

Installation Instructions for Somerset-II Trellis (Item #8706F)

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Parts List:

- (A) 2 qty, aluminum angle bracket (40" long with six 9/32" diameter holes)
- (B) 4 qty, aluminum spacer blocks (1-1/2" x 1-1/2" x ½" thick)
- (C) 4 qty, stainless hex-head attachment screws (1/4" x 2" length)
- (D) 4 qty, plastic anchor inserts (for concrete/masonry)
- (E) 4 qty, stainless retaining washers (1/4"x 5/8"OD)
- (F) 4 qty, plastic caps (3/4"OD)
- (G) 4 qty, stainless cables with 5/16" diameter ball fitting pre-attached to one end (1/8" diameter x 6-1/2' length)
- (H) 4 qty, stainless threaded terminal cable fittings with setscrews
- (I) 4 qty, flat washers (1/4" x 9/16"OD)
- (J) 4 qty, stainless nylon-insert lock nuts (1/4-20RH)
- (K) 5 qty, stainless rods (1/8" diameter x 38" long)
- (L) 20 qty, stainless Cross-Clamp fittings with setscrews

Tools Needed:

Safety glasses Step Ladder Pencil Measuring tape Level Plumb bob Electric drill 3/16" drill bit (for wood) or 3/8" masonry drill bit (for concrete/masonry) Hammer Exterior grade sealant & caulking gun 7/16 socket wrench or other Vise-Grip® type pliers Cable cutters or electric grinder or Dremel tool with cutting disk Sharpie felt pen 1/8" & 3/32" hex key wrenches (included in kit)

Please refer to the Installation Details diagram during installation.

**Important: Never attach trellises to vinyl siding, stucco, Dryvit[®] or other synthetic or natural construction material walls where the structural integrity is uncertain or where possible penetration of a moisture barrier membrane may create a potential for water leakage or damage or may violate and void any product warranties. Be sure to carefully seal any wall penetrations with the proper sealant materials. Consult a construction expert for advice on your specific conditions.

Mounting the Brackets:

- 1. Determine the mounting locations for both the *top and bottom angle brackets* (A) on the wall surface (*angle brackets* can be up to 6 feet apart). Mark the drill holes with a pencil. Be sure that the *angle brackets* are level and vertically in line with one another and that you are attaching to wood studs or solid wall material.
- Drill holes in the wall for the *hex-head attachment screws* (C). Wood walls: drill 3/16" diameter pilot holes to depth of 1".
 Concrete/masonry walls: drill 3/8" holes to depth of 2", insert *plastic anchors* (D), and gently tap them with a hammer until they are flush with the wall face.
- Seal the wall penetration holes by squeezing a ring of premium exterior grade sealant around the drill holes before attaching the spacer blocks (B) and angle brackets (A). Be sure to check with your local hardware/paint store for recommendations on the proper sealant to use given your surface and attachment conditions.
- 4. Slip a *retaining washer* (E) on to each *attachment screw* (C). Pass the screw through the holes in the *angle brackets* (A) and *spacer blocks* (B) and then into the pilot holes or *plastic anchors* (D) in the wall. Use a 7/16" wrench to securely tighten each screw.

5. Snap a plastic cap (F) over the lip of the retaining washers (E) to cover the exposed heads of the attachment screws (C).

Stringing the Cables:

- 6. Lace the *cables* (G) down through the holes in the *top angle bracket* (A) and continue on down though the corresponding holes in the *bottom angle bracket* (A). The *cables* should all hang freely on their *ball fittings*.
- 7. Pull the *cables* taut by hand and use a Sharpie felt pen to mark each *cable* 1/2" above the <u>top</u> face of the *bottom angle bracket* (A). Cleanly trim the *cables* at that mark using cable cutters or an electric grinder or Dremel tool with cutting disk.
- 8. Fully loosen the two setscrews on the sides of the *threaded terminal fittings* (H). Insert the trimmed end of the *cable* into the *threaded terminal* until the *cable* bottoms out in the hole (approximately 3/4" deep). With the *cable* fully inserted, tighten both setscrews all the way using a 3/32" hex key wrench (included in kit).
- 9. Insert the ends of the *threaded terminal fittings* through the holes in the *bottom angle bracket* (A). Slip on a *flat washer* (I) followed by a *nylon-insert lock* nut (J). Spin the *lock nut* by hand until the threads engage and you start to feel resistance, then use a 7/16" wrench to adjust final tension on the *cables*. When initially tightening the *lock nuts*, you will encounter resistance as the threaded shaft penetrates the nylon insert; hold the body of the *threaded terminal fitting* with Vise-Grip® pliers to keep it from spinning. *IMPORTANT NOTE: only use hand tools to tighten the lock nuts in order to avoid overheating the nuts and possibly causing the threads to seize. Do not overtension the cables; they should simply hang straight and flex easily.*

Hanging the Rods:

- 10. With a measuring tape and Sharpie felt pen, mark each *cable* (G) at the points where you'd like to attach the *rods* (K). Equal vertical spacing between *rods* is recommended.
- 11. Slide four cross-clamp fittings (L) onto each rod (K); be sure that the setscrews are fully removed from the cross-clamps. Loosely attach the rods to each cable (G) by sliding the slotted cross-clamps onto each cable and then inserting and gently tightening the cross-clamp setscrews using a 1/8" hex key wrench (included in kit). IMPORTANT NOTE: do not force the setscrews into the cross-clamps as this might damage the threads; if you encounter any resistance, simply back off the setscrew slightly to re-align the threads and then try again. When properly aligned, the setscrews will smoothly and easily spin into the cross-clamp. The cross-clamps may be attached with the setscrew facing either away from the wall or toward the wall, whichever you prefer.
- 12. Adjust the positions of *rods* (K) on each *cable* (G) so that the cross-clamps are centered on the felt pen marks, and then securely tighten the setscrews on all *cross-clamp fittings* (L) to lock the *rods* in position.
- 13. All done! Step back and admire your work.

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