



DotcomBlinds | Blackout Cassette Blinds

How to Measure

Measuring for your cassette blackout blinds couldn't be easier. There are two methods of fitting the blinds - recess fitting or face fitting. Recess fit means the blind is going inside a recess and the side channels will be fitted to the side of the recess walls. Face fitting means the blind is going outside of the recess, or that a recess isn't present, and so you need to fit the blind to the wall. It's important to work out how you're going to fit the blind first before you measure as this affects how you measure and order these blinds.

You can find our fitting instructions and all technical specifications on each product page (under the Technical Specs heading) and we recommend taking a look at this before ordering.

Our first recommendation is to consider the window you're fitting the blind into. If it isn't square and if the walls aren't flat you will need to be prepared to fill in the gaps between the side channels and the wall otherwise there will be light bleeding through the gaps



Important: When the blind is in operation the window must be shut. Failure to close the window when the fabric is anywhere but fully rolled up can cause the fabric to be pulled out of the side channels. This can damage the fabric or the side channel and the warranty will be voided. **Do not operate this blind with an open window.** If you install this blind on behalf of someone else, please inform them.

We expect our cassette blinds to provide darkness in your room for standard use. However, we cannot guarantee absolute darkness due to differences in installation, location and light direction. Every care and attention has been made to engineer this type of blind to give maximum levels of darkness.

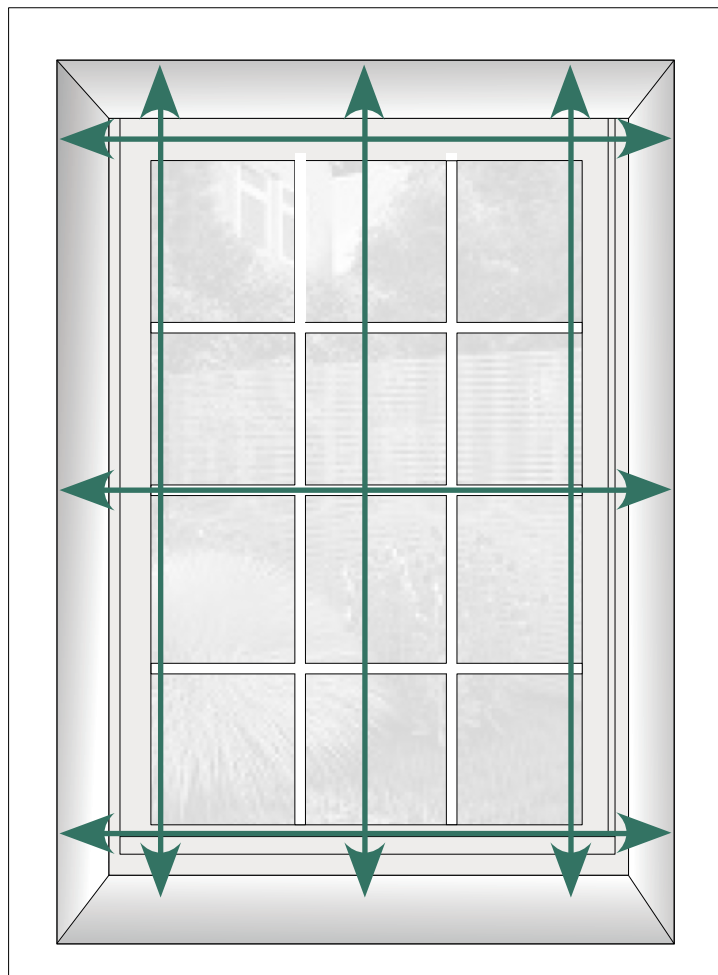


Recess Fitting Cassette Blinds

Measure the full width of the recess in three places - top, middle and bottom. If there is any variation in size go with the smallest width but please be aware that when you come to fit the side channels you will need to use mastic or something similar to fill in the gaps between the wall and the side channel as the recess wall is not straight.

Next, measure the drop, this is from the very top of the recess to the bottom, and again do this in three places (left-hand side, middle and right-hand side). If there's any variance go with the longest drop but be prepared to adjust the side channel for the side that is shorter when you come to fit the blind.

When you order your blinds, select '**recess**' fit on the product page.





Face Fitting Cassette Blinds

This fitting option is typically used for blinds that are fitted outside of a recess and you're fitting the blind and side channels straight to the wall. This is known as face fitting, and you will want to order this blind as 'exact' fit, meaning the side channels we supply will be designed to be fitted to the face of the wall.

Firstly, measure the width and drop of the window, and make a note of this.

