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RETRACTABLE FOLDING ARM AWNINGS AND RETRACTABLE PATIO COVER SYSTEMS SIDE BY SIDE COMPARISON

CATEGORY	RETRACTABLE FOLDING ARM AWNINGS	RETRACTABLE PATIO COVER SYSTEMS
Maximum width	Maximum width for a single unit with one motor and one piece of fabric 52 1/2 feet (1600cm) in one piece (Palermo Plus model)	Maximum width with using one piece of fabric and one motor 42'7" (1300cm) for all models
Adjacent units	Multiple units can be butted together with a 5"-6" (12.7cm - 15.24cm) gap between units	Multiple systems can be butted together and caulked with no gap so no rain or snow enters between systems
Maximum projection	Maximum projection 16 foot (Roma model). Largest in the world	Maximum projection 29'6" (Siracusa, Sassari and Rimini models) largest in the world
Wind load	Maximum wind load tested to Beaufort scale 5 (Palermo/Palermo Plus/Bologna models)	Maximum wind load tested (Beaufort scale 10). Most models
Drainage	Front water drains off front bar and can splash on hard surface	Front water drains to front and then down through internal, invisible gutters and downspouts (most models) OR off the side(s) of the fabric using single sided or alternating sides
Rainfall	For LIGHT rainfall only - less than .30" (7.6mm) per hour per the American Meteorological Society	For HEAVY rainfall - more than .30" (7.6mm) per hour per the American Meteorological Society
Water	Fabrics are water RESISTANT and include Para, Sunbrella, Dickson & Sattler	Fabrics are water PROOF (Ferrari 502 & Ferrari 602) or water RESISTANT (Para only)
Hail & Snow	Not hail or snow load approved	Tested for hail. Not snow load approved
Powder coating	Qualital® powder coated frames & hood available in white, ivory, sand and brown with sand and brown having a \$200 surcharge	Qualital® powder coated frames available in all RAL colors with each model available in a standard color or colors and other RAL colors available for a surcharge
Fire retardancy	Non fire retardant fabrics are standard with fire retardant fabrics available for a surcharge	Fire retardant fabric is standard on all models
Posts, Arms and Guides	Spring loaded arms with no posts	Belt driven system with posts (no posts on the Rimini and Firenze models) and guides
Enclosed	Sides and front of lateral folding arm awnings cannot be enclosed as doing so would damage the system when opened and closed	Sides and front of retractable patio cover systems can be completely enclosed so the area can be air conditioned in the summer and heated in the winter and also allowing for a bug and pollen free area
Drainage options	Front water drainage only	Front or single sided or alternating side water drainage available
Free standing or attached	Cannot be free standing unless attached to a custom made structure	Any model can be free standing. Standard free standing models are the Forli, Trento and Vicenza
Model names	Models include Genova, Palermo, Palermo PLUS, Bologna, Venezia and Roma	System examples include Ferrari, Firenze, Firenze PLUS, Forli, Monza, Monza PLUS, Ravenna, Rimini, Sassari, Salerno, Siracusa, Trento and Vicenza models