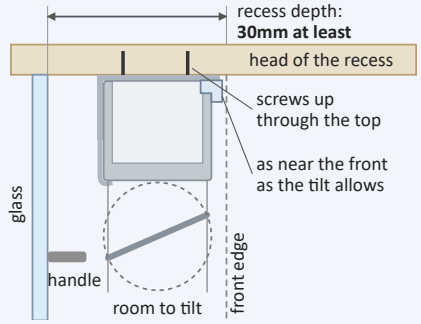
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25mm aluminium

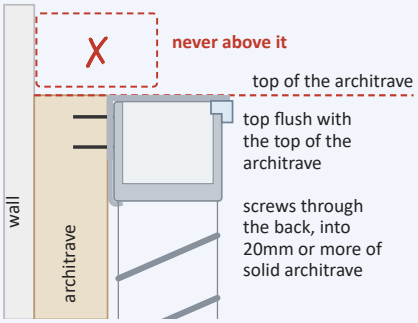
25mm aluminium: read all four pages before you start

Your blinds are made to the sizes you ordered. Fit them this way to keep our warranty (terms at blinds4u.co.nz/warranty). If anything stops you, ring us on **09 576 0736** before you drill.

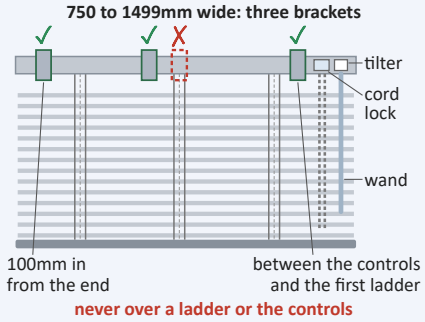
Prefer to watch?
blinds4u.co.nz/how-to-install has our videos. The brackets in them may look a little different.



Inside fit, up through the top



Outside fit, onto the architrave only



Where the brackets go, from the room

1 Before you start

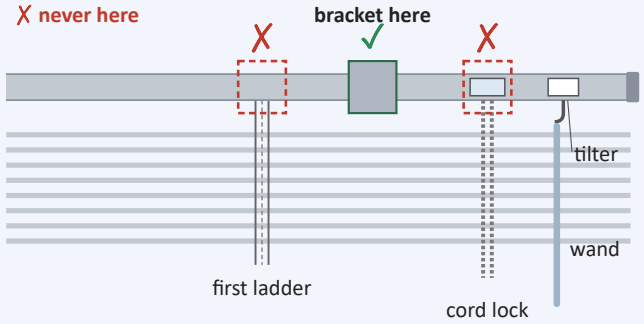
- ✓ In the box: the blind, its brackets, a tilt wand, 8g x 5/8" screws for solid timber, and any sill clips (hold-down clips) you ordered.
- ✓ Each blind is numbered to match your packing slip. The tag on the inside of the headrail (the metal rail along the top) shows our job number, then the item number: Item 1 is the first blind on the slip.
- ✓ Check every blind when it arrives. Tell us about damage, a wrong item or anything missing within **7 days**, with photos, so we can claim it from the courier.
- ✓ Hold it by the headrail and bottom rail, never by the slats: a bent aluminium slat stays creased.
- ✓ Before you drill into a wall, check for hidden wires and pipes (a stud finder helps). Use a steady stepladder and never stand on its top step.
- ✓ You need a drill and bits, a screwdriver, a pencil, a steel tape, a spirit level, a stepladder, a string line, and a helper for anything over 1500mm wide.

2 Place the brackets

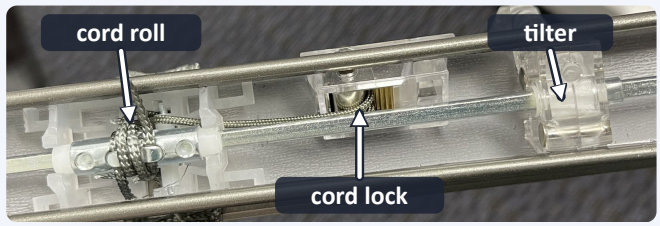
How many. Spaced as evenly as possible:

Blind width	under 750mm	750mm+	1500mm+
Brackets	**2**	**3**	**4**

Where. At the control end (the end with the cords and wand), between the controls (cord lock and tilter) and the first ladder (the strings that hold the slats). At the other end, 100mm in from the end. **Never put a bracket where it can catch a ladder, a cord or the controls:** look inside the headrail first, and move a bracket sideways to clear them.



