

Measuring for Vertical Blinds

All vertical blind vanes rotate. They also draw like draperies. You may request a center open/two-way draw where the vanes stack on both sides of the window, or a one-way draw where the vanes stack on either the left or right side of the window. For a sliding glass door (ie. patio doors), we suggest a one-way draw with the stack on the opposite side of the door handle.



Most vertical blinds are mounted outside of the window frame because they usually require at least 4 ½" in flush mount window opening depth. Patio door handles protrude and interfere with an inside mount. However, if you have sufficient window depth, they can be mounted inside the window frame.

For an inside or ceiling mount:

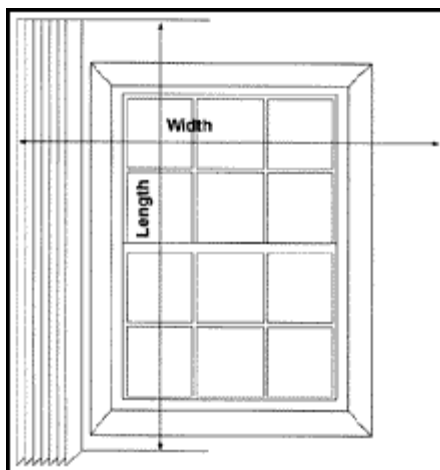
Depending on the size of the window, an inside mount will result in the window glass being partially covered by the stacked blinds when they are opened.

Measure the exact width of the window opening across the top where the headrail is to be installed. Measure from the inside of the trim on the left side to the inside of the trim on the right side. Round the measurement down to the nearest 1/8" and record this measurement on the measuring worksheet. The headrail of all inside mount blinds will be made slightly smaller 1/4" than requested to allow room for mounting brackets and for operating clearance.

Measure the exact height of the window opening from the inside of the trim to the top of the windowsill or to the exact length that you want the blind. Measure the height in three places (the right side, the middle, and the left side of the window). Round the measurements down to the nearest 1/8" and record the shortest (smallest) measurement on the measuring worksheet. The blind will be made about ½" shorter to allow for free movement of vanes at the sill or floor.

Measure the available depth of your window frame. Be careful not to include inside trim, window cranks or tracks. Measure only the space that is available to install the mounting brackets for the blinds. Record the measurement on the measuring worksheet.

Refer the Measuring/Install tab on the product page for the type of vertical blind you have chosen to determine the minimum window depth required to have a recessed mount where the blind does not project out of the window opening.



For an outside or wall mount:

If you specify an outside or wall mount, the blinds will be manufactured to the exact size that you specify. The factory will not take any size deductions.

Depending on the amount of wall space available, you can have the blinds stack completely off the window glass when they are opened.

Measure the width of the window opening including trim. If there is room, add at least 4" to each side for overlap. This will ensure minimum light gap.

Measure the window opening height. Add at least 3" in height to allow for mounting brackets above the opening and add your desired overlap at the bottom. If your blinds will hang down to the floor or to the windowsill, deduct at least ½" for clearance.

The factory makes a deduction off of the vanes for both inside and outside mount blind so once the vanes are attached to the headrail the overall size of the product is made to the ism or osm specifications.