

How To Measure Your Windows

Tips:

- Always use a steel measuring tape.
- Measure to the nearest 1/8 of an inch.
- Specify exact measurements. Width always comes first.

First: Decide whether you want the window treatment inside the window frame (or recessed window) or outside of the window frame.



Inside frame mount



Outside frame mount

Inside frame mounts are preferable because they provide a cleaner look. However, if there are obstructions inside the frame like locks or alarm sensors you will need to do an outside frame mount. Outside mounts can make windows look larger or hide bad windows or uneven windows.

Measuring for inside mounted blinds

Width: Measure the exact distance between the outermost points at the top where the shade is to be placed. It is best to have the tips of the rollers overlap the window by 1 1/2" to 3" per side. If you specify an outside frame mount the factory makes no deduction from your width measurements.

When you order, it is helpful to know not only the opening width, but how much space you have to mount the brackets, as well as an idea of how much fabric overlap you would like to have.

Height: Place the end of your tape measure where the top of the roller will be and measure down to where you want the shade to pull down to. Measure the height in three places also (left side, middle and right side) and use the longest dimension.) Measure the height of the window. Add at least 3" above and at least 3" below the window and give those dimensions. For more information read: How Much Depth is Required

Measuring for outside mounted blinds

Place the tape measure inside the window casing. Make sure to add the size of measuring tape's casing to inside measurements.

Width: Measure the inside frame width at the top, middle and bottom to see if your window is in square. Tell us if your window is not square. The top measurement where the brackets are to hang is the most important. For inside mounts, always measure where the brackets are to be installed. The width at the top can be different from the width at the bottom.

It is important that the width dimensions you give for an inside window frame mount are accurate to within 1/8" of an inch. We do not take measurements in 1/16" of an inch. Therefore, always round down to the nearest 1/8" of an inch. For example: 3/16" would round down to 2/16" which is the same as 1/8" inch. Rounding up could result in a shade that is too wide for the window opening.

Height: Measure the height in three places also (left side, middle and right side) and use the longest dimension.

Depth: For a flush inside mount (the shade is completely recessed) make sure you have enough depth. The needed depth will vary depending on the size of the window, type of fabric, control mechanism, and the inclusion of fascia or valances.