

Guidelines For Choosing Your Canopy Size & Materials

Canopy Size

First, determine the canopy size you require.

- 1.** If you are looking for a portable carport, first calculate how many vehicles you will be storing. Or for use as outdoor storage how much equipment will you be storing? Do you see your outdoor storage needs increasing in the future?
- 2.** Based on your answers in #1, calculate your rough dimensions. Remember to provide yourself with enough room to move around inside your water proof enclosure.
- 3.** Then pick the location on which you will be erecting the canopy. How much space is there available? Does this include space around the portable storage? Will this canopy size fit well or will it be out of scale and look out of place?

Canopy Materials

Second, pick your materials The canopy materials chosen will affect strength, weight and price.

- **Frames-** All our canopy poles are made in the USA, using Gatorshield Rust Protection on the inside and outside of the pole offering the best corrosion and rust protection available. We have two qualities of canopy poles: our standard poles are 1 3/8"-17 galvanized steel tubing and our industrial heavy duty are 1 3/4"-16 gauge steel. The HD poles are approx 3 times stronger and weigh 50% more. So if you are occasionally move your portable structure we recommend standard 1 3/8" diameter. If you are planning to leave your weather proof enclosure in place for long periods or are using it as a commercial canopy for business, we recommend you invest in HD poles.
- **Covers** All our weather proof enclosures are made in Korea. We have been importing tarps for 15 years and use our knowledge to get the best material for the money. To length the lifespan of the canopy, all our material is UV protected. Our commercial canopies and premier canopies use the heavier Ripstopper Tarps. Once again, you'll need to decide whether durability or economy is more important.
- **Anchors** To prevent your outdoor storage from being overturned by wind, it is essential to anchor your canopy the ground. Auger-Style Anchors are suitable for grass, clay, asphalt, and unpacked soil. They are also easy to re-use. Straight anchors are best for anchoring your canopy in clay, gravel, asphalt, and hard-packed or rocky soil.

So whether you are looking for a temporary carport, an RV shelter, a boat canopy, a portable greenhouse or a heavy duty canopy for your outdoor storage needs, you now have the basic information necessary to successfully choose your best storage solution.

Phone us at 1-800-957-9722 if you have any questions.