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Seven things to consider when buying a shade sail

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Thread. The biggest threat to the longevity of a shade sail is the thread. Constant exposure to the sun can cause the thread to break down. This will cause seams on the sail to separate, and edging around the perimeter of the sail will work loose.

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Design. A shade sail must work for the area you want shaded. So knowledge of the sun's movement in the heat of the summer months must be considered when the fixing points for the sail are finalised. Also creating a sail with dynamic design features can enhance the overall look of the sail structure.

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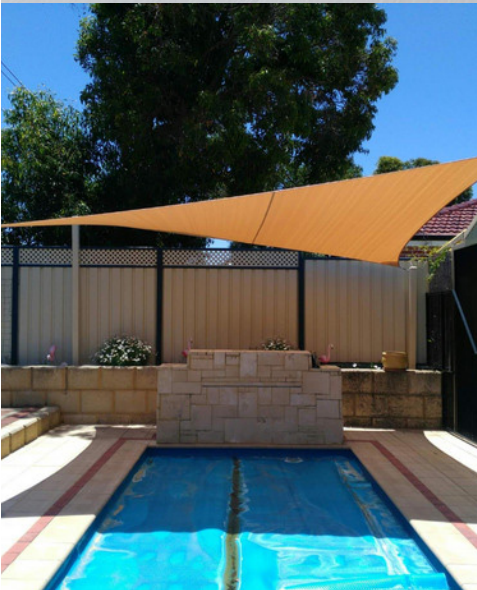
Colour. It is important to have the sail colour complement what colours are already in the existing surrounds of the proposed shade sail structure. There are over forty colours to choose from so matching a colour has never been easier.

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Cloth. It is important to have cloth made to the Australian standard otherwise it can result in inferior looking shade sails. Premature fading of the cloth colour and inconsistent stretch are examples of this. It is also important to match cloth weight to shade sail size.

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Installation. Shade sails in summer are exposed to consistent summer winds. All fixing points need to be secure, and installed by competent and experienced tradesmen. Post size and wall thickness, as well as the correct footing depth need to be considered as well.

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Warranty. If anything happens to your shade structure it is important to have the company who installed the original structure to have a warranty in place. Each shade cloth manufacturer will have a specific conditional warranty for each fabric type they manufacture. Shade sail companies will have their own warranty which covers the sail and the structure which supports the sail. Choose a Shade Sail with Quality UV

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Protection. Shade sails are made to provide a layer of protection against the harsh UV rays of the sun. If protection against damaging UV rays is the main reason for purchasing a shade sail, you must consider the colour of the shade cloth. UV protection factors vary depending on the colour of the shade sail. Most darker shades, reduce the impact of UV rays, whilst lighter colours allow more UV rays to pass through. Most colour swatches give percentage detail on each colour's UV and shade capabilities.

**We design,
manufacture and
install quality
shade sails.**