

Affordable Blinds

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How to Measure

Measuring properly is possibly the most critical aspect of a successful custom window blind purchase. Measuring properly is very critical and often taken too lightly. The most common mistakes are below and should be given some consideration before measuring. Please print our "MEASURING AND ORDERING" form prior to measuring; this will help you through the process from the time you measure until the time you install.

Step 1

Always Measure and write down the width first and the length second. The #1 mistake in ordering custom window blinds is inverting these two dimensions and consequently the blind is not repairable and is a complete waste.

Step 2

Measure the exact size of the window opening, DO NOT make your own deductions so that the blind will go inside the window. During the order process you will specify if the blind is to go inside the window opening, if so the factory will make the proper deduction for you. If you make a deduction and the factory makes a deduction your blind may be too small for the window. See (i/s) inside mount and (o/s) mount information below.

Step 3

Room locations. This will be a short description of where the blind goes, for example: FAMILY#1 or DINING#3 or BED #1. Although this is not critical to the ordering process it can make the installation go considerably smoother. When you are measuring you should write down a room location for each blind. The manufacturer will in turn print this location on your blind making it much easier to locate which blind goes into which window. Even though several window may be generally considered to be the same size they will often have slight differences in actual size. To have like windows vary in size by as much as 1/2" is not uncommon. It is VERY IMPORTANT that you measure each window. After measuring you may find that some windows are exactly the same size, in this situation we still recommend to list and order them separately with their own room location for ease in installing.

Step 4

INSIDE (I/S) vs. OUTSIDE (O/S) MOUNT BLINDS.

INSIDE MOUNT

A typically window blind that is going to be installed inside your window opening is referred to as an "inside mount" blind. This means that the factory will make an appropriate deduction on the size of the blind so that it will fit into the window and operate properly. Generally this deduction is 1/2" on the width (1/4" on each side) and no deduction on the length except for vertical blinds which will have a deduction on the length as well.

OUTSIDE MOUNT

Refers to a blind that is not going to be installed inside the window opening. Basically this blind is made the exact size of what you order. Generally this is a blind that is mounted to the wall over a window or on a door or any application where you want to specify the exact size of the blind. Often times when you are measuring for an outside mount blind you may want to add to the size of the blind to allow for some overlap which may help for privacy. Valances that come with an outside mount blind generally will have a "return" or end cap. This is to cover the exposed end of the "headrail" or top mechanism of a blind.