The control end, close up: the order of the parts

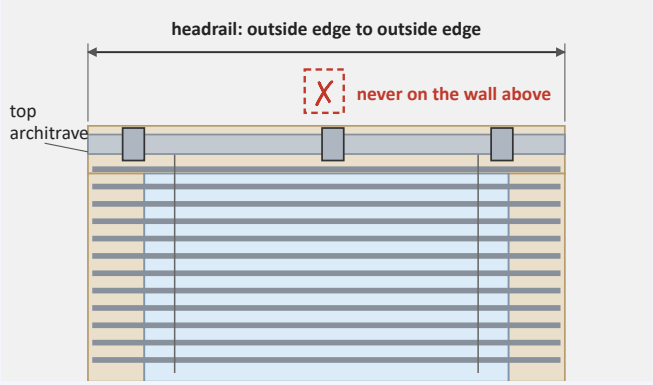


Inside the headrail at the control end: keep every bracket clear of these

3 Inside or outside fit

Inside fit. Screw up through the top of each bracket into the top of the recess (it needs 30mm of depth at least). Set them as near flush with the front as the tilt allows: before you drill them all, check a tilted slat clears the glass, handles and stays. If it cannot, ring us before you drill: the blind is made for an inside fit.

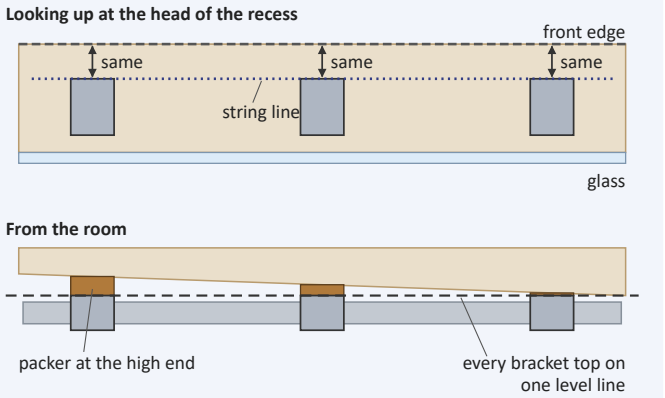
Outside fit: onto the architrave, never above it. The headrail spans the architrave as measured, outside edge to outside edge. Space the brackets across the face of the top architrave as the table says, each screwed through its back into at least 20mm of solid architrave, its top flush with the top of the architrave.



Outside fit, from the room

4 Level, and fix them solid

Set the brackets all the same distance back from the front, so they make one straight line, and each one level. Fix the two end ones first, then run a string between them to place the rest. Do not follow the window frame. If the top of the recess slopes, put a packer (a thin plastic or timber shim from the hardware store) above the bracket at the high end. Two screws in every bracket, into solid material.



Fixing into	How
Timber window frame, architrave, framing	The 8g x 5/8" wood screws in the box. Drill a small pilot hole near the end of an architrave so it does not split.
Plasterboard GIB and other wall linings	**Never into the plasterboard alone**: it will pull out. Find the timber stud or lintel behind it (a stud finder helps) and screw into that: 8g screws at least 40mm long, from the hardware store.
Concrete, brick, block	A masonry bit and wall plugs to suit the screw (a 7mm hole takes an 8g x 35mm screw). Drill into the masonry itself, at least 100mm from any crack.
Aluminium window frames	**Best avoided.** Drilling can void the window maker's warranty, let water in, crack the glass or fog a double-glazed unit. If there is no other way, use stainless self-tapping screws clear of the glass, the glazing bead and the drainage holes, with silicone over each head.

✗ No nails, tape or glue. Do not over-tighten: it strips the hole and can bend the bracket.

