Measuring Guide for Sheer and Layered Shades

Tools and Tips

- **Steel tape measure** — do not use cloth tape
- **Pencil**
- **Measurement Worksheet** – see page 3
- **Measure each window** and identify window locations – size variances are common
- **Round measurements** to the nearest ⅛"
- **Clearly record measurements** – width vs. height

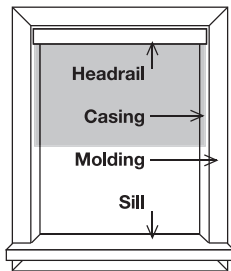*Double-check your work—always measure twice to ensure accuracy.*

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1/4"
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1/2"
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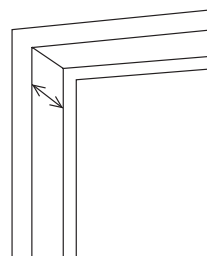
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Choose a Mount Type: Inside Mount or Outside Mount

(See next page if you need help deciding which mount is best for your windows.)
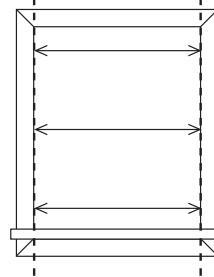

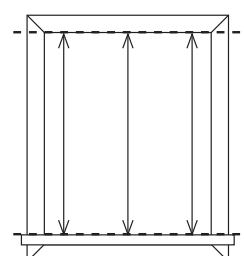### Inside Mount   Window treatments are installed inside the window casing.

Inside Mount Blind   **Depth**   **Width**   **Height**

Headrail
Casing
Molding
Sill

❶ **Measure Depth:** See chart on next page to determine if window casing has enough depth for an inside-mount window treatment.

❷ **Measure Width:** Measure the inside width of window casing at the top of the window.

❸ **Measure Height:** Measure the inside height from the top of window casing to top of sill in three places. Record smallest measurement.

Note: Do not take any deductions for clearance. The manufacturer will take necessary deductions for a perfect fit. Measure each window individually as size variances are common. Record all measurements.
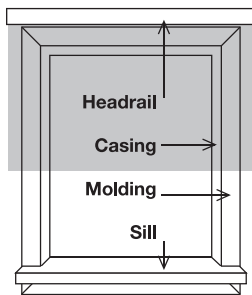
Light Gaps: On Sheer Inside Mounts for Continuous Cord Loop, there is a 1¹⁄₁₆" light gap on the control side and a ¹¹⁄₁₆" light gap on the idle side. Sheer Outside Mounts Continuous Cord Loop, there is a 1" light gap on the control side and a ⅝" light gap on the idle side. For Motorized Sheer Inside Mount there is a 1" light gap on the control side and a ¹¹⁄₁₆" light gap on the idle side. For Motorized Sheer Outside Mount there is a ¹⁵⁄₁₆" light gap on the control side and ⅝" light gap on the idle side.

On Layered Inside Mount for Continuous Cord Loop, there is a 1⅛" light gap on the control side and a ¹¹⁄₁₆" light gap on the idle side. Layered Outside Mount Continuous Cord Loop, there is a 1¹⁄₁₆" light gap on the control side and a ¹¹⁄₁₆" light gap on the idle side. For Motorized Layered Inside Mount there is a 1¹⁄₁₆" light gap on the control side and a ¾" light gap on the idle side. For Motorized Layered Outside Mount there is a 1" light gap on the control side and ¹¹⁄₁₆" light gap on the idle side.
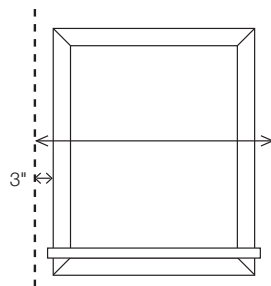
For optimal light control, outside mount is recommended, or you may add a secondary soft window treatment (drapery or curtain) to hide the light gap on an inside mount.
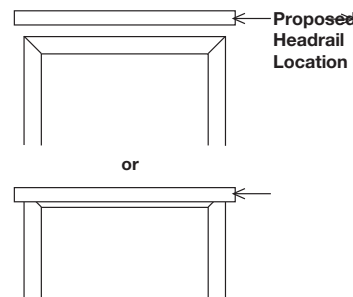

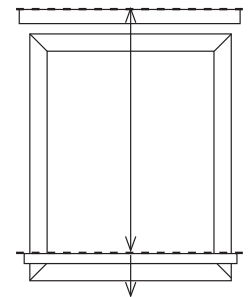### Outside Mount   Window treatments are installed outside the window casing. Mount directly to wall or molding.

Outside Mount Blind   **Width**   **Headrail Location**   **Height**

Headrail
Casing
Molding
Sill

3"

Proposed Headrail Location

or

❶ **Measure Width:** Measure width to be covered. We recommend 3" overlap on each side of the window (6" total) for optimum light control and privacy. Record measurement.

