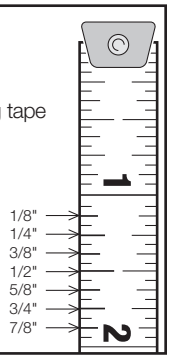
Measuring Guide for Vertical Blinds

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 ⅛"
- **Clearly record measurements** – width vs. height

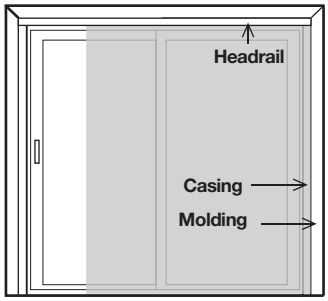


Choose a Mount Type: **Inside Mount or Outside Mount**

(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.



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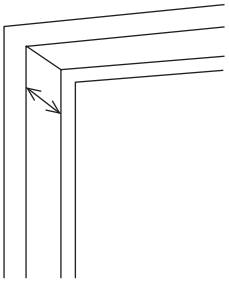

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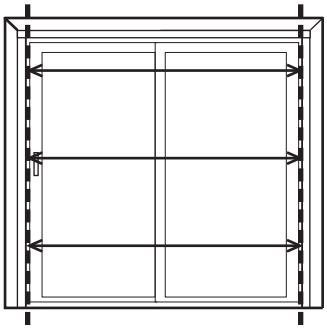

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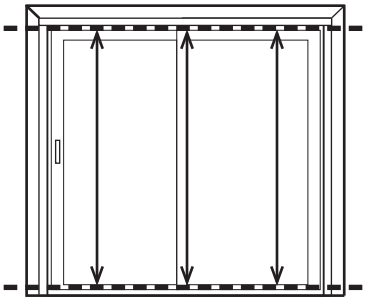


Height

❶ **Measure Depth:** See chart on next page to determine if window casing has enough depth for an inside-mount window treatment.

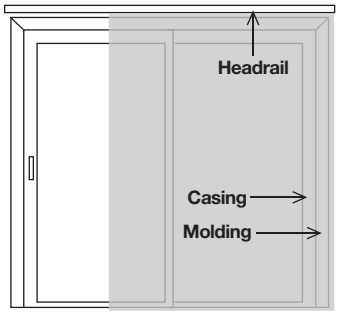
❷ **Measure Width:** Measure the inside width of window casing in three places. Record narrowest measurement.

❸ **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.



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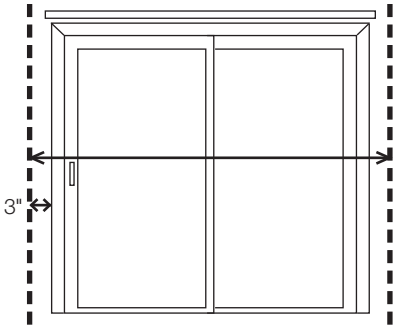

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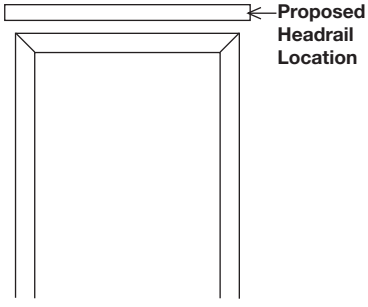
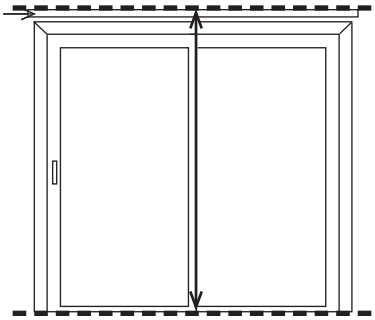


Headrail Location



Height

❶ **Measure Width:** Measure width of window. We recommend 3" on each side (6" total overlap) for optimum light control and privacy. If you want the entire window uncovered when the blind is fully open, you may need to add more than the recommended 6".

❷ **Determine Headrail Location:** Determine headrail mounting position and mark the spot.

❸ **Measure Height:** Measure height to be covered from top of headrail location to bottom edge or top of bottom sill if there is one. Record the measurement. Allow 3" for adequate mounting area above the window. If blind extends to the floor (i.e. to cover a patio door), measure height from the headrail to the floor, and deduct ½" for clearance in order for the vanes to clear the floor.

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

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Mounting Considerations

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 (compressed portion of the window treatment when fully opened) will obstruct 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 can be configured so the louver stack is to the side of the window opening for an unobstructed view when fully opened.

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

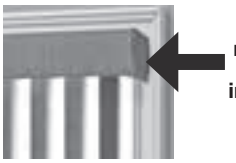
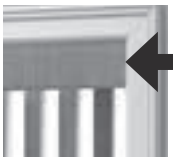
Enlarge the Look of a Small Window
- Increase overlap above and below or to each side of the window.

Hide Window Trim
- Outside-mount treatments provide an easy way to hide unattractive window trim.

Limitations of Outside Mount

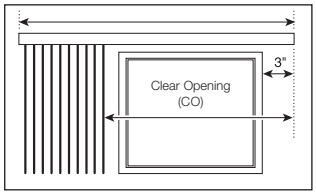
Required Surface Above Window Frame
- Outside-mount brackets require at least 2" of flat surface above window for mounting brackets; Projection brackets can be ordered if needed to clear frame or molding.

