How to Measure

Included below are basic measuring instructions and information you need before filling out your blinds worksheet. For more in depth window measuring instructions visit StevesBlinds.com. For further assistance please call 1.800.548.5711 or email us at Service@StevesBlinds.com

Choose Inside or Outside Mount

Inside Mount: On an inside mount, the headrail will sit back in the window casing so that it will emphasize the actual size of the window and it allows your window molding to be visible. If you want your blind to fit flush with the window molding, you need to make sure you have enough depth in your window to accommodate the depth of the headrail. Even if you do not have the necessary depth for a flush mount, you can still do an inside mount and the blind will just project slightly out from the window molding.

Outside Mount: Blinds mounted on the outside of the window frame provide the illusion of a longer and wider window and can help in hiding an unattractive window. The blind can be mounted either on the window molding itself or above and beyond the window molding. This option always provides for greater privacy and light control. An outside mount may be your only option if the window is not deep enough to contain at least the blind mounting brackets.

Measure your Windows

**Tape Measure:** Measure your windows with a metal tape measure for best accuracy. When measuring always round DOWN to the nearest 1/8” when measuring width. Always round UP to the nearest 1/8” when measuring height.

**Reading a Tape Measure:**

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Measuring for Outside Mounts

Mounting on the window molding:

Measure the exact width from outer edge to outer edge of window molding. Make sure your dimensions include the frame itself. Measure the exact height from top outer edge of molding to bottom edge of sill, window molding or window crank (measure to where you would like the blind to end/stop when fully closed). If ordering verticals extending to the floor deduct ½” for clearance of the vanes.

Mounting beyond the window molding:

Measure the exact width from outer edge to outer edge of window molding. Make sure your dimensions include the frame itself. If you prefer the blind/shade to appear larger or for optimum light control and privacy add up to 3” for overlap to each side. Measure the exact height from top outer edge of molding to bottom edge of sill, window molding or window crank (measure to where you would like the blind to end/stop when fully closed) and add up to 3” for the top headrail to mount above the top window molding. If ordering verticals extending to the floor deduct ½” for clearance of the vanes. We recommend to also order spacer blocks and extension brackets at the time of placing your order (free of charge).

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Measuring for Inside Mounts

Measure the exact width of your window in three places – top, center and bottom. Use the smallest width measurement. Measure the exact height of the window in three places. If you are measuring for vertical blinds, use the shortest height; otherwise use the longest height.

Measuring for Specific Inside Mounted Blinds Styles

Measuring for Inside Mounted Horizontal Blinds
Do not make any deductions - provide the exact measurements of the narrowest width. The factory will make the necessary deductions to accommodate for the headrail and mounting brackets.

Measuring for Inside Mounted Vertical Blinds
May be installed inside the window casing or door, or wall to wall in a room. The window casing must be at least 2 3/4” deep for flush track mount or 3/4” deep for flush vane mount. Your window should have a minimum recessed space of 2 3/8” for inside mount. Do not make any deductions. Allowances are made at the factory to ensure a perfect fit.

Measuring for Inside Mounted Roller/Solar Shades
To install flush with the window frame, a minimum window depth of 2” is required without a valance and a minimum window depth of 4” is required with a valance. Do not make any deductions. Specify whether your width measurement is from the tip-to-tip of the roller tube or from cloth-to-cloth edges of the shade. The cloth-to-cloth measurement is 1 3/8” less than the tip-to-tip measurement. The factory will automatically take an allowance of 1/2” for operating clearance unless you specify otherwise. Note: If the two diagonal dimensions are not equal, we recommend an outside mount application for optimal shade function, light control and privacy. (When adding a scalloped hem, shade height is measured to the top of the scallop.)

Measuring for Inside Mounted Shutters
Please call or log-on for more detailed measuring instructions for shutters. When measuring for shutters, make sure that your chosen frame and louver size will function properly once installed into the opening. Ensure the chosen application will overcome any possible obstructions such as latches, cranks or windows that open into the room. If ordering for an outside mount, In order to overcome these obstacles, add the necessary frame extensions to the appropriate frame.

Need Assistance?
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