❷ **Determine Headrail Location:** Determine if headrail will be on molding or above molding and mark spot.

❸ **Measure Height:** Measure height to be covered from top of headrail location to top of sill or lower if overlap is desired for additional light control and privacy. Record measurement.

Note: The manufacturer makes NO deductions on outside-mount installations.

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Mounting Considerations

Reason for Choosing Inside Mount

Clean Look
- Inside-mount treatments are installed inside the window casing, showcasing attractive window trim.
- The window opening frames the treatment for a finished, clean appearance.

Allows Sill Space on Deep Windows
- In some deep-set windows, the window treatment can be installed to allow plants or other items to be placed in front of the window treatment on the sill.

Limitations of Inside Mount

Light Gaps
- A small deduction in the width and/or length is taken at the manufacturer to allow for proper operating clearance, and this causes a gap on each side of the treatment, affecting the treatment's ability to darken a room.

Obstructed View
- The stack (compressed portion of the window treatment when fully raised) will obstruct part of the view from the window.
- The amount of stack varies by product and control type.

Architectural Obstacles
- Obstacles such as handles and cranks can interfere with the operation of inside-mount treatments.

Reason for Choosing Outside Mount

Improve Privacy and Light Control
- Light gaps on the side of the window treatment can be substantially diminished or eliminated.

Fewer Installation Limitations
- Outside-mount window treatments are ideal for covering non-square windows.
- Outside-mount window treatments are installed higher than the window opening for an unobstructed view when fully raised.

Architectural Obstacles
- Outside-mount window treatments can clear obstacles like handles and cranks.

Enlarge the Look of a Small Window
- Increase overlap above and below or to each side of the window.

Hide Window Trim
- Outside-mount treatments can easily hide unattractive window trim.
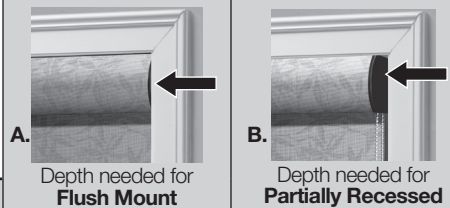
Limitations of Outside Mount

Required Surface Above Window Frame
- Outside-mount brackets require at least 2" of flat surface above window or on window frame for mounting brackets; projection brackets can be ordered if needed to clear frame or molding.

Inside Mount Window Casing Minimum Depth Requirements

A. Flush Mount: If the window casing is deep enough to mount the entire shade inside of it, this is called a flush mount.

B. Partially Recessed: A partially recessed window treatment is where the depth of the window casing is less than the space necessary for a flush mount.

A. Depth needed for **Flush Mount**

B. Depth needed for **Partially Recessed**

Sheer and Layered Shades	Control Type	Depth needed for Flush Mount	Depth needed for Partially Recessed
Standard Valance; Fabric Wrapped Casette	Continuous-loop/Motorized	3⅝"	1⅜"

Measuring and Ordering Worksheet

Window #1_____
(location)

Measuring

For Inside Mount

Depth of window casing:_____

Measure width of window in 3 places and circle the narrowest width below:

Width #1:_____

Width #2:_____

Width #3:_____

Measure height of window in 3 places and circle the longest height below:

Height #1:_____

Height #2:_____

Height #3:_____

For Outside Mount

Width: _____

Height:_____

Ordering

Mount Type: ☐Inside ☐Outside

Ordering Width: _____

Ordering Height: _____

Type of Blind or Shade:_____

Style Name: _____

Color Number:_____

Controls & Options to consider:

☐ Motorized

Window #2_____
(location)

Measuring

For Inside Mount

Depth of window casing:_____

Measure width of window in 3 places and circle the narrowest width below:

Width #1:_____

Width #2:_____

Width #3:_____

Measure height of window in 3 places and circle the longest height below:

Height #1:_____

Height #2:_____

Height #3:_____

For Outside Mount

Width: _____

Height:_____

Ordering

Mount Type: ☐Inside ☐Outside

Ordering Width: _____

Ordering Height: _____

Type of Blind or Shade:_____

Style Name: _____

Color Number:_____

Controls & Options to consider:

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Window #3_____
(location)

Measuring

For Inside Mount

Depth of window casing:_____

Measure width of window in 3 places and circle the narrowest width below:

Width #1:_____

Width #2:_____

Width #3:_____

Measure height of window in 3 places and circle the longest height below:

Height #1:_____

Height #2:_____

Height #3:_____

For Outside Mount

Width: _____

Height:_____

Ordering

Mount Type: ☐Inside ☐Outside

Ordering Width: _____

Ordering Height: _____

Type of Blind or Shade:_____

Style Name: _____

Color Number:_____

Controls & Options to consider:

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