

# How to Measure Your Windows for Perfectly Fitting Blinds



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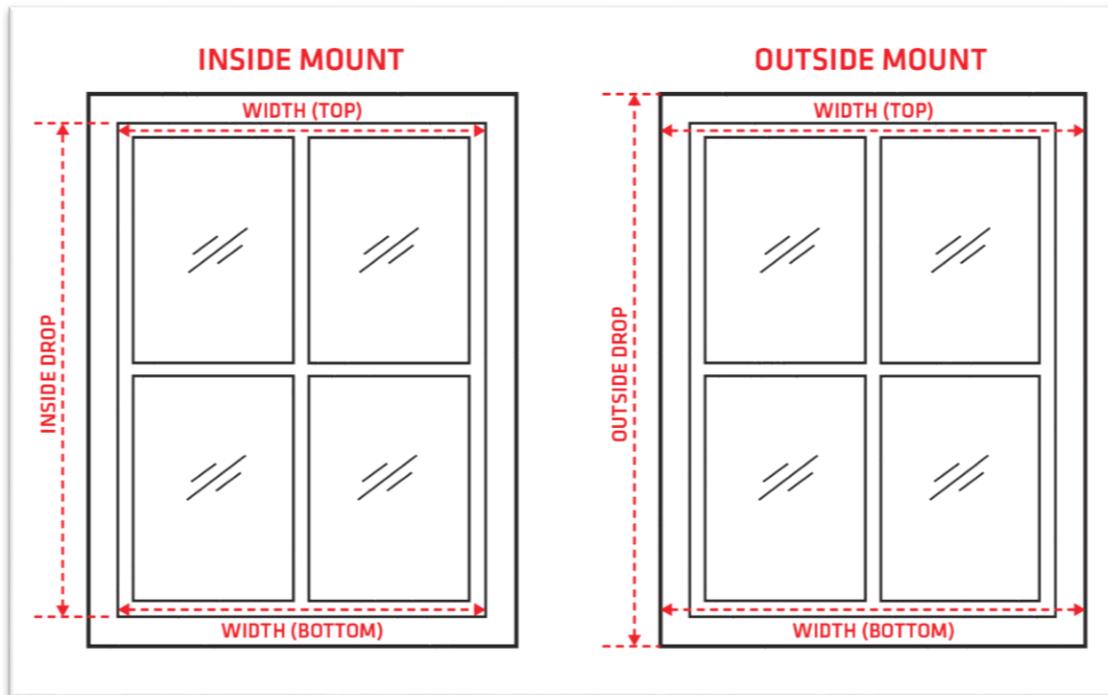
If you want a professional finish and stunning display to your blinds installation there are a couple of vital points to consider.

Always use a metal tape measure and NOT a cloth one as these are known to stretch and thus be inaccurate.

*All blinds are made to specified measurements, therefore the manufacturer, cannot be held responsible for incorrect sizes/dimensions given by the client.*

**E-mailed and faxed orders are preferable to verbal or telephonic orders.** All the sizes should be given accurately in MILLIMETRES.

Blinds measurements must be **PRECISELY FROM WALL TO WALL** – we shall make the necessary deductions ourselves, except if you already know the blinds' dimensions in which case you must clearly indicate that fact.



**REMEMBER TO ALWAYS GIVE THE WIDTH FIRST, THEN THE DROP!**

## **VERTICAL BLINDS**

Using a metal tape measure from point A to point B (width) where the track is going to fit and from point C to point D (drop) where the slats will hang as on the diagram.

This will be your reveal/recess (inside) measurement. For drop, measurement is always taken on shortest side of window or frame or else the blind might “drag” on the sill or floor.

Check the depth of the recess (sill). It should always be at least 80mm for 127mm slats (standard width) or 60mm for 90mm slats.

For recess, fit deduct 7mm off width and 5mm off drop for windows and 15mm off drop for floors.

