. If necessary, adjust the position of the canopy in the awning rail until the fabric rolls up correctly.
8. Secure the fabric to the awning rail using two #6 x 3/8 screws through the rail and fabric.

## INSTALLING THE FRONT COVER

If closed, open the room approximately 3 inches. If open, close the room to approximately 3 inches.



**DETAIL A**



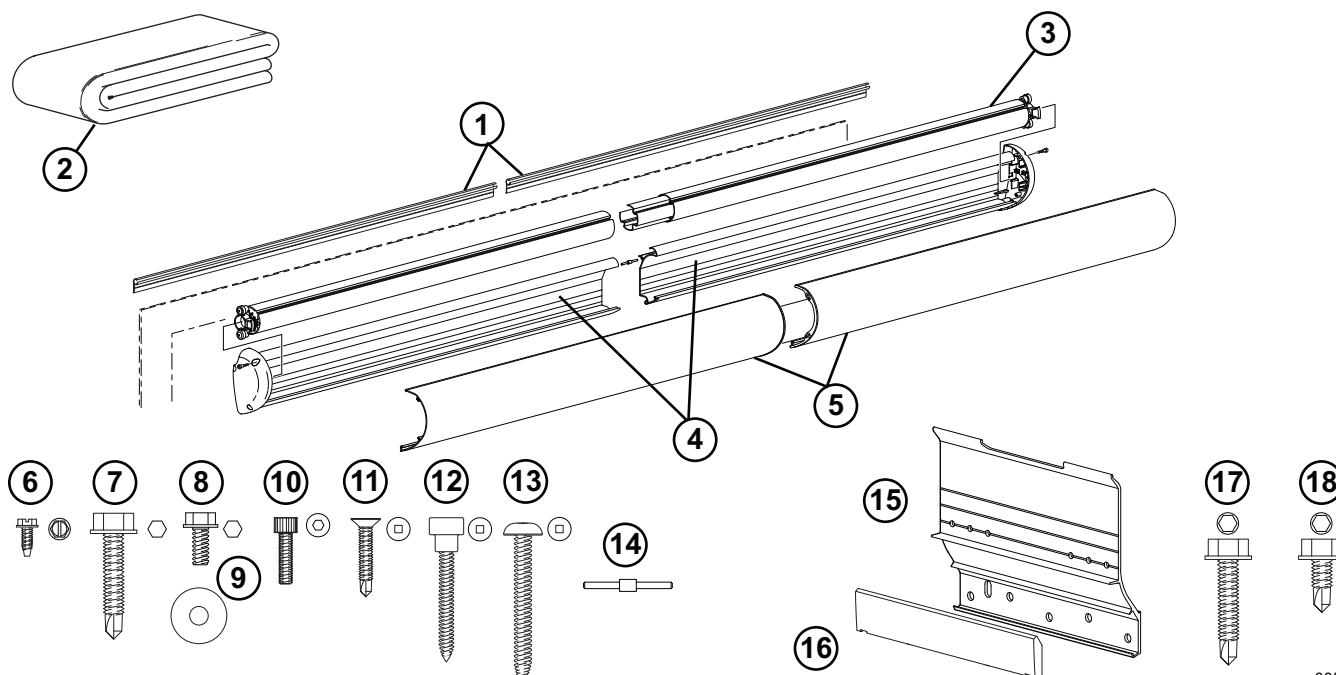
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1. Holding the cover perpendicular to the deflector, lift and hook the cover onto the back of the case (refer to Detail A).
2. Rotate the cover up and secure using two (2) #8 x 1 1/2 shoulder screws. To properly position the cover it will be necessary to press the cover in until the attach holes align with end cap holes.

**NOTE:** There will be a small gap between the cover and end cap. DO NOT attempt to close the cap by over tightening the screw, maximum torque is 30 in-lbs.

