

HOW TO INSTALL SPORT SCREENS

Here's your complete guide on how to install your fence screens. Proper installation will ensure that your windscreens look and perform their best. Improper installations can lead to windscreens that are sagging, uneven or loosely secured which not only looks unappealing but it could cause damage to your windscreens and shorten their longevity.

QUICK TIPS

- Before installing windscreens, make sure the fence is well anchored and in good condition.
- For installation, we recommend using 120 lb UV protected tie wraps or "zip ties". These lightweight, UV treated, self-locking plastic fasteners simplify and accelerate any windscreen installation. Alternatively, you may choose to secure some areas of the screens with 50 lb. tie raps or black lacing cord. Tie wraps should be used as they will break at a high wind threshold. If metal clips are used, they will not break in a high wind event causing your screens or hems to tear.
- Hang windscreens off the ground so there is a gap of chain link between the court surface and the fence screen. A standard tennis fence is 10 ft high; and our standard tennis fence screens are 9 ft high. We advise hanging the screen at the top of the fence, a foot off the ground. Alternately, the windscreen can be centered, leaving a 6 inch gap at the top and bottom. For other fences, you typically want to hang the screens with a 4 inch gap at the bottom of the fence. This allows for weed eating/mowing without damaging your screens.
- Make sure that you are hanging the screen with the right side facing out. The back side of our fence screens will have a white label stitched into the hem.
- Each of the tags on our fence screen panels will be labeled with the finished size. We recommend writing the location of where your windscreen panel is installed on the label with a permanent marker. When the screens are taken down for storage, this will allow for better organization upon re-installation.
- Windscreens should be hung so that air vents (if included), are near the top.
- Make sure that every grommet is attached to the fence with one tie wrap or rope.
- Tie Wraps will break so it's a good idea to keep extra on hand. Replace any missing or broken tie wraps immediately. Failure to do so may lead to wind damage to the screens.

STEP-BY-STEP INSTALLATION

1. To start, line the top left corner of your screen up so it sits just below the bottom of the fence top rail. (If screens were ordered properly, there should be a gap between the bottom of the screen and bottom of the chain link fence)
2. Attach the first corner grommet to the chain link fence with a tie wrap. Make sure the fence screen is facing with the correct side facing out and that air vents (if included) are at the top. For large panels, it's more productive to have two people to efficiently install the windscreen.
3. Work your way down the length of the screen attaching grommets to the fence with tie raps; At this point, only install a tie rap approximately every 3 ft to 5 ft. Make sure to follow along just below the bottom of the fence top rail ensuring that the top of your screen is in a straight horizontal line.
4. As you move along attaching tie raps, make sure to keep the fence screen flat and taught to eliminate any bunching and wrinkles. At this point, don't pull your tie wraps too tight. Over securing will create a ripple effect along the top and bottom of the fabric. Secure the tie wraps enough to hold the fence screen straight across the top while keeping the fabric taught. You don't want to stretch the fabric, just keep the screen flat.
5. Once you finish the top grommets, start securing tie raps along the bottom of the screen in the same manner as the top grommets. Once you determine the screen is straight, flat, and fits as it should, secure tie raps to each vertical side of the screen and finally, go back and secure the rest of the grommets you skipped in step 3.
6. Once all grommets are attached, pull all tie wraps tight and adjust where needed to eliminate any wrinkles that may have occurred.
7. If your fence screen is over 6 ft in height and has a center tab you will need to secure the center reinforcement tab to the fence with tie wraps or lacing cord. Securing the center of the fence screen will minimize whipping from the wind which can damage the sport screens. To do this, you will need to go along the back side of the fence and secure the center tab with zip ties or use lacing cord to weave in and out between the chain link and the grommets.
8. If installing more than one panel, continue the same process but do not fasten one screen to the next.
9. Once all tie wraps are pulled tight, cut off excess length for a clean finished look.