

Measuring Guide for Sliding Panels

Tools and Tips

- Steel tape measure — do not use cloth measuring tape
- Pencil
- Measurement Worksheet – see page 3
- Measure each window and identify window locations – size variances are common
- Round measurements to the nearest 1/8"
- Clearly record measurements – width vs. height

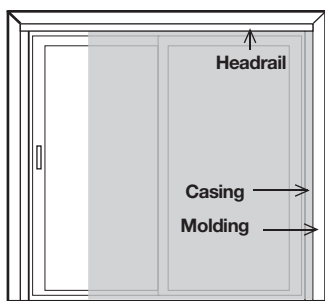
1/8"
1/4"
3/8"
1/2"
5/8"
3/4"
7/8"

Choose a Mount Type: Inside Mount or Outside Mount

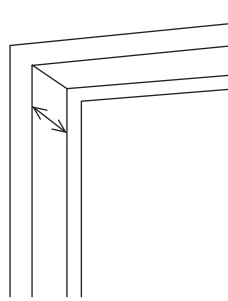
(See next page if you need help deciding which mount is best for your windows.)

Inside Mount

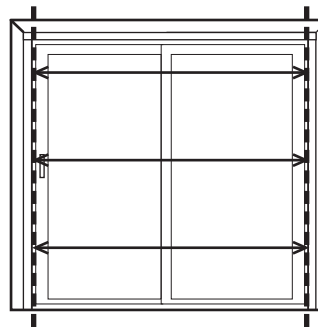
Window treatments are installed inside the window casing.



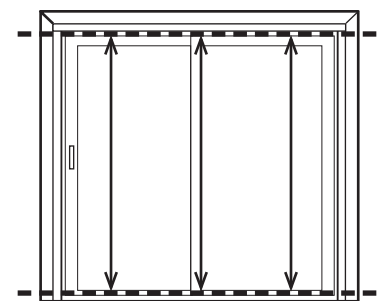
Inside Mount Blind



Depth



Width



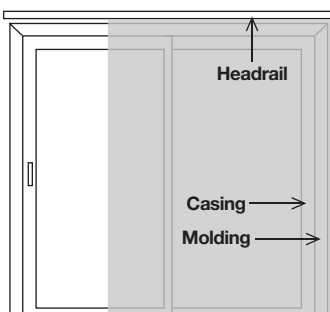
Height

- 1 **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.
- 3 **Measure Height:** Measure the inside height from the top of window casing to top of sill (or to the floor for patio doors) in three places. Record shortest measurement.

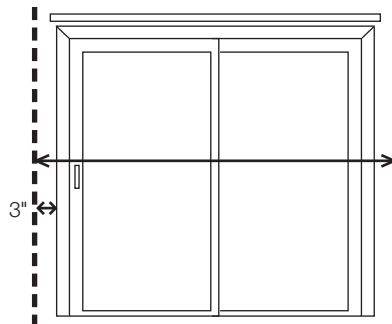
Note: Do not take any deductions for clearance. The manufacturer will take necessary deductions for a perfect fit.

Outside Mount

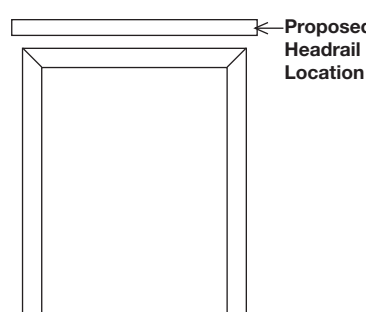
Window treatments are installed outside the window casing. Mount directly to wall or molding.



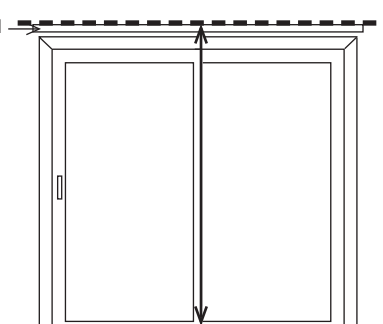
Outside Mount Blind



Width



Headrail Location



Height

- 1 **Measure Width:** Measure width to be covered. We recommend 3" overlap on each side (6" total) for optimum light control and privacy. Record measurement. If you want the entire window uncovered when the shade is fully open, you will need to add more than 3" to the width. See information on bottom of page 2.
- 2 **Determine Headrail Location:** Determine headrail mounting position and mark the spot.
- 3 **Measure Height:** Measure height to be covered from top of headrail location to bottom edge or top of sill if there is one. Record measurement. Allow 3" for adequate mounting area above the window. If shade extends to the floor (i.e. to cover a patio door), measure height from the headrail to the floor, and deduct 1/2" for Roller, Solar and Roman Shade fabrics, or 1" for Natural Shade materials in order for the panels to clear the floor.

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

Reason for Choosing Inside Mount

Clean Look

- Inside-mount treatments are installed inside the window casing, showcasing attractive window molding.
- 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. This may cause a small gap on each side of the treatment, affecting the treatment's ability to darken a room.

Obstructed View

- The stack of panels will obstruct part of the view from the window when fully opened. The amount of stack varies by number of panels.

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 can be configured so panel stack is to the side of window opening for an unobstructed view when fully open.

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 your window or on the window frame for mounting brackets; Projection brackets can be ordered if needed to clear frame or molding.

Depth Requirements for Inside Mount

	Sliding Panels Headrail Dimensions	 Partially recessed headrail in window casing/molding	 Fully recessed headrail in window casing/molding	Roller, Solar Fabric fully recessed with Valance	Natural Shade Material fully recessed with Valance
		Minimum Depth Mount	Flush with Casing	Flush with Casing	Flush with Casing
2-Channel	1 ¹ / ₁₆ " x 1 ⁹ / ₁₆ "	1"	1 ¹ / ₁₆ "	2 ³ / ₄ "	3 ³ / ₁₆ "
3-Channel	1 ¹ / ₁₆ " x 2 ¹ / ₈ "	1"	2 ¹ / ₈ "	2 ⁵ / ₈ "	3 ¹ / ₂ "
4-Channel	1 ¹ / ₁₆ " x 2 ³ / ₄ "	1 ³ / ₄ "	2 ³ / ₄ "	3 ³ / ₄ "	5"
5-Channel	1 ¹ / ₁₆ " x 3 ¹ / ₂ "	1 ³ / ₄ "	3 ¹ / ₂ "	4 ¹ / ₂ "	5 ⁷ / ₈ "

Note: For all headrails, height with panel attachment rail is 1¹¹/₁₆".

Measuring Worksheet

Window #1

_____ (location)

Measuring

For Inside Mount

Depth of window casing: _____

Measure width of window in 3 places and circle the narrowest width below:

Width #1: _____

Width #2: _____

Width #3: _____

Measure height of window in 3 places and circle the shortest height below:

Height #1: _____

Height #2: _____

Height #3: _____

For Outside Mount

Width: _____

Height: _____

Window #2

_____ (location)

Measuring

For Inside Mount

Depth of window casing: _____

Measure width of window in 3 places and circle the narrowest width below:

Width #1: _____

Width #2: _____

Width #3: _____

Measure height of window in 3 places and circle the shortest height below:

Height #1: _____

Height #2: _____

Height #3: _____

For Outside Mount

Width: _____

Height: _____

Window #3

_____ (location)

Measuring

For Inside Mount

Depth of window casing: _____

Measure width of window in 3 places and circle the narrowest width below:

Width #1: _____

Width #2: _____

Width #3: _____

Measure height of window in 3 places and circle the shortest height below:

Height #1: _____

Height #2: _____

Height #3: _____

For Outside Mount

Width: _____

Height: _____