



All weather protection systems!

**RETRACTABLE**  
**AWNINGS.COM**

Retractableawnings.com®  
16300 NW 48 Avenue  
Miami Gardens, Florida 33014-6417  
United States of America  
Telephone (305) 628-2424 or toll free (866) 438-2964  
sales@retractableawnings.com

RETRACTABLE PRODUCT VERSUS FIXED PRODUCT COMPARISON		
	RETRACTABLE PRODUCTS	FIXED PRODUCTS
WEATHER	In the event of inclement weather all our products can be retracted (closed) so as not to be damaged by high winds, heavy rain, hurricanes, hail or snow. <u>Note:</u> Some models are heavy rain, wind, hurricane, hail and snow proof when extended (opened). Motorization with optional wind sensors, rain sensors, sun sensors, timers, remote control and iPhone and Android apps are available for ease of operation and peace of mind	Frames and fabric are often damaged due to high wind, heavy rain, hurricanes, earthquakes, hail and snow. It is not practical and it is costly to remove the fabric before each of the above types of inclement weather / natural disasters
SUN & HEAT	On a sunny, hot day you can extend all our retractable products to keep the heat, sun, glare and UV rays out of your home or building, while on cooler or cold days simply leave the retractable product against the wall and take advantage of the heat provided naturally (and inexpensively) by the sun thus saving energy costs (heating bill)	Since all types of fixed products cannot be retracted you don't have the ability to close the fixed product so it is against the wall (retracted) to allow heat from the sun to warm the house or commercial building resulting in higher heating costs
LIGHT	Allows a property owner to have maximum light exposure inside the house or building on cloudy or rainy, overcast days	Since the fixed awning or fixed patio cover or other fixed structure cannot be retracted, the room will be very dark on a cloudy or rainy, overcast day
FABRIC & ALUMINUM LOUVERS	Solution dyed acrylic fabrics (Para, Sunbrella and Dickson) have up to a 10 year warranty against fading, mildew & rotting, and are known to last in the 12-15 year range as the awning can be rolled up when not in use. Ferrari Preconstraint fabrics used on our retractable patio cover systems or vertical drop awnings last longer than 15 years. Aluminum louvers on our rotating louver system will also last much longer than 15 years	Most fixed/permanent/stationary awnings are installed with vinyl or canvas (cotton) not solution dyed acrylic fabric. Most vinyls and canvas (cotton) will mildew, rot and/or fade within 2-3 years after installation at which time more \$ would be needed to replace the fabric
UV AND SUN EXPOSURE	Solution dyed acrylic fabrics and Ferrari Preconstraint fabrics are known for their durability in the retractable awning, marine & patio furniture industries and are not exposed as much to the sun and ultraviolet (UV) rays as the fabric is retracted when not in use	The life of the cover on a fixed product is MUCH shorter as compared to a retractable product since vinyl or canvas (which is cotton and not solution dyed acrylic) is ALWAYS exposed to the harsh elements including the sun and ultraviolet (UV) rays since the fabric cannot be retracted
THREAD/HEAT SEALING	On our folding lateral arm retractable awnings, we use 100% expanded clear Gore PTFE TENARA® UV resistant sewing thread which has a lifetime warranty against seam separation since it is U.V. (ultraviolet) resistant and is unaffected by salt water, cleaning chemicals (even bleach), cold or hot temperature extremes and acid rain. It is also non-flammable and will not rot or mildew. On our retractable patio cover systems, the fabric is heat sealed/melted together so that fabric separation will not occur	Most fixed awnings and fixed patio covers are sewn with polyester or cotton thread which will deteriorate and break within a couple of years due to UV exposure. You will then have to have the cover resewn costing more \$
FRAMES	All our frames are Qualicoat® electrostatically powder coated non-rusting aluminum which has a 25 year NON PRORATED warranty against defects including rust / corrosion. Our components are all inox stainless steel with the same 25 year NON PRORATED warranty	Most fixed awnings are made of steel piping which will rust / corrode from the elements in as little as 2-3 years.
PITCH / ANGLE	The pitch/angle can be adjusted on our folding lateral arm awnings for the best sun protection (especially in the morning and late afternoon) with either a eastern, southern or western exposure. You also have the ability to adjust the pitch/angle for a better view from inside the home commercial or building	Pitch/angle cannot be adjusted thus limiting sun protection and the ability to see beyond the awning
PARTIALLY OPEN / CLOSED	Folding lateral arm awnings and retractable patio cover systems can be partially opened/closed and stopped at any point when being extended or retracted. On our rotating louver roof systems, the louvers can be fully closed, fully open or tilted.	All fixed/permanent products cannot be retracted and therefore can only be used fully extended
SPACE REQUIREMENT	Lateral arm awnings retract against the house or commercial building. Very discrete with clean lines	Fixed means just that – fabric is always permanently extended and not aesthetically pleasing to the eye
RELOCATION	In the event of an address change it is much easier to move a folding lateral arm retractable awning than a fixed awning	In the event of an address change it is much more difficult if not impossible to move a fixed awning than a folding lateral arm retractable awning