

SolarShadingSystems®

How to Measure Guide

STEP 1: DETERMINE INSIDE OR OUTSIDE MOUNT

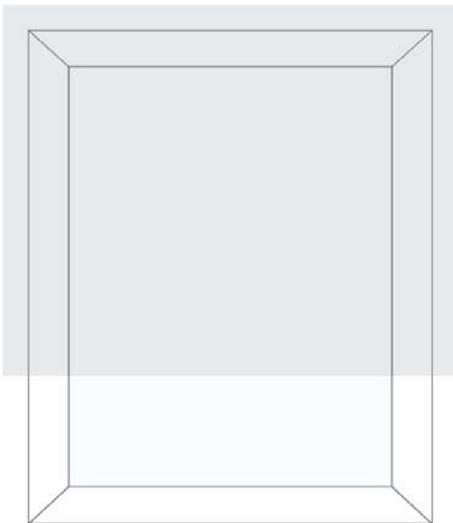
Before taking any measurements, step back from your window and decide if you want to mount the window treatment inside the window recess, or outside on the wall or molding.

We usually recommend an inside mount when possible because it provides a finished, built-in look without covering the window molding. You will need 5" minimum of unobstructed depth, including locks, handles, etc.



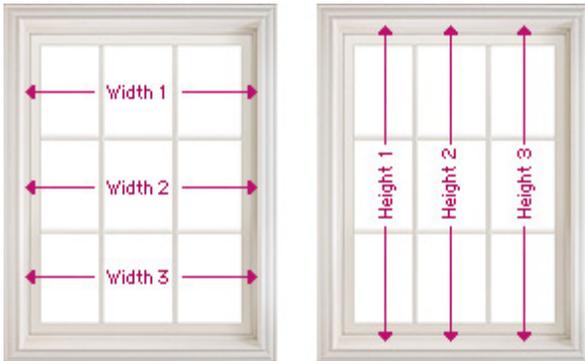
Outside mounted shades are mounted on your wall or molding and requires at least 5" of flat surface above your window for mounting brackets. They are often used to make a window appear larger, to hide a less-than-attractive window, when windows aren't square, or when there is not sufficient frame depth for inside mounting. The recommended overlap for an outside mount roller shade is 2" top, 1-1/2" bottom and 1-1/2" on each side.

We will custom make your blinds to the sizes you specify.



STEP 2: Careful Measurements

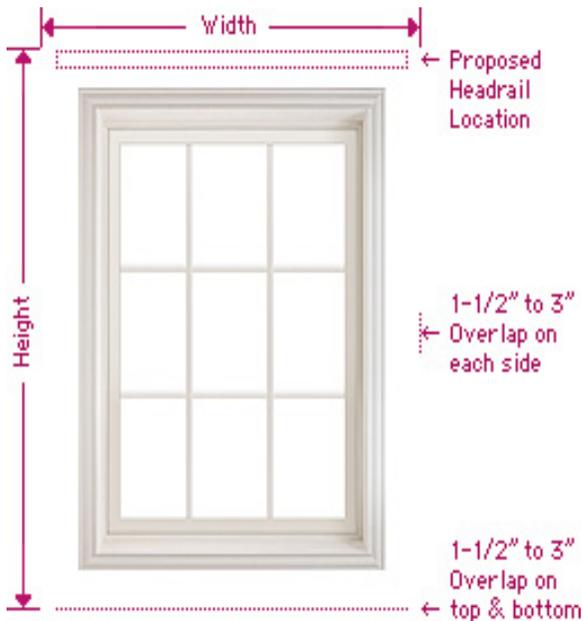
INSIDE MOUNT:



Measure the width of the opening at the top, center, and bottom, recording the narrowest width. Always measure to the nearest 1/8", and be sure to use a steel tape measure. When you specify inside mount, the factory will deduct 3/8" from the width to allow for operating clearance. The deductions are made so that the blind will not rub or scratch your window frame.

Measure the height of the opening at the left, center, and right, recording the tallest measurement. No deductions will be made from this measurement.

OUTSIDE MOUNT:



Measure the width of the opening. Add enough overlap to satisfy design considerations. As you add width (overlap) to the shade, privacy increases and light seepage diminishes.

Measure the height of the opening. Add enough at the top of the shade to allow for installation brackets to fit above the opening or moulding. Consider adding more height to allow the shade to roll above the window when open. Adding height can also make a window appear taller. **No size deductions will be made by the factory for an outside mount shade. Your shade will be made to the size you specify.** After determining the measurements that you want the blind to be, hold the tape measure up to your window and visualize what the overall size will look like on that window before proceeding.

Power to be 6" in from either end at the same level where shade is mounted to hide the power connection.
***clock outlet required**