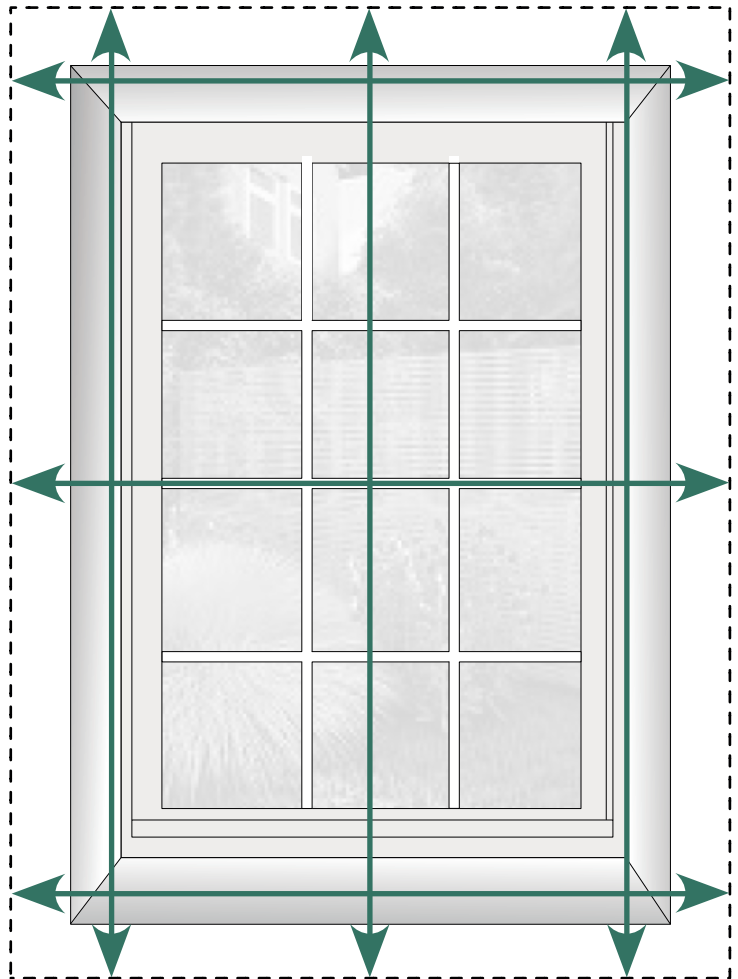
The next step is to add the size of the componentry to your window dimensions because the blind will be made based on the overall size, outside edge to outside edge, and you don't want the side channels or headbox to encroach into the recess.

For the width measurement, **add 110mm** (this accounts for the width of the side channels which are each 55mm wide) and then add the industry standard **40mm** to the width to give you a 20mm space between the edge of the recess and the side channels each side. You are able to make this space larger if you wish, but it's important to have some distance so that you aren't screwing too close to the edge of the recess.

For the drop measurement, add **25mm** to the drop to account for the bottom fixing strip and add the headbox height of **77mm** for our standard chain and battery/solar-powered cassette blinds. For our XL Chain, Battery or Mains Cassette Blinds add **105mm**. Finally, add the industry standard **40mm** to the drop to give you a 20mm space between the bottom of the headbox and the top of the recess and the bottom of the recess and the top of the bottom fixing strip. You are able to make this space larger if you wish, but it's important to have some distance so that you aren't screwing too close to the edge of the recess.

If you don't have space on each side to accommodate this, please adapt accordingly but ensure the overall blind is wider than the opening. The measurements you provide us will be the size that the finished cassette will be made to (outside edge of side channels to the outside edge of side channels). We do not add or deduct anything from the final sizes you provide. The sizes you provide are the size the cassette blind will come as.

Please see next page for an example of calculations





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Standard Width Face Fix - Width Calculation Example

	Window	Side Channel	Side Channel Spacing		Total Width
Example Width	1500mm	+110mm	+40mm		1650mm
Width		+110mm	+40mm		
	Window	Bottom Fixing Strip	Headbox	Vertical Spacing	Total Drop
Example Drop	1800mm	+25mm	+77mm	+40mm	1942mm
Drop		+25mm	+77mm	+40mm	

XL Width Face Fix - Width Calculation Example

	Window	Side Channel	Side Channel Spacing		Total Width
Example Width	1500mm	+110mm	+40mm		1650mm
Width		+110mm	+40mm		
	Window	Bottom Fixing Strip	Headbox	Vertical Spacing	Total Drop
Example Drop	1800mm	+25mm	+105mm	+40mm	1970mm
Drop		+25mm	+105mm	+40mm	