

How to Measure for Blinds

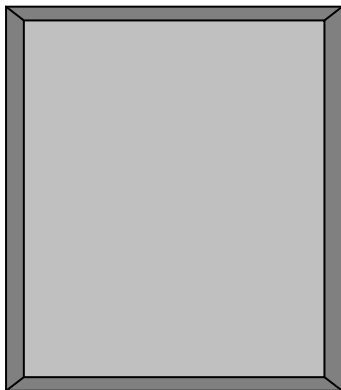
Measuring for blinds is easy, provided you keep a couple of important points in mind.

1) General advice

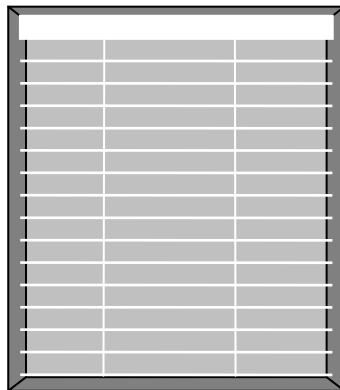
- When writing down your window measurements, please state the Width first, then the Height (W x H). Always use a metric metal tape measure and take exact measurements to the millimetre.
- Measure each window individually, as they may have a slight variation that will affect your blind fitting perfectly.
- Take into account any factors that influence your window measurements, such as burglar bars, listellos, projecting tiles, etc.

2) Recess fix or face fix?

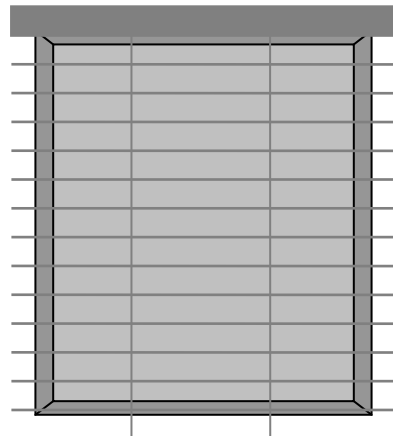
Before you start taking measurements, decide where you want to install your blind. Will it fit inside the window recess (b) "recess fix" or "ceiling fix"), or will it be installed on the wall over the window (c) "face fix" or "wall fix")? The illustration below shows the difference between these types of installation.



a) Window recess, no blind



b) Window recess, blind installed inside the recess

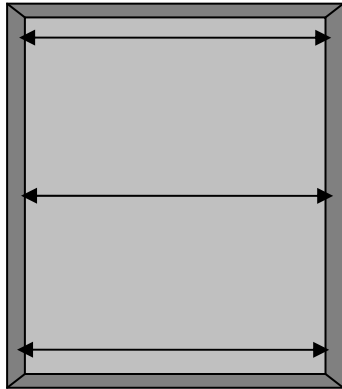


c) Window recess, blind installed over the window

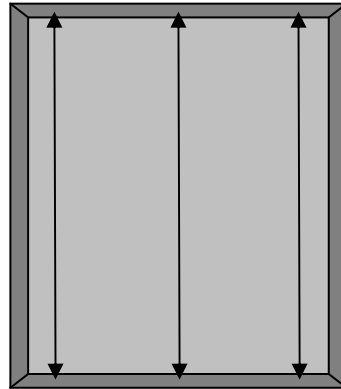
When should you choose recess fix? Recess fix gives a very neat appearance to most blind installations. It does require exact measuring and manufacturing though, because the blind will not fit if it is too large even by a very slight margin.

When should you choose face fix? Face fix is easier to install because there is usually no problem if the blind is slightly larger or smaller than anticipated. It also looks better for certain blind types, such as sliding panel blinds, or if you want to hide the window frame for any reason. Face fix should also be used if the window recess is not deep enough to accommodate the size of the head rail – see the table below for an overview of how much installation depth the different types of blinds require.

a) Measuring for recess fix



a) Measure the width in 3 places;
use the smallest measurement



b) Measure the height in 3 places;
use the smallest measurement

Most windows are not perfectly square. Therefore please measure the width of the window in 3 places: at the top, the middle, and the bottom. Use the smallest measurements as your width size. Then measure the height of your window in 3 places: at the left, the middle, and the right. Use the smallest measurements as your height size.

Do not make any deductions as our factory will make the allowances required for recessed blinds.

b) Measuring for face fix

With a face fix installation, you are free to choose the size of your blind.

As a rule of thumb, consider ordering your blind sized in such a way that it is 100mm wider than the window on each side (i.e. a total of 200mm wider than your window) and 150mm higher than your window at the top and 100mm lower than your window at the bottom (i.e. a total of 250mm longer than your window height).

Feel free to vary these suggestions to achieve an aesthetically pleasing result.

3) Product Depth Requirements

For recess installations, your blind will need a certain depth to permit the mechanism to fit properly. The required depth varies by the type of blind. The following table provides you with an overview of required minimum depths; please note the blinds will protrude out of the recess if the minimum depth is used.

Product	Projection	Minimum depth needed for recess fit
Roller blind	60-80mm (depending on length of drop)	40mm
Roman blind	45mm (face fix only)	
50mm wood venetian	80mm	40mm
Sliding panel blind	150mm	80mm
Vertical blind 127mm	127mm	60mm

4) Corner windows, bay windows, tricky windows

Some kinds of windows require additional expertise for proper blind sizing. In these cases, please e-mail us the measurements along with a digital photo of the window, so we can have a good look at what needs to be done to make your window furnishings fit perfectly.

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