Plan your external shading

A practical checklist for an initial estimate, survey or supply-only enquiry.

Approximate dimensions help us assess the project. They are not manufacturing sizes. Final dimensions and specification must be agreed before products are ordered.

1. Tell us what you want to change

Describe the main issue: direct sun through the glass, an overheated rooflight, glare, a lack of patio shade or a more sheltered outdoor seating area. Tell us which direction the opening faces if you know.

Project address	Postcode and house or building number
Contact details	Name or company, email address and telephone number
Service required	Supply only, or a survey with supply and installation
Preferred contact	Email, telephone or WhatsApp
Project type	Domestic, commercial or another type of project

2. Photograph the complete setting

Up to five well-chosen photographs are more useful than many close-ups. Use the enquiry form and follow the file limits shown there.

- Take a wide photograph of the full wall, glazing or outdoor space.
- Show the eaves, gutter, wall above the opening and nearby obstructions.
- Include the side reveals, handles, opening windows, vents and door stacks.
- For a pergola, show the ground, boundaries and proposed post positions.
- For roof glazing, show the roof structure, vents and possible safe access.

3. Add useful approximate measurements

For a vertical blind, give the opening width and height. For an awning, give the preferred width and outward projection. For a pergola, give the footprint and the height available. For a roof blind, identify the glazing width, roof depth and any opening vents.

Check the practical details

These points help us put together a useful proposal and identify work that needs coordination.

4. Structure, fixings and drainage

- Tell us what the wall or supporting structure is made from, if known.
- Identify low eaves, hanging tiles, insulation systems or difficult fixing areas.
- For pergolas, do not assume paving slabs provide the required foundations.
- Consider where rainwater will drain without affecting access or neighbouring property.

5. Power, controls and access

- Show any existing electrical supply and its distance from the proposed installation.
- Decide whether you want a handset, grouped operation, app control or weather sensors.
- Mention lighting or heaters early; these affect wiring and electrical load.
- For a solar blind, identify potential panel positions and anything that casts shade.
- Tell us about steps, narrow access, parking restrictions and work at height.

6. Fabrics, finishes and use

- Shortlist frame colours and fabric names or codes from the collection.
- Explain whether the view out, privacy, glare control or an open-sky roof matters most.
- Allow space for furniture, opening doors, parked panels and moving roof sections.
- If cooking equipment is planned beneath a roof, provide its model and clearance requirements.

7. Agree the scope before ordering

AdamsBlinds can discuss UK supply-only enquiries and survey, supply and installation projects. Availability is confirmed for the exact address, product, access and scope. The written quotation confirms the selected specification, responsibilities, installation requirements, any chargeable services and the current lead time.

Ready to enquire? Send your postcode, photographs, approximate dimensions and preferred product. An appointment request is not a confirmed booking; our team will offer suitable dates. Initial estimates by email or WhatsApp are free.