### Measuring Guide for Horizontal Blinds

### **Aluminum Blinds**

## Tools and Tips • Steel tape measure — do not use cloth tape • Pencil • Measurement Worksheet – See page 3 • Measure each window and identify window locations – size variances are common • Round measurements to the nearest ½" • Clearly record measurements – width vs. height

7/8"

### Choose a Mount Type: Inside Mount or Outside Mount

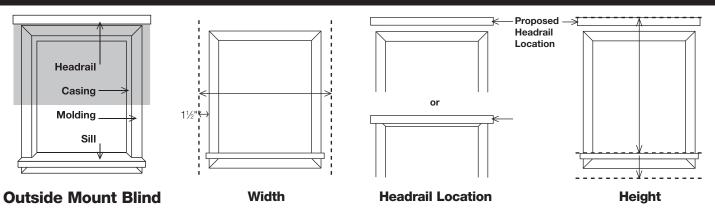
(See next page if you need help deciding which mount is best for your windows.)

# Inside Mount Window treatments are installed inside the window casing. Headrail Casing Molding Sill Inside Mount Blind Depth Width Height

- **Measure Depth:** See chart on next page to determine if window casing has enough depth for an inside-mount window treatment.
- **2 Measure Width:** Measure the inside width of window casing in three places. Record narrowest measurement.
- **Measure Height:** Measure the inside height from the top of window casing to top of sill in three places. Record longest measurement.

Note: Do not take any deductions for clearance. The manufacturer will take necessary deductions for a perfect fit.

### Outside Mount Window treatments are installed outside the window casing. Mount directly to wall or molding.



- Measure Width: Measure width to be covered. We recommend 1½" overlap on each side of the window (3" total) for optimum light control and privacy. Record measurement.
- 2 Determine Headrail Location Determine if headrail will be on molding or above molding and mark spot.
- Measure Height: Measure height to be covered from top of headrail location to top of sill or lower if overlap is desired for additional light control and privacy. Record measurement.

Note: The manufacturer makes NO deductions on outside-mount installations.



### **Mounting Considerations**

### **Reason for Choosing Inside Mount**

### Clean Look

- Inside-mount treatments are installed inside the window casing, showcasing attractive window trim.
- The window opening frames the treatment for a finished, clean appearance.

### Allows Sill Space on Deep Windows

 In some deep-set windows, the window treatment can be installed to allow plants or other items to be placed in front of the window treatment on the sill.

### **Limitations of Inside Mount**

### **Light Gaps**

 A small deduction in the width and/or length is taken at the manufacturer to allow for proper operating clearance, and this causes a small gap on each side of the treatment, affecting the treatment's ability to darken a room.

### **Obstructed View**

- The stack (compressed portion of the window treatment when fully raised) will obstruct a part of the view from the window.
- The amount of stack varies by product.

### **Architectural Obstacles**

 Obstacles such as handles and cranks can interfere with the operation of inside-mount treatments.

### **Reason for Choosing Outside Mount**

### **Improve Privacy and Light Control**

 Light gaps on the side of the window treatment can be substantially diminished or eliminated.

### **Fewer Installation Limitations**

- Outside-mount window treatments are ideal for covering non-square windows.
- Outside-mount window treatments are installed higher than the window opening for an unobstruced view when fully raised.

### **Architectural Obstacles**

 Outside-mount window treatments can clear obstacles like handles and cranks.

### **Enlarge the Look of a Small Window**

• Increase overlap above and below or to each side of the window.

### **Hide Window Trim**

• Outside-mount treatments can easily hide unattractive window trim.

### **Limitations of Outside Mount**

### **Required Surface Above Window Frame**

 Outside-mount brackets require at least 2" of flat surface above window or on window frame for mounting brackets; Projection brackets can be ordered if needed to clear frame or molding.

Inside Mount Window Casing Minimum Depth Requirements		
A. Flush Mount: If the window casing is deep enough to mount the entire headrail inside of it, this is called a flush mount.		
<b>B. Partially Recessed:</b> A partially recessed window treatment is when the depth of the window casing is less than the space necessary for a flush mount.	A	В.
Horizontal Blinds	Depth needed for Flush Mount	Depth needed for Partially Recessed
1" Classics Supreme and 1" Classics Supreme Privacy Aluminum Blinds	13/4"	3/4"
1" Classics Supreme and 1" Classics Supreme Privacy Cordless Aluminum Blinds	21/8"	3/4"

Headrail flush mount depth chart valid for flush-mount headrail on standard blinds only.



### Measuring and Ordering Worksheet

Window #1	Window #2	Window #3
(location)	(location)	(location)
Measuring	Measuring	Measuring
For Inside Mount	For Inside Mount	For Inside Mount
Depth of window casing:	Depth of window casing:	Depth of window casing:
Measure width of window in 3 places and circle the narrowest width below:	Measure width of window in 3 places and circle the narrowest width below:	Measure width of window in 3 places and circle the narrowest width below:
Width #1:	Width #1:	Width #1:
Width #2:	Width #2:	Width #2:
Width #3:	Width #3:	Width #3:
Measure height of window in 3 places and circle the longest height below:	Measure height of window in 3 places and circle the longest height below:	Measure height of window in 3 places and circle the longest height below:
Height #1:	Height #1:	Height #1:
Height #2:	Height #2:	Height #2:
Height #3:	Height #3:	Height #3:
For Outside Mount	For Outside Mount	For Outside Mount
Width:	Width:	Width:
Height:	Height:	Height:
Ordering	Ordering	Ordering
Mount Type: □Inside □Outside	Mount Type: □Inside □Outside	Mount Type: □Inside □Outside
Ordering Width:	Ordering Width:	Ordering Width:
Ordering Height:	Ordering Height:	Ordering Height:
Type of Blind or Shade:	Type of Blind or Shade:	Type of Blind or Shade:
Style Name:	Style Name:	Style Name:
Color Number:	Color Number:	Color Number:
Controls & Options to consider:	Controls & Options to consider:	Controls & Options to consider:
☐ Corded	☐ Corded	☐ Corded
☐ Cordless	☐ Cordless	☐ Cordless
☐ Bottom Up/Top Down (Cellular, Pleated , Roman, and Natural Shades)	☐ Bottom Up/Top Down (Cellular, Pleated , Roman, and Natural Shades)	☐ Bottom Up/Top Down (Cellular, Pleated , Roman, and Natural Shades)
☐ Sun Up/Sun Down (Cellular & Pleated Shades only)	☐ Sun Up/Sun Down (Cellular & Pleated Shades only)	☐ Sun Up/Sun Down (Cellular & Pleated Shades only)
☐ Cornice:	☐ Cornice:	☐ Cornice:
□ Valance:	□ Valance:	□ Valance:
☐ Other:	☐ Other:	☐ Other:

