

Measuring Guide for a Vertical Blind

Please Note: These instructions should be read thoroughly before installing.

This is a guide to assist in the measuring of external awnings. Beta Blinds and Awnings does not guarantee the accuracy of the information contained in this guide. We recommend an experienced expert measurer/installer to rely upon their own skills. This is based on general knowledge concerning which is known to us at the time of printing this guide, consequently, is subject to change and Beta Blinds and Awnings specifically reserves the right to change this guide without notification.

- Use a good quality tape measure (metal ones are best) and measure down to the nearest mm.
- It is essential the measurements provided are accurate for the blinds to fit correctly (do not be surprised if your windows are not perfectly square)
- Measure all windows even if they appear to be the same size.
- Always indicate the WIDTH measurement first, then the DROP last. (e.g., 2100mm x 1800 mm)
- Please take extra time to measure all the windows accurately, a helpful rule is "measure once, measure twice and measure again to be sure!"
- Take all your measurements in millimetres (mm).
- For larger blinds refer to the Beta Blinds pricing guide sizes to ensure the blind can be manufactured successfully and are covered by any appropriate warranties.
- Blinds made outside of Beta Blinds recommendations are not covered under warranty.

Fitting Recommendations:

These are the best options: Installing into the reveal (Reveal Fit), Installing onto the architrave (Face Fit) and outside or above the architrave into the wall studs (Face Fit).

You must be certain that the weight bearing capacity of the wall, ceiling or framework is sufficiently strong enough to bear the weight of the blinds to be installed. For example, plasterboard/gyprock may not be strong enough to hold dual / linked or motorised blinds. NB: Sunscreen fabrics weigh more than other fabrics.

There are a lot of variables when fixing to plasterboard such as the thickness of the plasterboard, how well braced it is (how far the studs are spaced), how close the fixings are together and how far away from the wall is the weight of the item. If installing into a hollow plasterboard cavity then hollow plasterboard anchors could be used. Fitters would need to determine the number required to safely secure the blind brackets. It would be difficult to safely secure heavy blinds into a hollow plasterboard wall, only using plasterboard anchors. Consider variables which will contribute to the weight, such as blinds with a long drop size, heavy sunscreen fabrics, as well as the additional weight of motors and mode style battens (in the case of roman blinds).

When measuring for blinds, please discuss with your client the pros and cons of reveal fit and face fit. If there are concerns about the light gap between the blind and the frame, then face fit is recommended.

First Decision

The first decision that needs to be made before you measure your windows is whether you want to install the blind on the Face Fit/Outside Mount or Reveal/Inside Mount of the window frame. The most common fitting is Reveal Fit for a neater look, but make sure you have enough depth to allow that blind to fit and operate correctly. Use Face Fit if you want your blind to hang outside the window recess, or when the opening is too shallow, or the window is significantly out of square. We put together the pros and cons of both installation styles to help you decide.

Important Note: This is an essential safety precaution. We recommend that during the process of measuring you must also consider the consequences of any obstacles when it comes to the installation process. Always take note of any obstructions to the blind's operation, such as door & window handles, window mullions or storm bars. If obstacles are in the way you may need to measure and fit the blind differently.

Face Fit (Outside Fit): Vertical Blind

If your window is not deep enough for a Reveal Fit (inside mount), your other option is to install the blind outside the window. Here are reasons to consider a Face Fit (outside mount)

Pro

- It's more forgiving and flexible with measurements
- Makes a window appear larger
- An excellent option
- A Face Fit vertical blind can be easier to operate
- If the window isn't square, it can be disguised by face fitting

Con:

- A disadvantage of choosing a Face Fit is it conceals the window architrave. If you live in an older home, you may not want to hide the architectural details behind a window treatment.
- May let my light in at the ends due to how far the blind sits out from the window.

Reveal Fit (Inside Fit): Vertical Blind

If you'd like to install a blind inside the window frame, you first need to make sure the window has enough depth to install the blind you are ordering. In general, the window reveal should be about 85mm deep if you wish to install 127mm blades & 67mm for a 89mm blades. Here are a few reasons to consider an inside mount:

Pro:

- Creates a clean, elegant look
- Highlights the architrave.
- Suitable for windows that do not have much wall space around them

Con:

- A disadvantage of a reveal inside mount is that it requires precise measurements to make sure the blind properly fits in the window. Also, if the window Reveal lacks depth for an inside fit, the blind will possibly project from the window.
- The blind may interfere with the opening and closing of a window or door
- Can be a little harder to operate as you are reaching behind the blind to open and close.

Measuring for a Face Fit (Outside Fit) Vertical Blind

Measure the width at the top of your opening and where you will be fitting the blind. It is recommended that the blind is measured from architrave to architrave or if you have square set windows 50mm - 100mm either side (this helps to provide better fabric coverage & more privacy) In the example below it is measured 100mm either side of the opening. Take 3 measurements, top, middle, and bottom as posts maybe out of square. Betta Blinds & Awnings recommends taking 3 measurements. You may need to use the smallest measurement in some circumstances.

**It is important that you take your main width measurement from the top of the window/opening as this is where your track will be fitted.*

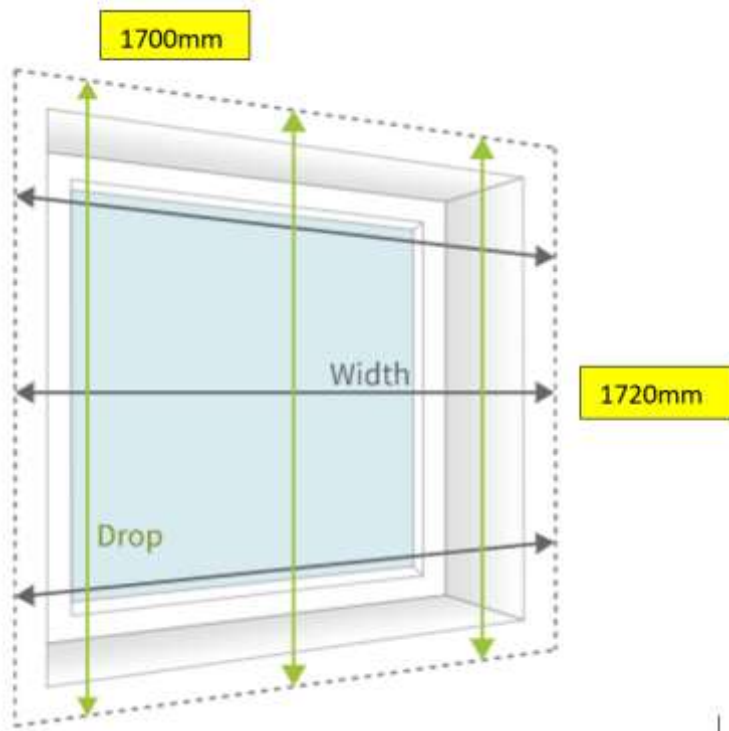
Tip: It is recommended that the blind is measured from architrave to architrave or if you have square set windows 50mm - 100mm either side (this helps to provide better coverage & more privacy)

- Measure the drop at the top of your opening to the bottom of where you want the blind to finish.

Note: If you are not stopping the blind at the architrave how far you measure down past the window is a personal choice. A rule of thumb is to measure 50mm - 100mm past the sill.

- Blinds & Awnings has 2 Vertical Blade sizes 89mm & 127mm

NOTE: This is just a guide only, you can measure higher up if possible or lower if required.



- **Example Above: Opening Width** is 1500mm +100mm + 100mm = 1700mm
Opening Drop is 1720mm (measured from where the blind will be fitted to where you want the blind to finish)

Order Blind @ 1700mm x 1720mm

Open Size: Please supply tight measurements and we will do the deductions.

Make Size: No deductions are made if you order Make Size

NOTE: If a new build please allow for any carpet or tiles that may be laid at a later date.

Measuring for a Reveal Fit (Inside Fit) Vertical Blind

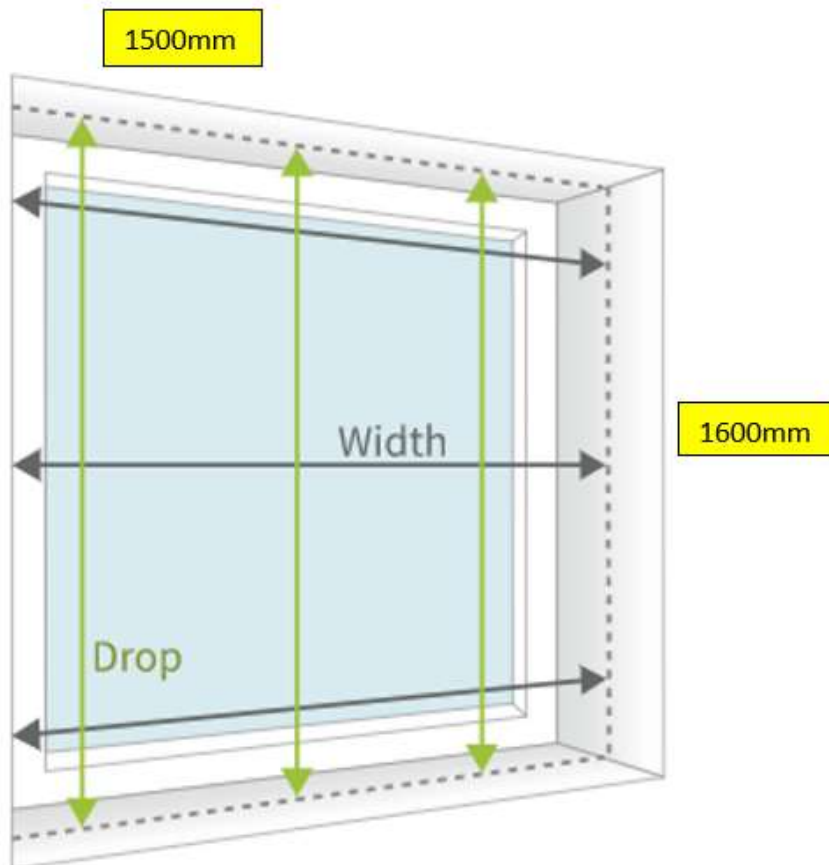
- Measure the width at the top of your opening and where you will be fitting the blind. Measure the width from inside of the window to inside the window as per photo below, as this is where the blind is being installed it is one of the most vital measurements. Take 3 measurements, top, middle, and bottom as the window maybe out of square. Beta Blinds & Awnings recommends taking 3 measurements. You may need to use the smallest measurement in some circumstances.

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NOTE: Check the depth of your reveal, you need a minimum reveal depth of 85mm for a 127mm blade & 67mm for an 89mm Blade. (Please use the recess fit depth requirement as a guide to how much space is needed for the blind to clear any window door handles or other obstructions.

- Measure the drop of the awning from the inside of the of where the blind is being fitted to where you want the blind to finish as per photo below. Take 3 measurements, left, middle, and right. Beta Blinds & Awnings recommends taking 3 measurements. You may need to use the smallest measurement in some circumstances.



- **Example Above: Opening Width** is 1500mm

Opening Drop is 1600mm

Order Blind @ 1500mm x 1600mm

Open Size: Please supply tight measurements and we will do the deductions.

