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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. *What lengths and colours are available?*

A. ShadeGrip is available in 1.83 metre (6' 0") lengths and in the following powder coated colours to match standard shade cloth complete with 2 off 0.915m long plastic Keepers. Most stores also carry spare Keepers and installation/release tools:

aluminium (mill) finish.	sandstone	slate (dark grey)
heritage green	wizard blue	armour (light grey)

Q. *How strong is ShadeGrip?*

A. The minimum pull out strength of ShadeGrip is 480 kg. force per metre. This means it will withstand gale force winds on shade cloth with clear spans of over 3.5 metres.

Q. *Will ShadeGrip extend the life of my shade cloth?*

A. ShadeGrip is a continuous fixing system which does not penetrate or damage the fabric. It will eliminate tearing at the fixing points or stitching which is the main cause of failure in shade cloth installations.

Q. *Can I use ShadeGrip to fix shade cloth between my house/carport/ pergola and the fence?*

A. This is a very common application for ShadeGrip (see the brochure). You must get permission from your neighbour first. Because the fabric is readily removable, the installation to the fence is usually acceptable to most councils.

Q. *At what spacing do I need intermediate supports or battens?*

A. With ShadeGrip, shade cloth can be fixed over the full width of the fabric (allowing 50mm at each edge for fixing). For clear spans of over 1.7 metres, it is recommended that temporary supports be used to take the weight of the fabric during installation. If it is not tight enough at first, just pull the fabric through to re-tension it a bit at a time.

Q. *Do I need to fix the shade cloth to intermediate supports?*

A. Definitely not - the shade cloth will fray at any intermediate fixings. A slight amount of flapping in the breeze will do no harm

Q. *I live near the sea, what fasteners should I use?*

A. In salt laden environments, stainless steel screws or pop rivets are best, but standard plated screws will usually suffice.

Q. *Can I alternate between different fabrics say, from season to season?*

A. Yes! ShadeGrip is ideal for this application as the fabric can be released easily without damaging it, just by pulling on the loose edge. Make sure to leave enough surplus to pull on when installing.

Q. *How do I treat the corners?*

A. When fixing the shade cloth on all four edges the ends of the ShadeGrip can be mitred or just placed corner to corner. The corners of the fabric should be snipped off to avoid bunching.

Q. *Can ShadeGrip be curved?*

A. Yes, ShadeGrip will follow a structural support which is curved down to a 2 metre radius. For tighter bends, the top leg can be notched at intervals which will depend on how smooth a curve you want. The plastic Keeper will fit the curve.