

# Measuring Instructions for Solar Shades

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Solar shades are perfect for rooms where you want to preserve the view of the outdoors and natural light from your windows while also maintaining your privacy and reducing the effect of the sun's rays.

If you're considering purchasing solar shades from Blindster, it's important that you first know the exact measurements of the window or door where they will be installed. Without precise measurements, you may find that your shades are too long or too short or simply don't fit.

## Inside Mount Blinds

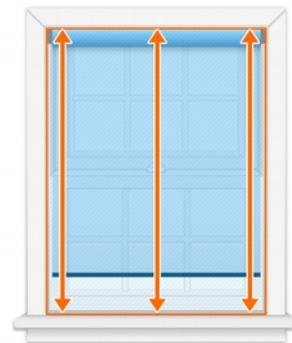
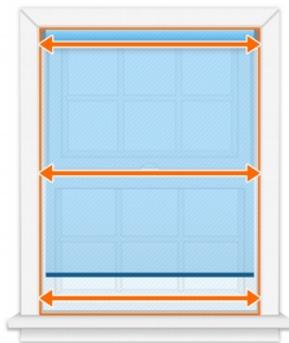
Inside mount blinds fit inside the window frame and provide a sleek, clean, and built-in look that preserves the appearance of woodwork and molding.

If you plan on mounting your blinds inside your window frames, keep the following tips in mind:

- Shades and blinds that are inside mounted are installed flush with the interior of your window frame.
- These installations provide a built-in look that minimizes the appearance of the window when the blinds or shades are closed.
- Inside mounts are ideal if you wish to leave woodwork or other wall materials exposed.
- Minimum depth required for secure inside mount: 3/4"
- Minimum depth required for flush inside mount: 3" without fascia, 4 1/4" with fascia.
- If your window frame doesn't have the depth to support an inside mount, choose an outside mount installation instead.

## Measuring Inside Mount Blinds

To get an accurate measurement of your windows before placing an order for inside mount blinds, follow these instructions:



### Step 1

- Measure the inside width of the top of the window opening in the same spot where you will mount the shade. Note that the factory will make deductions of around 1/8" after you place your order.

### Step 2

- Measure the inside height of the window in three separate places at the far left side, the middle, and the far right side. Note the largest measurement of those three, as that's the measurement you'll use when you place your order.
- **Note:** That solar shade fabrics differ from other types of shades, as your order will be 7/8" to 1 3/8" narrower than the width you provide when placing your order. This deduction is to allow

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room for the mounting brackets.

## Outside Mount Blinds

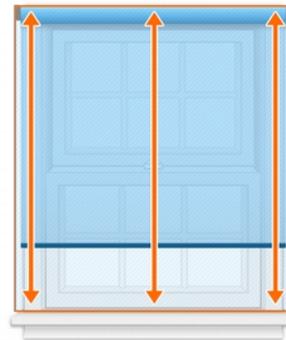
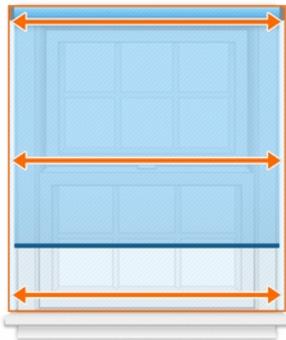
Outside mount blinds are perfect for windows that are too shallow to support the installation of inside mount blinds. They can be mounted to the wall, ceiling, or frame/molding around the window and are often used to make windows appear larger.

Here are a few important facts to know about outside mount blinds:

- Outside mounts are the ideal installation option if your window frames aren't deep enough to support inside mounts.
- This option allows you to mount your blinds or shades to any surface near the window, including the ceiling, molding, or wall.
- Use this installation method to make your windows appear larger to hide unattractive windows.
- Minimum flat surface required for secure outside mount: 1 1/2". Note the flat mounting surface area when taking your measurements and that the factory will make the fabric 7/8" to 1 3/8" narrow than the ordered width.

### Measuring Outside Mount Blinds

Follow these instructions to get an accurate measurement of your outside mount blinds:



#### Step 1

Measure the entire width of the area you wish to cover with your solar shade. If possible, add at least 2" to 3" of total space to help reduce light leakage. Use this measurement when placing your order.

#### Step 2

Measure the entire height of the area you wish to cover with your solar shade. Note that you must take into account a 1 1/2" flat surface area for mounting when taking your height measurements. Adding 3" to 4" to your ordered height will give you enough fabric to mount your solar shade above your window frame to cover molding or framework if desired.