

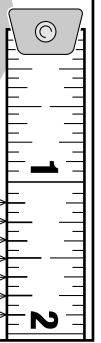
# Measuring Guide for Natural Drapes

## Tools and Tips

- **Steel tape measure** — do not use cloth measuring tape
- **Pencil**
- **Measurement Worksheet** — see page 3
- **Measure each window** and identify window locations — size variances are common
- **Round measurements** to the nearest 1/8"
- **Clearly record measurements** — width vs. height

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

1/8"  
1/4"  
3/8"  
1/2"  
5/8"  
3/4"  
7/8"

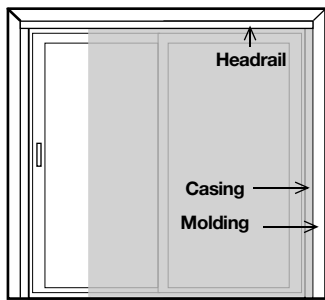


## Choose a Mount Type: Inside Mount or Outside Mount

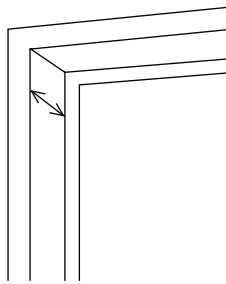
(See next page if you need help deciding which mount is best for your windows.)

### Inside Mount

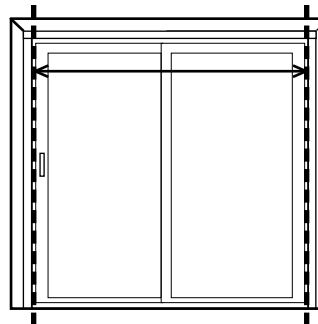
Window treatments are installed completely inside the window casing.



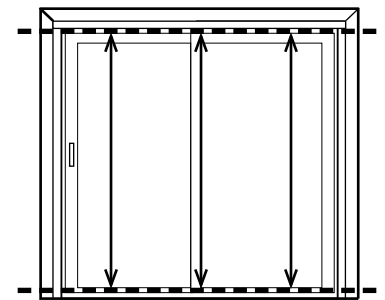
Inside Mount Blind



Depth



Width



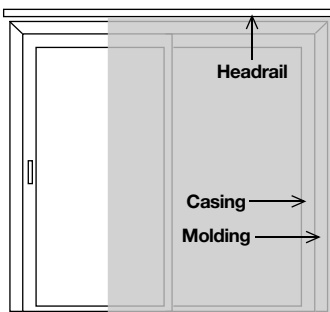
Height

- ➊ **Measure Depth:** See the chart on next page to determine if window casing has enough depth for an inside-mount window treatment.
- ➋ **Measure Width:** Measure the inside width of window casing from one inside edge to the other at the top of the window. Record measurement.
- ➌ **Measure Height:** Measure the inside height from the top of the window casing in three places. Record shortest measurement.

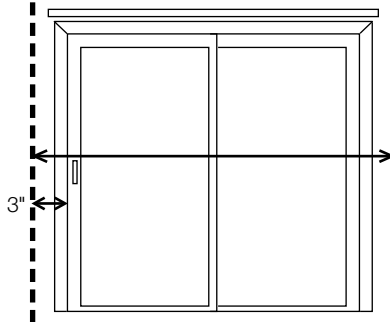
**Note:** Do not take any deductions for clearance. The manufacturer will take 1/2" deduction off the overall width for a perfect fit.

### Outside Mount

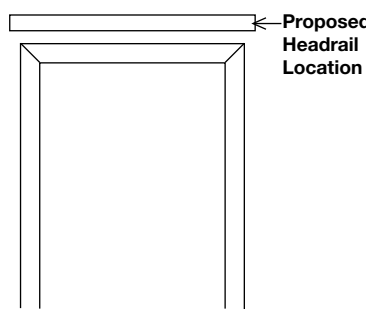
Window treatments are installed outside the window casing. Mount directly to wall or molding.