Depth Requirements for Inside Mount

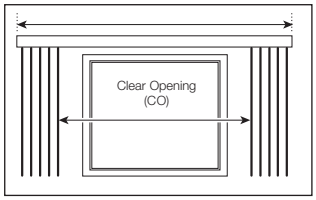
Headrail Dimensions	 **Partially recessed headrail in window casing/ molding** Minimum Depth Mount	Headrail Flush with Casing (Louvers and/or Valance not flush with casing)	Depth needed for Flush Mount Louver	 **Fully recessed valance in window casing/ molding** Depth needed for Flush Mount Louver
1⅜" x 1⁵⁄₁₆"	2⅜"	3"	3¾"	4⅝"

Clear Opening: How to Measure for Uncovered Window

Stack Left Finished Blind Width (FBW)



Split Stack
(recommended for balanced appearance)
Finished Blind Width (FBW)



1. Determine clear opening width for split stack, stack right or stack left (See diagrams) - the additional 3" shown for privacy is recommended if ordering a right or left stack.
2. Match the clear opening width with dimension found under "CO" column on the next page. For even spacing, round up width measurement to the next size in the stack chart. Split stack will have even number of vanes.
3. Order the corresponding dimension found in the "FBW" (Finished Blind Width) column on the next page.

Example: Stack Left
If determined width for clear opening window view is 54⅝", order width needed to provide full unobstructed view is 66¾".

NOTE: For stack right or stack left blinds add an additional 3" to the clear opening **before** calculating the finished blind width.

Louver Stacking Chart: Cord and Chain Control

No. of Louvers	Single Stack		Split Stack	
	CO	FBW	CO	FBW
3	6⅞	10⅛		
4	9½	13¼	7¼	12½
5	12⅛	16⅜		
6	14⅞	19⅝	12½	18¾
7	17½	22¾		
8	20⅛	25⅞	17⅞	25⅛
9	22¾	29		
10	25⅜	32⅛	23¼	31⅜
11	28⅛	35⅜		
12	30¾	38½	28½	37¾
13	33⅜	41⅝		
14	36⅛	44¾	33¾	44
15	38¾	47⅞		
16	41⅜	51	39⅛	50¼
17	44	54¼		
18	46⅝	57⅜	44½	56⅝
19	49⅜	60½		
20	52	63⅝	49¾	62⅞
21	54⅝	66¾		
22	57⅜	70	55	69⅛
23	60	73⅛		
24	62⅝	76¼	60⅜	75½
25	65¼	79⅜		
26	67⅞	82½	65¾	81¾
27	70⅝	85¾		
28	73¼	88⅞	71	88
29	75⅞	92		
30	78⅝	95⅛	76¼	94⅜
31	81¼	98¼		
32	83⅞	101⅜	81½	100⅝

No. of Louvers	Single Stack		Split Stack	
	CO	FBW	CO	FBW
33	86½	104⅝		
34	89⅛	107¾	86⅞	107
35	91¾	110⅞		
36	94½	114	92⅛	113¼
37	97⅛	117⅛		
38	99¾	120⅜	97⅜	119½
39	102⅜	123½		
40	105⅛	126⅝	102¾	125⅞
41	107¾	129¾		
42	110⅜	132⅞	108⅛	132⅛
43	113	136		
44	115¾	139¼	113⅜	138⅜
45	118⅜	142⅜		
46	121	145½	118⅝	144¾
47	123⅝	148⅝		
48	126⅜	151¾	124	151
49	129	155		
50	131⅝	158⅛	129¼	157¼
51	134¼	161¼		
52	137	164⅜	134⅝	163⅝
53	139⅝	167½		
54	142¼	170⅝	139⅞	169⅞
55	144⅞	173⅞		
56	147⅝	177	145¼	176¼
57	150¼	180⅛		
58	152⅞	183¼	150½	182½
59	155½	186⅜		
60	158¼	189⅝	155⅞	188¾
61	159⅛	191		
62			157	191

FBW = Finished Blind Width
CO = Clear Opening
STACK = FBW - CO

For even spacing on outside mounts, round up width measurement to the next size in the stack chart. Split stack blinds must have an even number of louvers.

Louver stacking chart: Wand Control

No. of Louvers	Single Stack	
	CO	FBW
3	6⅛	9¾
4	8¾	12⅞
5	11½	16
6	14⅛	19¼
7	16¾	22⅜
8	19½	25½
9	22⅛	25⅝
10	24¾	31¾
11	27⅜	35
12	30	38⅛
13	32¾	41¼
14	35⅜	44⅜
15	38	47½
16	40⅝	50⅝
17	43⅜	53⅞
18	46	57
19	48⅝	60⅛
20	51⅜	63¼
21	54	66⅜
22	56⅝	69⅝
23	59 ⅝	73⅛
24	62¼	76¼
25	65	79⅜
26	67⅝	82½

No. of Louvers	Single Stack	
	CO	FBW
27	70¼	85¾
28	73	88⅞
29	75⅝	92
30	78¼	95⅛
31	80⅞	98¼
32	83½	101⅜
33	86¼	104⅝
34	88⅞	107¾
35	91½	110⅞
36	94⅛	114
37	96¾	117⅛
38	99½	120⅜
39	102⅛	123½
40	104¾	126⅝
41	107½	129¾
42	110⅛	132⅞
43	112¾	136
44	115⅜	139¼
45	118	142⅜
46	120¾	145½
47	123⅜	148⅝
48	126	151¾
49	128¾	155
50	129¼	156

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Split Stack not available.

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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:_____