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Awning Mounting Kit for Bus (1968-1979)

Please use your best judgment when installing your awning. These instructions are to be used as a guideline, but remember the old adage: "Measure twice, drill once!" **GoWesty will not be liable for any damage to your vehicle occurring from the installation of this kit.**

INSTALLATION

1. Mount the brackets to the van per the illustration. Use anti-seize on stainless steel hardware.
2. Mark the center of the lower hole where it contacts the body of the vehicle for installation of the rivnut. If installing an ARB awning, measure and record the distance between the outside edges of the brackets.
3. Remove the brackets and drill out the holes for the rivnut to 25/64". Install the rivnut with the included RIVNUT-TOOL. Use a bit of sealant between the rivnut and the body. **NOTE: The hole between the front and slider doors needs to go through 2 layers of metal ONLY; the third layer is the interior of the vehicle!**
4. Continue on with the appropriate section below for the awning you are installing (ARB or Fiamma).

ARB Awnings:

5. Transfer and mark the measurements you took from the outside of the brackets in Step 2, to the back of the ARB Awning.
6. Slide the mounting nuts into the track and mount the brackets in the marked position with the button head bolts. Do not fully tighten the bolts yet to allow for small adjustments. Due to tolerances on the bolts, you may need to use one of the 6mm flat washers under the bolt head to prevent it from bottoming out in the track.
7. Grab a friend and mount the awning to the vehicle using the included rubber washer between the lower edge of the bracket and the body of the vehicle and the clear vinyl sheet between the bracket and vehicle body at the rain gutter. The hex head bolts are used to attach the lower edge to the bus.
8. Finish torquing the awning to bracket bolts.

Fiamma Awnings:

9. Remount the brackets to the vehicle using the included rubber washer between the lower edge of the bracket and the body of the vehicle and the clear vinyl sheet between the bracket and vehicle body at the rain gutter. The hex head bolts are used to attach the lower edge to the bus.
10. Mount the awning: hook the lip of the awning over the top edge of the brackets. Adjust the position of awning fore and aft, being sure it does not interfere with the opening of the rear hatch. Also, consider the placement of the leg mounting brackets on the vehicle (see NOTE below).
11. Drill mounting holes: Open awning to expose the back of the awning body. Note that the awning is only attached to the bracket by gravity at this point; be careful not to bump it off the lip of the bracket during this phase. Using a 7/32" drill bit and a block of wood behind the bracket to protect the body of the bus, drill a hole through the back of the awning and bracket, as shown in the picture. Use the 5mm machine screws and Nylock nuts to fasten the awning to the bracket through the holes you just drilled.



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NOTE: Fiamma supplies two brackets designed to accept the feet of the awning legs. These can be installed on the side of the bus 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 Bus, 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, you should be sure the rear bracket is installed far enough to the rear so it does not interfere with the slider door opening fully.