# INSTALLATION - ASCENT XL

## COMPONENT CHECKLIST



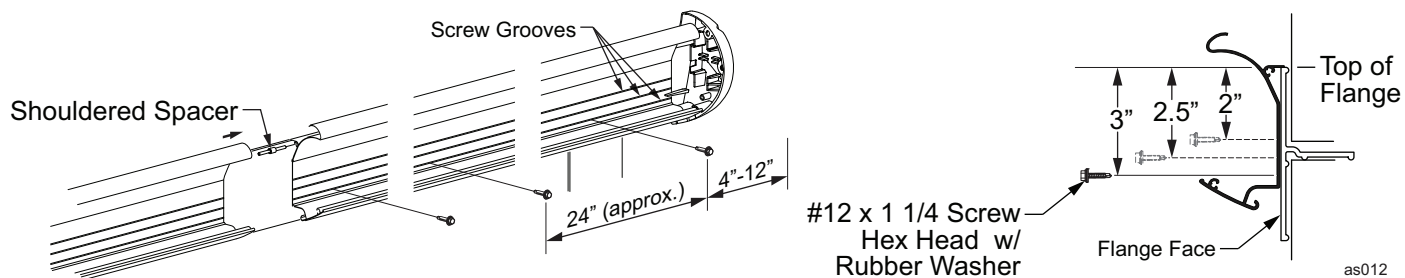
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|-------------------------------------|------|---|-------------|--------|
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| <input type="checkbox"/>            | 2    | Fabric  | 1           |        |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | 3    | Roller Tube Assy                              | 1           | 3      |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | 4    | Deflector Assy                                | 1           | 3      |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | 5    | Cover Assy                                    | 1           | 3      |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | 6    | Screw, Hex Head                               | #6 x 3/8    | 2      |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | 7    | Screw, Self Drilling                          | #12 x 1     | NOTE 4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | 8    | Screw, Hex Washer Head, Thread Cutter         | #10 x 3/8   | 2      |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | 9    | Fender Washer                                 | #10         | 2      |
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| <input type="checkbox"/>            | 11   | Screw, Flat Head, Square Drive, Self Drilling | #8 x 3/4    | 4      |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | 12   | Screw, Shoulder                               | #8 x 1 1/2  | 2      |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | 13   | Screw, Pan Head, Square Drive                 | #8 x 2      | 2      |
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| <input type="checkbox"/>            | 15   | Bracket, Deflector Mount                      |             | 5      |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | 16   | Cover, Bracket                                |             | 5      |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | 17   | Screw, Self Drilling                          | #12 x 1     | 25     |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | 18   | Screw, Self Drilling, TEK                     | #12 x 1/2   | 14     |

- NOTES:
1. Product configuration is specified at time of order, including length, fabric, color etc. Check assembly against original purchase order.
  2. Awning rail is optional and specified at time of order. Screws are included with rail; screw quantity will vary with length of rail. Awning rail is shipped in two pieces.
  3. Roller tube assy (item 3), deflector (item 4) and cover (item 5) are shipped in two sections and must be assembled during installation.
  4. Quantity for screw (item 7) is determined by length of awning ordered.
  5. Brackets (item 15) are specified at time of order. Cover (item 16) and screws (items 17, 18) come with brackets.

## INSTALLING THE DEFLECTOR - OPTION 1, DIRECT MOUNT

The following instructions reference the preliminary layout done previously. Refer to "Option 1 - Direct Mount of Deflector" under Preliminary Layout on page 2.



1. If closed, open the room approximately 3 inches. If open, close the room to approximately 3 inches.
2. Measure and mark the center of the room flange.
3. Lift one of the deflector halves up and set the rear protrusion on top of the flange as shown. Align the inner edge of the deflector half with the mark made in step 1.
4. Attach the deflector to the room face using the #12 x 1 1/4 self-drilling screws w/ rubber washer.
  - Attach the ends first placing the screws 4"-12" from the end of the deflector AND into structure.
  - *For box lengths less than 96"*: Continue to attach by evenly spacing 3 additional screws between the ends. Use a minimum number of 5 screws to attach the deflector.
  - *For box lengths longer than 96"*: Continue to attach by evenly spacing screws between the ends approximately 24" apart.

