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How to Measure for Window Coverings

A steel measuring tape is the only accurate device for measuring windows.

Selecting the Type of Mounting

Determine the type of mounting installation. Blinds are mounted in two ways, inside the window frame or outside the window frame.

Inside Mount

Inside mounts are often preferred because they provide a finished look without covering the window molding.

Measuring Width & Length For Inside Mount

For the width, measure across the top, middle and bottom of the window opening. Measure to the nearest 1/8", noting the narrowest measurement. By using the narrowest measurement, you will allow the blind to operate correctly.

For length, measure the up and down measurement on the left, center and right side. For horizontal blinds, note the longest measurement, measuring to the nearest 1/8".

For vertical blinds, note the shortest length measurement, measuring to the nearest 1/8".

Note: Inside mount blinds will have a factory deduction in the width and length for proper operation. Do not take any deductions.

Outside Mount

Outside mounts are mounted on the wall or the molding. It is best to overlap the window opening at least 1-1/2" on each side when installing horizontal blinds and 3" on each side when installing vertical blinds.

Measuring Width & Length For Outside Mount

Measure the area that the blind is to cover.

For horizontal blinds, it is suggested to overlap the window opening by 1-1/2" on each side for a total of 3". By providing overlap, privacy is maintained.

For vertical blinds, it is recommended to overlap the window opening by 3" on each side for a total of 6". It is suggested that a vertical be mounted 3" above the window opening.

Allow enough space above the window for the mounting brackets:
• Horizontal blinds allow 2"
• Vertical blinds allow 3"

Note: When outside mount blinds are specified, no factory deductions are taken. The blinds will be made to the size that is specified.

Confirming Measurements

The most common error in ordering blinds is reversing the width and the length measurement. Always confirm the width being the measurement that goes across and the length being the up and down measurement.