*We work to a tolerance of 3mm.*

If window sills must be tiled or floors must still be tiled/carpeted remember to make further necessary deductions. For face fit (outside) measurements add  $\pm 150$ mm to both sides if possible on width, i.e. 300mm in total and  $\pm 100$ mm above window or door frame for drop.

Remember that a blind that fits on the outside of a window must hang past the window sill therefore add on for exact width & drop.

Indicate whether blinds are face fit for required components with which you will be supplied for your DIY project.

Should the blind be a centre split (opening like a curtain) (C/S or C/O) or centre stack (all drawing to the centre of the track) (C/St) or stacking away from the control side (reverse = Rev), this is indicated as given.

Should the opening of the blind be normal, this is indicated with an N. Where blinds are installed on two separate tracks but in one window or door opening, the last and first slat of each blind can be laid over one another for the blinds to appear as one when closed.

Then you require an overlap by indicating O/L. You need only indicate a control length, should it be a specifically required length, i.e. the blind might be unusually long or positioned very high up against the wall.

Do not forget to indicate the fabric range, colour and code/number should there be one. You will notice that several the fabrics have numbers or codes next to the colour.

The number of runners per track and fabric slats are worked out by us. Remember to order exact blind size!!

## **ROLLER, ROMAN AND BAMBOO BLINDS**

Using a metal tape measure from point A to point B (width) and from point C to point D (drop) as on the diagram. This will be your reveal/recess (inside) size.

On a roller blind if you measure an existing old blind, measure from pin to pin of rod or tube (including the bracket set) which is called the pin-to-pin width. If you measure the cloth size or the width you wish the cloth to cover this must be specified as the cloth or fabric width.

Remember that the tube width with brackets will extend beyond this. If a roller blind must be placed on the outside of a window or behind a door it is always the safest to specify pin-to-pin width or fabric width to ensure that the glass section is covered completely by the fabric.

Also, remember to measure exact drop of blind. Do not add on fabric to cover the roll as this is done by us. *Always specify on which side the control mechanism should be placed.*

### **The required components will be supplied for your DIY project.**

With roller, roman and bamboo blinds also the width by height (drop), fabric range and colour or code, reveal, pin-pin (rollers), fabric size (rollers), face fix and control sides. When measuring for face fit add  $\pm 100\text{mm}$  for width and drop.

For reveal fit we deduct as follows: on roller blinds we deduct 5mm off width and nothing off drop; on roman blinds, we deduct 5mm off width and 10mm off drop, on bamboo 10mm off width and 10mm off drop, working to a tolerance of 3mm on every product. Remember to order exact blind size!!



## **VENETIAN BLINDS (ALUMINIUM, WOOD, PVC & LAMINATED WOOD)**

Using a metal tape measure from point A to point B (width) and from point C to point D (drop) as on the diagram. This will be your reveal/recess (inside) measurement.

Always specify side of control mechanism. Specify whether the blind is recess or face fit and the control side. Indicate the width of slat (50mm; 35mm; 25mm or 16mm) as well as the correct colour and code.

For reveal measurements, we work to the following: on 16mm, 25mm & 50mm aluminum venetians we deduct 10mm off width and 5mm off drop; on 35mm, 50mm bass and laminated bass wood & 50mm PVC venetians we deduct 10mm off width and 10mm off drop, working to a tolerance of 3mm on every product.

When measuring for face fit add  $\pm 100$ mm for width and drop. For blinds going down to the floor do the necessary deductions so that the blinds will not "lie" on the floor when they are open full length.

Remember that a blind that fits on the outside of a window must hang past the windowsill therefore add on for exact length.

For 16 & 25mm venetians you are supplied with the necessary components for your DIY project. For the other products, only the brackets are supplied as customers prefer to use their own plugs and screws depending on form and position of installation. Remember to order exact blind size!

**If at any time during the process you feel unsure, please give Blinds Exact a call on (021) 557 7711 for friendly assistance.**