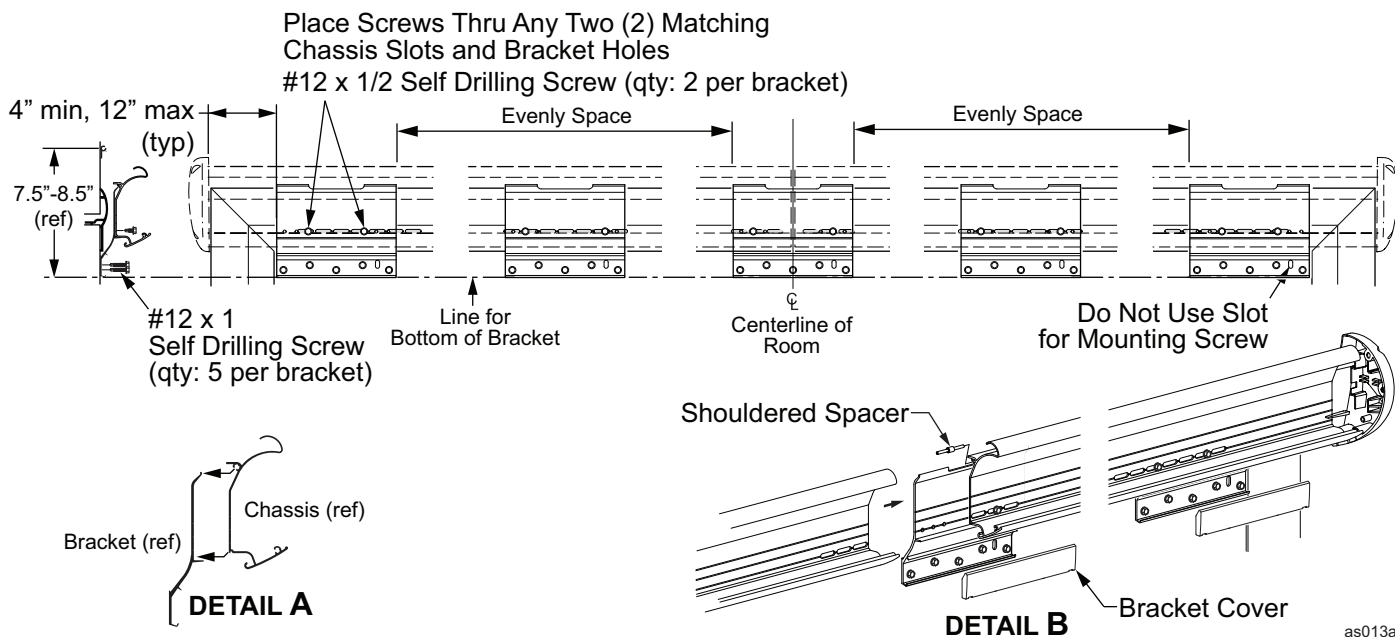
### NOTES:

- **Three screw groove guides are scribed into the deflector. Use the groove that best matches the room's structure.**
  - **Before tightening the screw, seal the hole and head of the screw with a quality silicone sealant.**
5. Slide the shouldered spacer into the rear screw slot of the deflector.
 

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** The spacer must be between the deflector halves as shown. Failure to do so will cause the other components (i.e. roller tube and cover) to not fit properly.
  6. Lift the second deflector half up and slide onto the shouldered spacer. Position on the flange and attach in the same manner as the first deflector half.
  7. Thoroughly clean any shavings and debris from the deflector before proceeding to the next step.

## INSTALLING THE DEFLECTOR - OPTION 2, w/ BRACKETS

The following instructions reference the preliminary layout done previously. Refer to "Option 2 - Deflector Mount w/ Brackets" under Preliminary Layout on page 2.

