

The Case for Male Anchors at Tops of Panels

There are many anchor choices when installing your Hurricane Fabric Panels. The major consideration is the type of substrate (wood or masonry). In either case, you can choose a “Male” anchor with a stud that uses a wingnut or a “Female” anchor that is flush to the surface and sealed with a Sidewalk Bolt when the Panels are not deployed.

Many customers prefer the look of the flush anchors as they do not protrude from the surface. The male anchors, which have a ¼-20 stud of 1” in length are unsightly and inconvenient at low elevations and around entry ways.

That being said, Male anchors can hasten deployment of Panels on your home. If you use a Male anchor on the top corners of each opening, Panels can be positioned and hung in place quickly. When deploying the Panel, simply remove the plastic cap, hang the corner Panel Clip over the stud and install a wing nut. Repeat on the other end of the Panel and move on to the next opening.

Another advantage of this deployment method is that it is a one hand operation, particularly handy, if you are on a ladder. When deploying with Flush anchors, you must first remove the Sidewalk Bolt that “seals” the anchor, align the clip hole with the anchor and install or reinstall the Sidewalk Bolt through the Clip and into the anchor.

Note that, if you are using a Concrete Flush anchor, you do not have to utilize the Male Panelmate on the corners or tops. We offer ¼-20 studs that you can thread into the flush anchor, effectively turning it into a “Male” anchor. When Panels are not deployed you will maintain the flush look with no protrusions.

If you have long Panels on multi panel Sliding Doors or Lanai openings, consider using the Male configuration along the entire top.

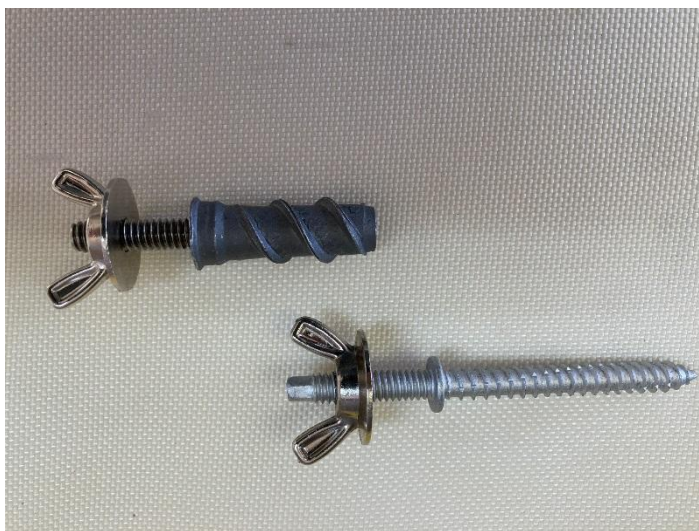


Figure 1 – Retrofit Flush Anchor at top, Standard Male Panelmate at bottom.