Make Size: No deductions are made if you order Make Size

Open Size

When ordering 'Open Size' - deductions will be taken off your measurements

Make Size

When ordering 'Make Size' - No deductions will be taken off your measurements

PELMETS

When ordering pelmets, order the blind and we will make the pelmet to suit, see pelmet return size and pelmet size below

Pelmet Sizes

89mm Blade – Face & Semi Reveal Fit: Pelmet Width is the Blind Size + 20mm

Reveal Fit: Pelmet Width is the Blind Size + 100mm

127mm Blade – Face & Semi Reveal Fit: Pelmet Width is the Blind Size + 30mm

Reveal Fit: Pelmet Width is the Blind Size + 100mm

Pelmet Return Sizes

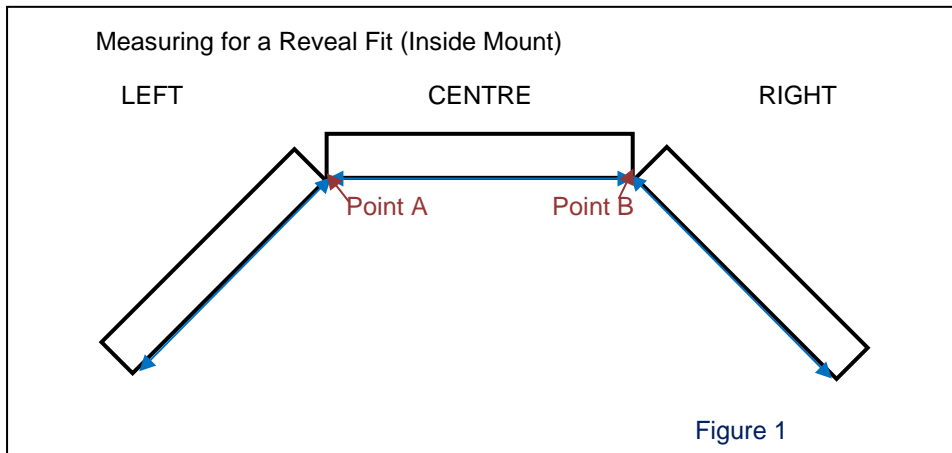
Vertical Drapes	<i>Face Fit (With Arch)</i>	<i>Face Fit (No Arch)</i>	<i>Reveal Fit (With Arch)</i>	<i>Reveal Fit (No Arch)</i>	<i>Semi Reveal Fit</i>
127mm Aluminium 89mm Blade	125mm	115mm	30mm	40mm	Size to be specified by customer
127mm Aluminium 127mm Blade	153mm	143mm	30mm	40mm	

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Please Note - All Measurements should be taken at the front of the Reveal.

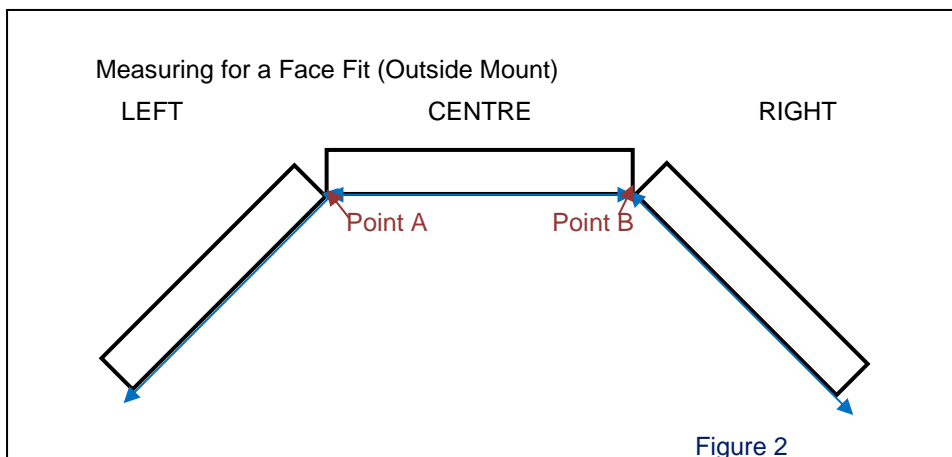
Your Bay Window may appear difficult to measure at first. If you follow our easy to read, step by step guide below, you will be surprised how easy it actually is. If you are unsure whether to measure your Bay Windows as an inside or outside mount, please email a photo of your Bay Window and we will be able to advise you appropriately.