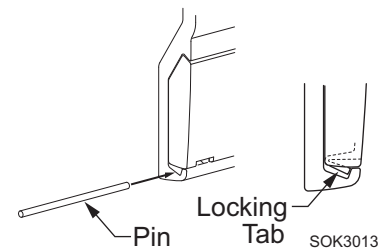


1. Position the deflector brackets on the room face as shown. The center bracket must be positioned so that the center splice of the deflector will rest near the center of the bracket. The middle brackets may be adjusted  $\pm 12"$  to avoid vents or other projections.
2. Using a quality silicone sealant, coat the mounting surface of the bracket with particular attention around the mounting holes.
3. Attach the brackets using five (5) #12 x 1 self-drilling screws each. The slot is not for a mounting screw.
4. Measure and mark the center of the room flange.
5. (Detail A) Lift and set the groove in the back of the first deflector half onto the hook of the brackets. Align the inner edge of the deflector half with the mark made in step 4.
6. Attach the deflector to the brackets using two (2) #12 x 1/2" screws for the outer brackets bracket. Use one (1) screw for the center bracket. Place the screws through any 2 matching chassis slots and bracket holes.
7. (Detail B) Slide the shouldered spacer into the rear screw slot of the deflector.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** The spacer must be between the deflector halves as shown. Failure to do so will cause the other components (i.e. roller tube and cover) to not fit properly.

8. Lift the second deflector half up and slide onto the shouldered spacer. Position on the brackets and attach in the same manner as the first deflector half.
9. Snap the bracket cover on to the bracket to cover the screw heads. The tab on the back of the cover goes into the slotted hole of the bracket.

**NOTE:** If it is necessary to remove the cover after installation, slide a small pin (e.g. paper clip) in the end under the cover. Lift the locking tab and gently pull out the end of the cover. Repeat for other side of the cover.



**Figure 2. Removing the Cover.**

## INSTALLING THE ROLLER TUBE ASSEMBLY

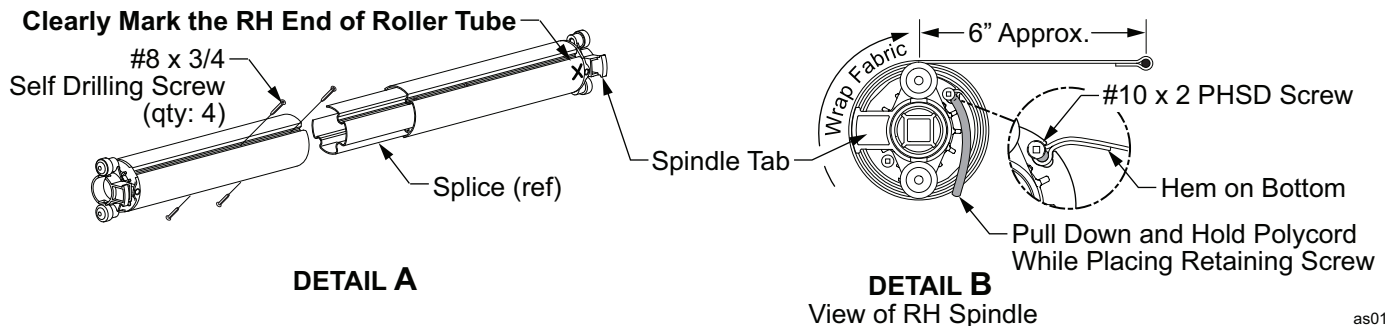


### CAUTION

Do not remove the spring locking pins until instructed when all steps are completed.

### Assembling the Roller Tube and Fabric

The roller tube is shipped in two pieces. The splice for the roller tube is attached in the end of the right roller tube.

