

## **Tough Touring Darche Awning to Bundutop tent Kit instructions**

- 1. It is a good idea to take the mattress out of the tent first!

  I have written this RIGHT AT THE TOP because like most of us, you will probably skip the instructions until after you have started ...
- 2. The kit is pictured below is in correct orientation as per how it sits on your tent, looking at the tent from the passenger side of the tent / vehicle ... Assuming the awning is being hung on the passenger side of the vehicle.



3. Included in the pack of fitting hardware are: 150+ Sealed Aluminium 6/3 rivets, 4 bolts and nuts (For assembling parts while fitting) a handful of tec screws to hold brackets in place on your tent while you drill out the holes for the rivets. – Some parts may not be needed but are included in case your short. It is normal to have parts left over 😊





- 4. Take the rear passenger corner bracket (the one Pictured above) and test fit this first. It is the only bracket that needs an aluminium spacer block fitted. Assemble it as shown below first, then hold it in place Positioning it with the small Triangulation Side Facing Downwards... (If you don't' face it downwards the lid of the tent will hit it. ENSURE you have the Triangulation side DOWN. Position the bracket about 3mm from the aluminium trim on the bottom edge of the tent where it shuts, so that the brackets are flat/ flush with the base of the tent in the case of Canopy installations.
- 5. using two tec screws on each side plate to fix it off securely before attempting to drill all the rivet holes. Watch our video on installing 'Bundu Brackets' for full details and tips. https://www.toughtouring.com.au/copy-of-awning-to-tent-kits
- 6. Stand back and examine the bracket Ensure that it is fitted level and that the face bolt positions for the awning mount are lined up vertical and square to the rack.



7. Darche Awnings are not as long as the tent, so the front bracket actually has to sit inside the width of the tent – The Mounting bolt holes are folded 'inwards and outwards, with the inside one rolling into a 'C' Shape in on itself' so you don't need the aluminium block either. See front Passenger side bracket ready to install in correct orientation in below pic.



8. Repeat process of lining up the front bracket above – same as you did for the rear, positioning the bracket about 3mm down from the aluminium edge plate on the tent – Position your - again tec screw it into position as a 'test fit' using 2 tec screws. Check that it sits level. And square. Don't worry that the internal folded bracket has two rivet holes right inside the fold that are hard to get too, they do not need to be rivetted, (We use the same plate for other brackets). Make sure the triangular section of the bracket is facing downwards... The Lid of the tent need to be able to shut without hitting the brackets ...



9. Now you can install the rear 'hook' bracket (which is ONLY REQUIRED for 270 Degree awnings) this allows you to swing the awning around and clip it onto the bracket rather than using the awnings tensioning strap. (this is NOT COMPULSORY and DOES NOT SUIT ALL AWNING TYPES). See below picture for orientation:



10. There is a blank plate included in the kit for the front driver's side. Its useful to balance up the look of the bracket kit and complete the install, it also proves handy if your going to add any lifting eyebolts etc that come in out Cradle mount (Removable tent) options kit. The blank steel plate there also can be helpful at protecting that edge of the tent from tree strikes etc. See blank plate for Front drivers' side below.





- 11. It is always better to measure twice and drill once! Take time and care to get the test fit straight and the rest of the installation will run smoothly. Get things square. Get them straight. Position all your brackets with test fit tec screws and open / close the tent to ensure you have the set up correct before you drill all the rivet holes.
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  I've just written this again in case you skipped to the end of the instructions like I would!)
- 13. When using your awning, use Guy ropes and poles if any movement is evident in wind.

  Always pack your awning when unattended wind will exert extreme loads on pivot points especially in directions facing the awning. Don't break things and find out later blaming the awning. The wind will always win
- 14. Enjoy your awning!