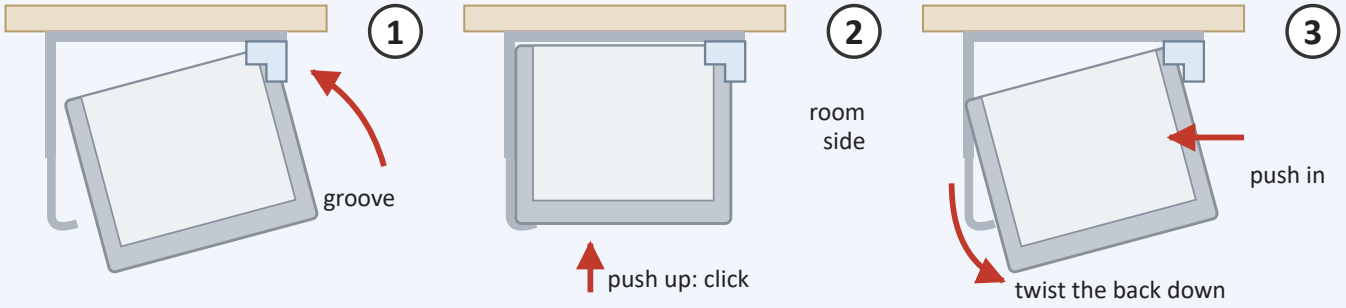
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25mm aluminium: hanging, the wand and testing

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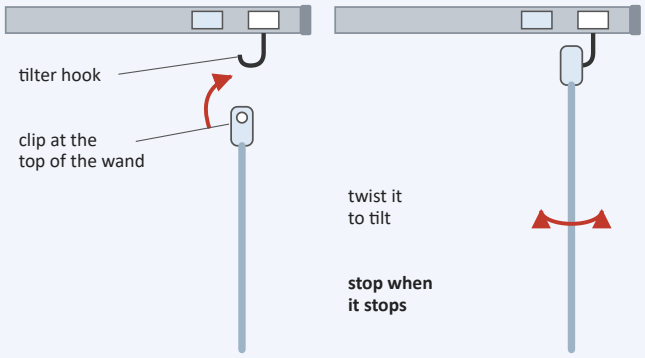
5 Hang the blind



Front top edge into the groove | **Push the back up until it clicks** | **To take it down**

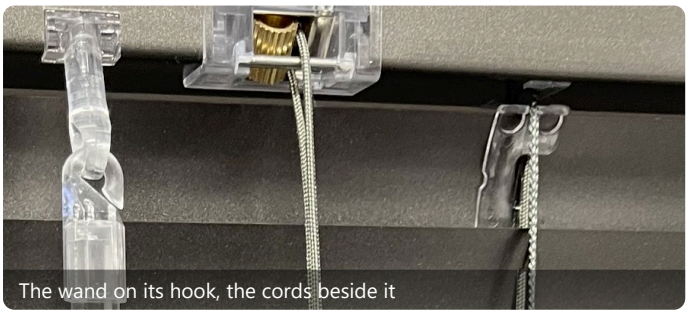
- ✓ Rest the front top edge of the headrail in the plastic groove of each bracket, then push the back up until it **clicks in**. Do every bracket.
- ✓ Pull gently down on the headrail: it must not move. One bracket not clipped and the blind can fall.
- ✓ To take it down: raise the blind, push the headrail in towards the window and twist its back down out of each bracket.

6 Fit the wand



1 Lift the clip onto the tilter hook

2 Twist to tilt. Never force it past where it stops: that strips the tilter.



The wand on its hook, the cords beside it

7 Test it

Run it all the way up and down at least twice, and tilt it fully both ways. **Open the slats flat before raising or lowering.**



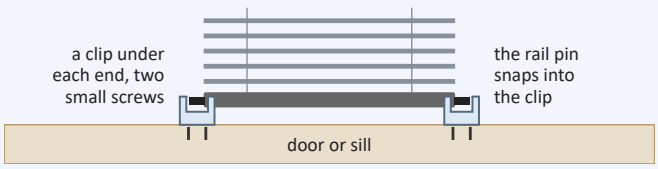
Release: pull the cords in towards the middle of the blind

Lock: let them swing back out to the side, and let go

- ✓ Raise it evenly. A crooked bottom rail means one side was pulled harder: lower it and raise it again.
- ✓ Lowered, the bottom rail sits level and just clear of the sill.
- ✓ Slats sitting crooked after the trip settle after a few runs. Still out? Ring us before you touch any cord.
- ✓ A blind 150 to 199mm wide is tilt only: it cannot be raised.

