

## Awning Gutter Brackets: How to Measure and Choose the Right Fit

At Saffron Outdoor Living, we've been installing awnings for decades, and we know that the right bracket makes all the difference. This simple guide explains what gutter and offset gutter brackets are, why they're used, and how to measure correctly to ensure your awning is fitted safely, securely, and at the perfect height.

### What Are Gutter Brackets?

A gutter bracket is a specially designed fabricated metal support used when a standard wall bracket can't be fitted directly to the wall — often because a gutter, fascia board, or low roofline is in the way. These brackets safely lower or extend the awning's fixing point to achieve the correct installation height.

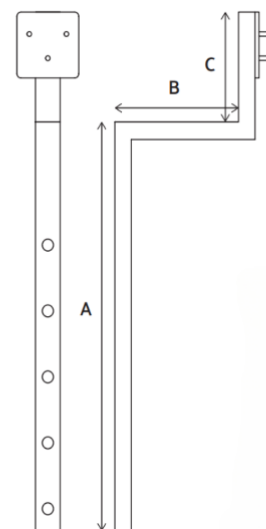
Typical examples include:

- Bungalow rooflines with limited space
- Single-storey extensions with low fascia boards
- Homes with outward-opening doors needing extra clearance
- Installations beneath gutters or soffits

If an awning is fixed directly to the wall in these situations, it may sit too low, reducing headroom and causing the awning to slope incorrectly. But more importantly, without proper Gutter brackets, the awning could be attached to an area of wall that isn't structurally safe.

Above most doors and windows — particularly on single-storey extensions — there are usually only two or three rows of bricks before reaching the fascia and roof rafters. Behind these bricks is typically a steel lintel (RSJ) or similar support beam, meaning there is very little solid brickwork or downward load from the building in this section. Without that weight pressing down, there's nothing to resist the upward or pulling forces created when the awning arms extend — which could, in extreme cases, lift the roofline, damage the wall, or cause the awning to collapse.

By stepping out in front of the gutter, both the Gutter and Offset Gutter brackets safely transfers the weight and load of the awning down the solid brickwork below. This ensures the installation is both secure and structurally sound, protecting your home and everyone beneath the awning.



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## What Are Offset Gutter Brackets?

An Offset Gutter bracket is designed for situations where there is very little or no wall space above doors or windows — particularly when the awning's mounting point would otherwise fall directly above them. The Offset design allows the bracket to be fixed into the brickwork beside the doors or windows, then step out in front of the guttering and span across the top of the opening. This ensures the awning clears the doors or windows completely and sits level, stable, and secure once installed.

Offset Gutter brackets feature a universal horizontal arm with a sliding saddle clamp, allowing the awning's wall bracket to move along the arm until the correct position is achieved. This provides exceptional flexibility on site and ensures a perfect fit for your specific property layout.

### Key Things to Consider Before Measuring

- Location – Choose a spot that gives the best shade and coverage for your patio or doors.
- Projection (Depth) – The projection is how far the awning extends. We recommend a 3m projection for south-facing areas to maintain consistent shade.
- Height – The awning must be high enough for door clearance and comfortable headroom.

### Recommended Installation Heights

To achieve the right slope for water run-off and ensure comfortable headroom:

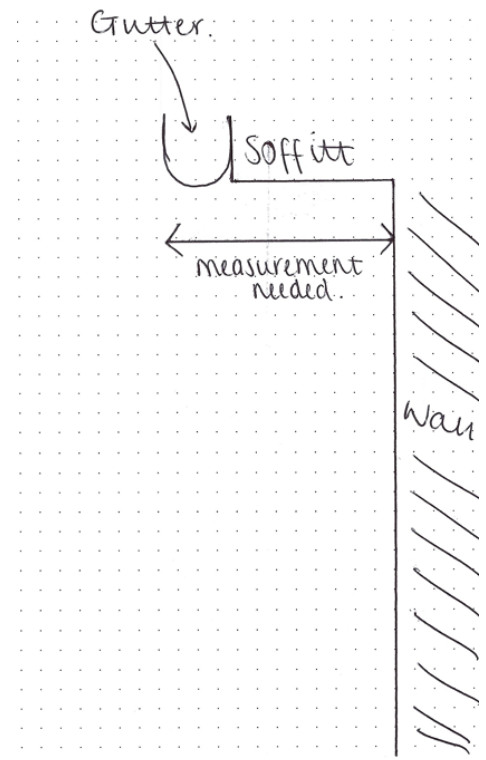
- Main awning body height: 2600mm (approx. 8ft 5in)
- Front rail height: 2100mm (approx. 6ft 8in)

This setup provides good visibility, air flow, and comfortable movement underneath the awning.

### How to Measure for Gutter Brackets

When measuring, note three key distances:

- A: The vertical section of the bracket – usually 930mm (standard)
- B: The standoff distance (how far the bracket projects from the wall) – custom-made to your measurement
- C: The top return section – 200mm standard.
- To measure B, place a straight edge or spirit level from the wall out past the gutter and measure to where the awning will sit. This ensures the bracket clears the gutter completely. See our diagram below for reference.



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## Fitting Tips

- **Mount brackets behind the awning arms wherever possible** – this ensures maximum strength and stability.

The bracket must sit directly behind the arm because when the awning pitch is adjusted, it changes the pressure and angle on the frame.

If the bracket isn't positioned behind the arm, the awning frame can twist or distort, which may lead to alignment issues or long-term damage.

- **Keep brackets at least one brick away from windows or doors.**
- **Ensure both brackets align with the 2600mm height line** for a level finish.
- **For tight or restricted spaces, offset gutter brackets** provide the flexibility and clearance needed.

### Custom Brackets from Saffron Outdoor Living

We manufacture custom Gutter and Offset brackets to suit your specific project. Each bracket is made from durable mild steel, powder-coated to a colour of your choice, and supplied with colour-coded caps and fixings for a clean, professional finish.

Please note: wall fixings are not supplied, as these depend on your wall type and the installer's preference.

### Need Help?

Our friendly team can help you measure correctly, choose the right bracket style, and ensure your awning performs beautifully for years to come.

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