The Winter Patio Heating Guide

A companion guide for the Dr. Infrared Heater DR-238 — placement, coverage, and seasonal care. Free bonus from ZoxDeal.

1. Where to mount it

Mount the heater 7–8 feet high on a wall or ceiling, aimed at the seating area — not at an empty corner. Infrared heat travels in a straight line, so the angle matters more than the wattage. Aim it at chairs and tables, and keep the distance to people under about 10 feet for the strongest warmth.

2. Coverage math for 1500W

One DR-238 comfortably warms one seating zone: a table with 2–4 chairs, or a small sofa set. It will not heat a whole open deck. For larger patios, plan one unit per seating zone rather than hoping one heater covers everything.

3. Wind and cover tips

Wind is the enemy of infrared heat outdoors. A covered patio, a windbreak screen, or a nearby wall dramatically improves results. Under a roof or pergola, the DR-238 performs at its best. In open wind, expect noticeably less warmth even on the highest setting.

4. Settings by temperature

Mild evenings (50–60°F): 900W is usually enough. Chilly nights (40–50°F): use 1200W. True cold (below 40°F): run 1500W and sit closer to the heater. Start on high, then step down once you feel warm — it saves electricity.

5. Remote and power tips

Keep spare batteries for the remote — they are not included in the box. Remember: after a power outage the unit does not remember its setting, so restart it with the remote. Check that the power cord reaches your outlet before mounting; the cord may be short for some setups.

6. Seasonal care checklist

Autumn: wipe the housing, check the bracket bolts, and test all three settings before the first cold night. Winter: brush off snow from the housing and keep the front grille clear. Spring: wipe down the unit, inspect the cord, and cover it if you leave it mounted through storm season.

7. Safety reminders

The DR-238 is ETL-listed and IP55 weatherproof, but keep flammable items (curtains, paper, dry leaves) away from the front of the heater. Never cover the unit while it runs. Always mount it

securely — a falling heater is a hazard, not just an inconvenience.

Made as an original bonus for readers of the ZoxDeal DR-238 review. Prices and ratings change over time — always check the live Amazon listing before buying.