8 Sill clips, if you ordered them

If you ordered sill clips (hold-down clips), they stop a blind on a door or an opening window swinging. Lower the blind fully with the bottom rail level, screw a clip to the door or sill under each end of the rail (two small screws each), and snap the rail pins into them. Unclip them before raising it.

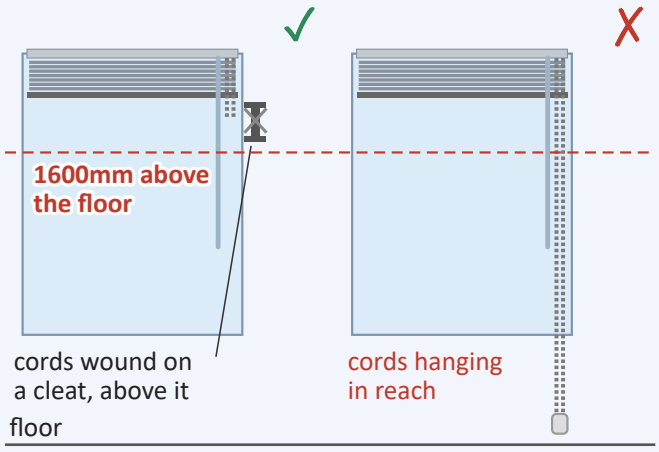


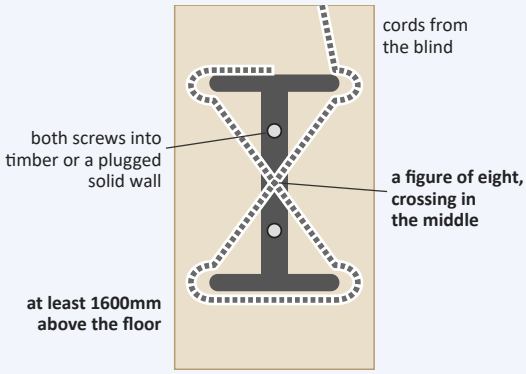
9 Cord safety

Loose cords and chains can strangle a young child. The Government has announced a compulsory safety standard for corded blinds. Until it is in force, we strongly recommend fitting every blind to the Australian installation rule:

> **No cord or chain may be able to form a loose loop 220mm or longer less than 1600mm above the floor. Below that height, hold it taut with a guide fixed so a child cannot pull it out.**

A cord cleat is an option. If you want one, you can buy one from a hardware store. Fit it like this:





Winding the cords on

- ✓ Screw the cleat to the frame or wall beside the cords, at least 1600mm above the floor, into timber or a plugged solid wall.
- ✓ Keep the cords wound on the cleat in a figure of eight whenever you are not raising or lowering the blind, whether it is up or down, unless they end at least 1600mm above the floor.
- ✓ Never knot or tie the cords together: that makes a loop.

10 Keep it safe, and looking good

- ✓ Keep cots, beds and furniture away from the cords.
- ✓ Open the slats before raising; cords in to release, out to lock; twist the wand gently and stop at the end.
- ✓ Tilt it for light and privacy; raise it only to open the window or clean the glass. Lock the cord in a slightly different place each time, so it does not wear.
- ✓ Never push your hands through the slats or let them flap in the wind: they crease.
- ✓ In a bathroom, a damp room or by the sea, clean the metal parts at least twice a year to stop corrosion.

A blind does not fit? Stop, and ring us before you cut or change anything. Measured it wrong? Our FitRight guarantee may cover a remake (terms at blinds4u.co.nz/fitright-guarantee; claim within 30 days of your order arriving).

Damage our warranty cannot cover

- ✗ Damage caused by brackets fitted out of level or out of line, bent, or screwed into plasterboard alone.
- ✗ Damage caused by a bracket fitted over a ladder, a cord or the controls.
- ✗ Damage caused by a headrail not clipped into every bracket, so the blind fell.
- ✗ Damage caused by slats creased or bent while fitting, by the wind, or by hands pushed through.
- ✗ Damage caused by cutting or re-joining cords, forcing the tilter, or altering the blind.

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