

Ground Transportation Guide



Although SureShade sunshade systems are designed for use on the water, there may be times when you need to transport it on land. Many boaters need to transport their boats on a daily basis via a boat trailer.

Boaters also often transport boats to a storage location or a warmer climate during the winter months, while some boaters may need to arrange for long-distance ground transportation for a permanent relocation.

SureShade recommends boat owners take proper precautions, including fully retracting and securing the sunshade system, before taking it on the road.

SureShade Ground Transportation - Trailered Boats

SureShade has been tested to withstand speeds up to 55 MPH on the water with the shade fully extended. However, because highway speeds can often surpass 55 MPH, special precautions should be taken for boats that are transported with a trailer over the road.

Manual Sunshade System Trailer Transport

- Ensure the shade is in the retracted [closed] position.
- The canvas should be wrapped with something and strapped in place so road debris does not hit it and damage the canvas.

Automated Sunshade System Trailer Transport

- Ensure the shade is in the retracted [closed] position.
- The canvas should be wrapped with something and strapped in place so road debris does not hit it and damage the canvas. This is especially important for rollers on the automated system where there is less tension than on the manual system and the wind can balloon the canvas at highway speed in the retracted position and cause damage.
- Covering of the extending tubes are only needed if the boat is facing a direction where water and wind can enter the extending tubes of the actuator in the travel direction of transport (basically the extension of the shade should always face the rear of the vehicle).



SureShade Ground Transportation Preparation - Long Distance Transport

To ensure that the SureShade system is properly transported and avoid any potential service issues, please take the necessary precautions detailed below during transportation preparation.

Note: The below precautions are intended for the SureShade automated sunshade system which includes electrical components.

Use shrink wrap or plastic to cover crossbars, canvas and roller to stabilize components from ground vibration and protect the canvas.



Use preservation tape to close off gaps around the actuators to prevent water penetration between the extending tubes, especially when the boat is rigged aft-facing toward the front of the truck. Highway transportation in this manner and during inclement weather can result in excessive amounts of water to enter the actuator and compromise the actuators' internal components.



Stabilize the SureShade framework from vibration during ground transport by securing a strap on one side of the framework and tying the strap off to the opposite side of the boat. Repeat this so both sides are tied off and crisscross in the middle as shown above.

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