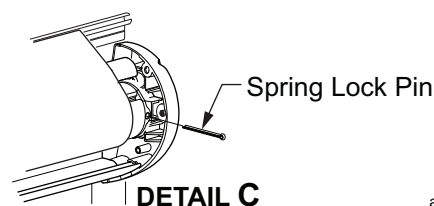
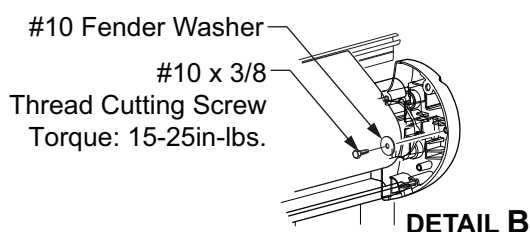
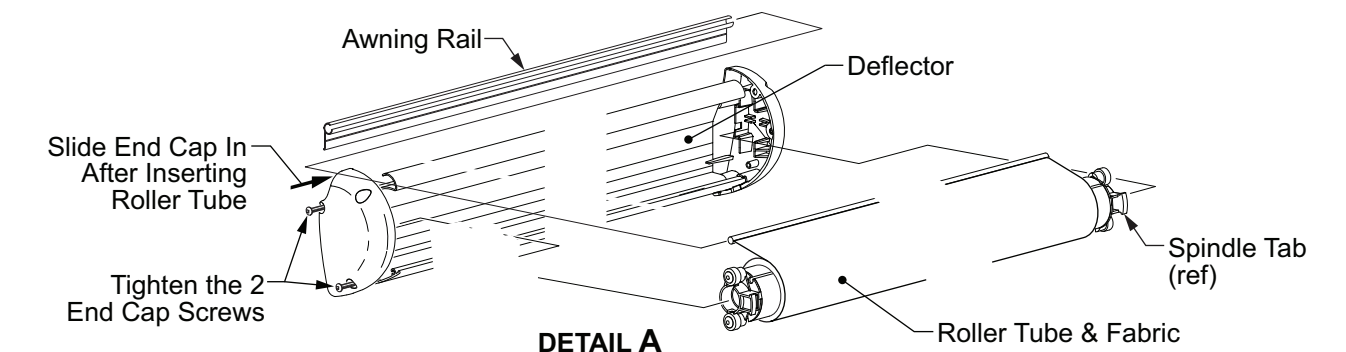


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1. Clearly mark the RH roller tube next to the bearing and spindle.
2. On the ground, press the two roller tube halves tightly together. The splice can only fit one way in the tube. For reference, the spindle tabs on the roller tube must both point in the same direction.
3. (*Detail A*) Attach the left tube half to the splice using four (4) #8 x 3/4 self-drilling screws. Match the screw pattern in the right roller tube half.
4. Slide the black polycord of the fabric into the fabric slot located on the opposite side of the spindle tabs. Orient the fabric with the hem on the bottom (the hem will then roll against the roller tube). Center the fabric in the roller tube.
5. (*Detail B*) After the fabric is centered, pull and hold the excess polycord in the bottom of the fabric slot. Place one (1) #10 x 2 PHSD screw through the fabric slot hole and polycord. The screw must be positioned to thread into the metal of the roller tube slot and the edge of the polycord. The screw action will pull the polycord further into the slot hole. DO NOT OVERTIGHTEN.
6. After the screw is installed, trim the excess polycord.
7. After tightening the fabric in the slot from one end of the roller tube to the other end, repeat step 5 and 6 to secure the fabric.
8. Roll the fabric onto the roller tube. Note the direction of the wrap as shown in Detail B. The view is of the RH spindle that was marked earlier. It is necessary to allow approximately 6" of fabric to extend past the roller tube.

## Mounting the Roller Tube Assembly

**NOTICE** For the XL model this operation requires 3 people; one person for each end of the assembly and one in the center.

