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## **Assembling A Pennine Awning: A 10 Step Guide**

Below is a quick 10 step guide to setting up a Pennine awning. This guide, and the attached schematic, is based on the older, heavy duty awning poles, and the larger awning style, associated with the six berth models, such as the Sterling, Pullman and Pathfinders, but the principles will be the same for most Pennine awnings.

This guide details one of many methods of setting up these awnings. Opinion varies as to which method is preferable. This is just the one which, in our own experience, is the easiest to perform.

1. Lay the awning canvas out on the ground, with the long zip adjacent to the camper, and running the whole length of it, on the door side.
2. Zip the awning canvas onto the main camper canvas, using the long zip attached to both. The zip on the main canvas runs the full length of the door side, at the top of the camper, and is usually hidden from view by a protective flap. At this point, you can also attach the two under bed panels as well, using the zips and press studs provided. (TIP: It's always helpful to have a small set of steps with you, in order to reach the apex, when closing the zip. Also, a plastic cable tie, or something similar, attached to the zip pull will further assist in extending your reach).
3. Once attached, fold the awning canvas back over the roof of the camper, to keep it out of the way while you assemble the poles.
4. Assemble the front wall, using the 3 vertical leg poles, the 2 front frame poles and the jointing pieces. (HINT: They are usually colour coded, but, especially on older units, that is by no means guaranteed). To assist you in doing this, a full schematic of the awning poles is shown at the end of this guide.
5. Hook the horizontal roof tensioner poles onto the camper. (Below the main awning zip are 5 holes in the canvas. Move the draught flap out of the way, to expose the internal poles. Each of these should have a small hole in it, to hook the roof tensioner pole into). Once attached, the other end of the tensioner pole can be laid on the ground, ready for the next step.
6. Stand the front wall up (the more of you there are at this stage, the easier it all is) and hook the 5 roof tensioner poles into the brackets on the joint sections and the front frame poles. You now have your frame set up.
7. Roll the awning canvas out over the poles, peg it out and adjust the various poles to get the tension just right. Each of the 3 joint pieces should have a hook sticking out of the front, to attach to the overhanging canopy on the top front section
8. Hang the front and side panels. (You can do the above procedures with them already attached, but that adds weight to the canvas, and makes it more cumbersome to work with. We always put them on after).
9. Attach the last skirt to the bottom of the camper to prevent any unwanted draughts, and hang the curtains, if supplied.
10. Lay the ground sheet, if you have one, and, ideally, peg into position. Pegging will normally be easier with a breathable ground sheet, and these are the preferable option, anyway.

That's it. You're up and ready to go. Enjoy!



