

# The Ultimate Outdoor Shade Checklist

Everything you need to consider before transforming your outdoor space.

<b>Define Your Purpose</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Entertainment:</b> Do you need a permanent roof for year-round BBQs?	<b>PRO TIP</b>  Don't just think about the deck; consider your living room. A quality awning blocks up to 99% of UV rays before they hit your windows, significantly cooling your home's interior and preventing expensive carpets and furniture from fading.
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Weather Protection:</b> Are you looking for a waterproof solution for rain, or just sun shade?	
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Vehicle Cover:</b> Are you considering a durable carport alternative?	
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Privacy:</b> Do you need side screens to block prying eyes or wind?	
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Extended Living Space:</b> indoor-outdoor flow that effectively adds a new room to your floor plan.	

<b>Choose Your Structure Style</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Fixed Awning/Pergola:</b> Permanent, robust, and built to withstand high winds.	<b>PRO TIP</b>  Our polycarbonate roofing offers three distinct tint options to meet your specific preferences. Balance natural light with temperature control, ensuring your outdoor space is as comfortable as it is stylish.
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>View Preservation:</b> Do you need maximum clarity to preserve a scenic view, or a tint to enhance comfort by reducing glare?	
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Retractable (Folding Arm):</b> Flexible shade that can be tucked away when not in use.	
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Additional Outdoor Screens:</b> Vertical mesh or PVC blinds to enclose the area for wind and rain protection.	

<b>Material &amp; Durability Check</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Frame Quality:</b> Is it Marine-Grade Structural RHS Aluminium? (Essential for rust resistance in NZ).	<b>PRO TIP</b>  Our polycarbonate roofing offers three distinct tint options to meet your specific preferences. Balance natural light with temperature control, ensuring your outdoor space is as comfortable as it is stylish.
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>UV Protection:</b> Does the roofing block at least 99% of harmful UV rays?	
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Wind Rating:</b> Is the design independently certified for High Wind Zones and compliant with the NZ Building Code?	
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Fixings:</b> Are the nuts and bolts 316 Stainless Steel to prevent tea-staining and corrosion?	

## Pro Notes: Why These Specs Matter

- **Marine-Grade 6061-T6 Aluminium:** Not all aluminium is equal. T6 tempered aluminium is 2.5x stronger than standard retail aluminium. It's the same grade used in boat building, meaning it won't rust or weaken in NZ's salty coastal air.
- **Polycarbonate vs. Plastic:** Professional polycarbonate (like Clearspan or SolaSafe) is virtually unbreakable. It handles hail and heavy snow loads that would crack cheaper acrylic or PVC.
- **316 Stainless Steel:** Often called "marine grade," this prevents the unsightly brown "tea-staining" (rust) that occurs on cheaper hardware near the ocean.



<b>Customisation &amp; Aesthetics</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Roof Shape:</b> Would an Arched or Flat (Monopitch) design better suit your home's architecture?	<b>PRO TIP</b>  Match Your Joinery to make your new structure look like an original part of your home, request a custom powder-coated frame.
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Colour Matching:</b> Can the frame be powder-coated to match your existing window joinery or roof colour?	
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Opacity/Tint:</b> Do you prefer Clear (high light), Grey (reduced glare), or Opal (maximum heat reduction)?	

## The Shades Direct Offer

You aren't just buying a product; you are getting a full-service experience:

- **FREE No-Obligation Design & Measure:** A local expert visits your home to help you design the perfect fit for your specific space and budget.
- **NZ-Made Quality:** Everything is designed and manufactured locally specifically for the harsh New Zealand sun and wind.
- **Comprehensive Warranties:** \* 5-Year General Warranty on all permanent waterproof awnings. 10-Year Manufacturer's Warranty on Luminous and Clearspan roofing. Lifetime Warranty on SolaSafe polycarbonate roofing from the supplier Ampelite (NZ) Ltd.
- **The "Owner-Operator" Guarantee:** You deal with the same local business owner from the first quote through to the final installation. They take personal pride in the craftsmanship.



When you choose Shades Direct, you are partnering with a brand that has been a pioneer in New Zealand's outdoor shading industry for over 25 years. This longevity is built on a legacy of innovation and an unwavering commitment to quality.

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