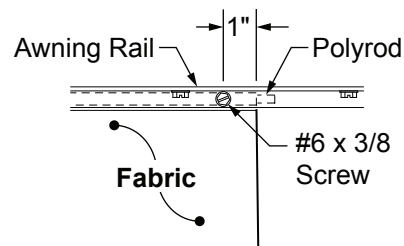


9. If not previously done, prepare the awning rail to accept the soft connect.
  - Using a screwdriver slightly spread open one end of the awning rail.
  - Clean and deburr the end of the rail.
  - Spray inside the rail track with silicone lubricant.
10. On one end of the deflector, back out the end cap screws approximately one inch. It is not necessary to remove the screws completely. Pull the end cap away from the deflector.
11. Lift the roller tube assembly up and slide the soft connect poly rod into the awning rail. Center the roller tube over the deflector.
12. Roll up any slack material onto the roller tube.
13. Insert the roller tube into the RH end cap. Note the orientation of the spindle tabs at the ends of the roller tube; these must point forward (away from coach).
14. Align the spindle of the roller tube then push the LH end cap onto the roller tube and against the deflector. Tighten the screws.
15. (Detail B) Inside each end cap, screw in the #10 x 3/8 thread-cutter screw and fender washer as shown. Torque screws 15-25 in-lbs.



**CAUTION** The roller tube has two pre-wound springs. There is a spring locking pin on each end of the roller tube assembly. When the pins are removed, the roller tube springs will quickly roll up any slack material. Use care that hands and fingers are out of the way.

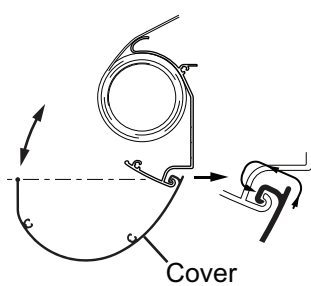
16. (Detail C) Remove the spring locking pin from each end of the roller tube assembly.
17. Open and close the room to confirm that the fabric is rolling up straight on the roller tube. If necessary, adjust the position of the canopy in the awning rail until the fabric rolls up correctly.
18. Secure the fabric to the awning rail using two #6 x 3/8 screws through the rail and fabric.



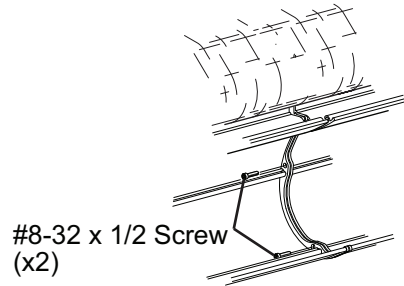
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## INSTALLING THE FRONT COVER

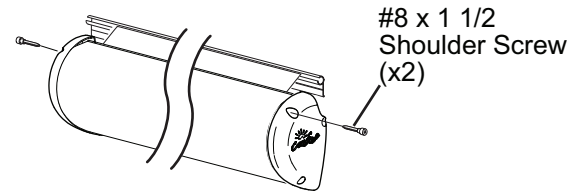
**NOTICE** DO NOT attempt to open or close the room until the front cover is installed, closed and fastened.



**DETAIL A**



**DETAIL B**



**DETAIL C**

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1. (*Detail A*) Holding one cover half perpendicular to the deflector, lift and hook the cover onto the back of the deflector. The splice plate should align with the center gap in the deflector.
2. Lift the second cover half up and hook onto the deflector.
3. (*Detail B*) Allow the two halves to hang down and align the splice plates. Attach the two halves using two (2) #8-32 x 1/2 screws.  
**NOTE:** To prevent damage to the cover, use a ballpoint hex drive bit with a long extension. This will allow the screws to be tightened using a power driver.
4. (*Detail C*) Rotate the cover up and secure using two (2) #8 x 1 1/2 shoulder screws. To properly position the cover it will be necessary to press the cover toward the slat until the attach holes align with end cap holes.

**NOTICE** There will be a small gap between the cover and end cap. DO NOT attempt to close the cap by over tightening the screw, maximum torque is 30 in-lbs.