

Guide to measuring windows. Measurements can't be changed once order has been placed, and since each product is custom made, mistakes can cause delays and additional costs. Please call one of our Office if you have any questions at 301-670-9400. We will be more than happy to send one of our staff out to measure your project, just let us know.

Getting Started

Window measurements are always width by height. For instance if a window is 24" wide by 36" tall, it would be written 24" x 36".

Step 1: Choose Inside or Outside Mount



Inside Mount

When possible, most people prefer an Inside Mount, where the window treatment is mounted inside the window frame, because it provides a customized, tailored look, and leaves decorative molding exposed.



Outside Mount

An Outside Mount should be chosen if there is not enough mounting depth for your blind or shade in the window frame. Other reasons to choose an Outside Mount include making a window appear larger, allowing the product to stack above or to the side in order to provide an unobstructed view, or maximizing privacy by eliminating light gaps.

Step 2: Measuring

Measuring for an Inside Mount

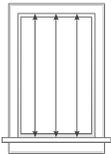
Please read this entire section.

When measuring, record the exact window dimensions to the nearest $\frac{1}{8}$ ". Deductions will be taken by manufacturer so that the product will fit properly in your window.



Measure the Width

Measure across the top, middle and bottom of the window. Record the narrowest measurement, rounding down to the nearest $\frac{1}{8}$ ".

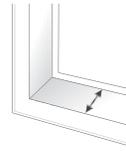


Measure the height

Measure the height at the center and both sides of the window. Use the longest measurement for all products except Horizontal Sheers, Vertical Blinds and Sheer Verticals where you will want to record the shortest measurement.

Inside Mount Checklist

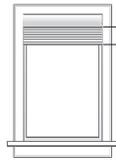
If your window opening does not meet the following criteria, proceed to the section on measuring for Outside Mount.



- Is there enough mounting depth in the window frame?
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- Are there any obstructions, such as window handles or door knobs, that will interfere with operation of your window treatment?



Stack

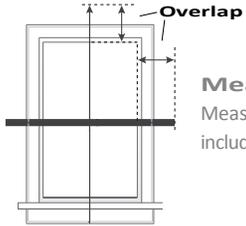
- Will the product stack obstruct your view in a way that is unacceptable when your blind and shade is open?

Please note: If you specify inside mount, your blind or shade will be made slightly smaller than the window opening, to allow for operating clearance. Therefore, there will be small light gaps along the vertical edges of your window treatment. Most light gaps will be $\frac{1}{8}$ " to $\frac{1}{4}$ " on each side. If light gaps will be an issue, choose an Outside Mount.

Measuring for an outside Mount

Please read this entire section before placing your order.

Your window treatment will be made to the exact size that you specify. In some cases, portions of the product, such as the fabric portion of a Roller Shade, will be up to 1" narrower than the operating mechanisms.

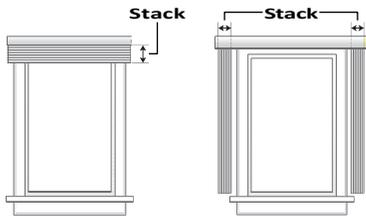


Measure Width and height

Measure the width and height of the area you want the blind or shade to cover, including overlaps on the top, bottom and sides.

Outside Mount checklist

- Are there any obstructions, such as door handles or molding?
- Protruding window sill? If you want your blind or shade to rest on the sill, add overlap to the top only.



Above

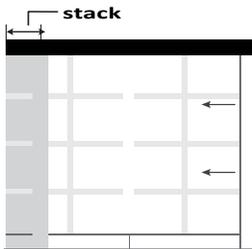
Side

- If you want your window treatment to stack above or to the side of the window or door opening, add the width or height of the stack to your measurement.

- Multiple Windows in the same room? For a uniform look, add the same overlaps for all windows.

Tip for doors

Sliding glass doors



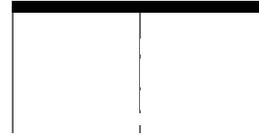
A Vertical Blind with a reverse draw is a good choice. The blind opens away from the end with the controls, allowing operation near the opening, and stacking that will not obstruct entry and exit.

French doors

Order hold down brackets to keep product in place when opening and closing doors.

Step 3: Additional Tips

2-on-1 headrail



Large windows? Consider the 2-on-1 headrail option, where instead of one large window covering you have two on the same headrail, each with their own operating mechanisms.

Decide where you want the division to be between the two window coverings, then take the following 3 measurements:

Inside Mount

- Width and height of the entire window.
- Width from the left side of the window to the center point between where the two window coverings will meet.

Outside Mount

- Width and height of the area you want the blind or shade to cover, including overlaps on the top, sides and bottom.
- Width from the edge of where the left hand side overlap will start, to the center point between where the two window coverings will meet.