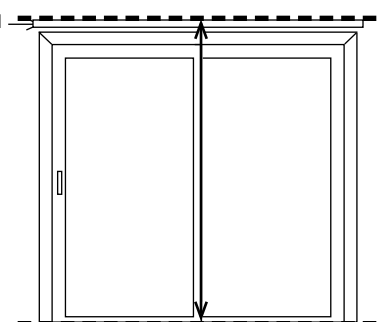
Outside Mount Blind



Width



Headrail Location



Height

- ➊ **Measure Width:** Measure width to be covered. We recommend 3" overlap on each side (6" total) for optimum light control and privacy. Record measurement. If you want the entire window uncovered when the shade is fully open, you may need to add more than 3" to the width. For example:
  - Left or right stack, wand control — add 3" to the stack side and 9" to the other side.
- ➋ **Determine Headrail Location:** Determine if the headrail will be on the molding or above and mark the spot.
- ➌ **Measure Height:** Measure height to be covered from top of headrail location to top of sill or lower if overlap is desired for light control and privacy. Record measurement. If shade extends to the floor (i.e. to cover a patio door), measure height as described above, and deduct at least 1/2" for clearance in order for the fabric to clear the floor.

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

# Mounting Considerations

## Reason for Choosing Inside Mount

### Clean Look

- Inside-mount treatments are installed inside the window casing, showcasing attractive window molding.
- 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. This may cause a small gap on each side of the treatment, affecting the treatment's ability to darken and insulate a room.

### Obstructed View

- The stack (compressed portion of the window treatment when fully opened) will obstruct part of the view from the window. The amount of stack varies by product.

### 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 can be configured so the drape stack is to the side of the window opening, preventing the stack from obstructing light or view when fully opened.

### Architectural Obstacles

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

### Enlarge the Look of a Small Window

- Enlarge the look of a small window by increasing overlap above and below the window.

### Hide Window Trim

- Outside-mount treatments provide an easy way to hide unattractive window trim.

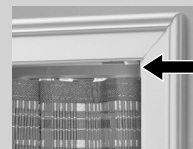
## Limitations of Outside Mount

### Required Surface Above Window Frame

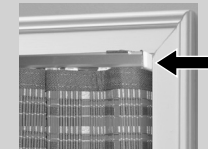
- Outside-mount brackets require at least 2" of flat surface above your window or on the window frame for mounting brackets; Projection brackets can be ordered to clear frame or molding.

## Inside Mount Window Casing Minimum Depth Requirements

- A. Flush Mount:** If the window casing is deep enough to mount the entire headrail 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**

Natural Drapes		
Standard Drapery Fullness	8" (with valance)	3 <sup>5</sup> / <sub>8</sub> "
60% Drapery Fullness	8" (with valance)	4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "

If you want the stack completely outside the window opening, please review the following stack chart.

[http://www.springswindowfashions.com/SwfShared/pdf/ordering/101414\\_4.pdf](http://www.springswindowfashions.com/SwfShared/pdf/ordering/101414_4.pdf)

# Measuring and Ordering Worksheet

## Window #1

\_\_\_\_\_ (location)

### Measuring

#### For Inside Mount

Depth of window casing: \_\_\_\_\_

Width: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Measure height of window in 3 places and circle the shortest 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:

- Cord Control
- Wand Control
- Draw/Stack Position: \_\_\_\_\_
- Cornice: \_\_\_\_\_
- Valance: \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## Window #2

\_\_\_\_\_ (location)

### Measuring

#### For Inside Mount

Depth of window casing: \_\_\_\_\_

Width: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Measure height of window in 3 places and circle the shortest 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:

- Cord Control
- Wand Control
- Draw/Stack Position: \_\_\_\_\_
- Cornice: \_\_\_\_\_
- Valance: \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## Window #3

\_\_\_\_\_ (location)

### Measuring

#### For Inside Mount

Depth of window casing: \_\_\_\_\_

Width: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Height #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Height #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Height #3: \_\_\_\_\_

#### For Outside Mount

Width: \_\_\_\_\_

Height: \_\_\_\_\_

### Ordering

Mount Type:  Inside  Outside

Ordering Width: \_\_\_\_\_

Ordering Height: \_\_\_\_\_

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