Please note there will be a light gap at **Point A** and **Point B** (where the blinds meet). By choosing a vertical drape, the light gap is minimised.



1. Measuring the left blind - measure at the top of your window where the blind will sit, measuring from the left side and measure the distance into the corner where the left blind will meet the centre blind or **Point A** in **Figure 1** above. Now measure your drop.
2. Measuring the centre blind - measure the distance of the centre blind from **Point A** to **Point B** in **Figure 1**. Now measure your drop.
3. Measuring the right blind - measure at the top of your window where the blind will sit, measuring from the right side into the corner where the right blind will meet the centre blind or **Point B** in **Figure 1** above. Now measure your drop.

The arrows in these diagrams show the line to follow when measuring. Please supply the exact width measurement and do not take off any deductions.

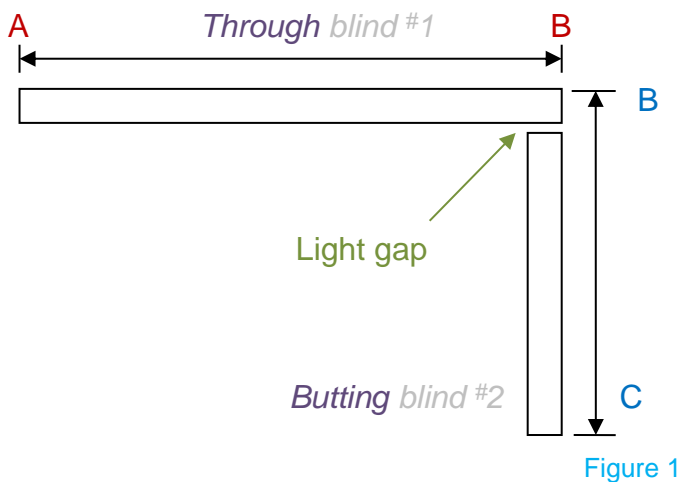


1. Measuring the left blind - measure at the top of your window where the blind will sit, measuring from the edge of the left hand side architrave and measure the distance into the corner of the architrave, where the left blind will meet the centre blind or **Point A** in **Figure 2** above. Now measure your drop.
2. Measuring the centre blind - measure the distance of the centre blind from **Point A** to **Point B** in **Figure 2**. Now measure your drop.
3. Measuring the right blind - measure at the top of your window where the blind will sit, measuring from the edge of the right hand side architrave into the corner where the right blind will meet the centre blind or **Point B** in **Figure 2** above. Now measure your drop.

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BLINDS BUTTING IN CORNER

1. Choose whether the corner window blinds will be Reveal (Inside Mount) or Face Fit (Outside Mount). Remember to check the windowsill depth required for the particular blind you decide on, particularly for Reveal Fit, and allow for any obstructions within the window frame (e.g.: handles or cyclone bars).
2. Decide which blind will be your 'through blind' and which will be your 'butt blind'. Note where the light gap will be on the window; we suggest to position the gap so it is less obvious in the room, or on the side which gets less sun.



1. Measuring the through blind - measure at the top of the window where the blind will sit, measuring from the left side **Point A** to the corner **Point B**. Now measure your drop.
2. Measuring your butting blind – measure at the top of your window where the blind will sit, measure the distance from the corner to the right side, **Point B** to **Point C**. Now measure your drop.
3. Note on your order which blind is *Butting* and which blind is *Through*. This information should be noted on both blinds when ordered. For example: blind #1 has a special note of “*Through*” blind, blind #2 has a special note of “*Butting*” blind. *This information must be supplied in order for correct deductions to made.*
4. It is also recommended to add a COMMENT to the order saying that no deductions have been made for the *Butting* blind.

Please note that there will always be a **Light gap** on butting blinds.

 **Handy hint:** Order blinds with the controls at either end (**Point A** and **Point C**) to avoid them tangling or hanging in the centre of your window