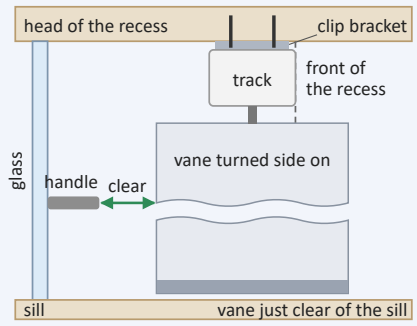
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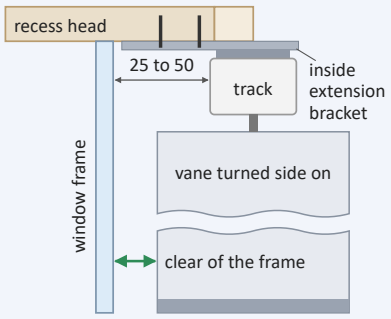
Read every page before you start

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.

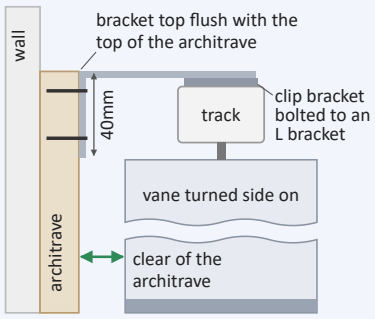
Prefer to watch?
blinds4u.co.nz/how-to-install has our videos. The brackets in them may look a little different.



Inside fit, track lined up with the front



Recess 25 to 50mm: extension bracket



Outside fit, onto the architrave

1 Before you start

- ✓ In the box: the track and brackets, with the tilt chain and cord fitted; the vanes, in their own bundle; bottom weights; a link chain (the small chain joining the vanes at the bottom) unless you ordered chainless; a cord weight, or the cord safe (a clear holder that keeps the cord loop taut) if you ordered it; and 8g x 5/8" screws for solid timber.
- ✓ Each blind is numbered to match your packing slip. The tag on the track 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.
- ✓ The stack side (where the vanes gather when the blind is open) and the control side are made as you ordered them and cannot be changed at home.
- ✓ **Replacement vanes only?** Hook them onto the hooks already on your track: go to step 5.
- ✓ 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, and a helper for anything over 1500mm wide.

2 Place the brackets

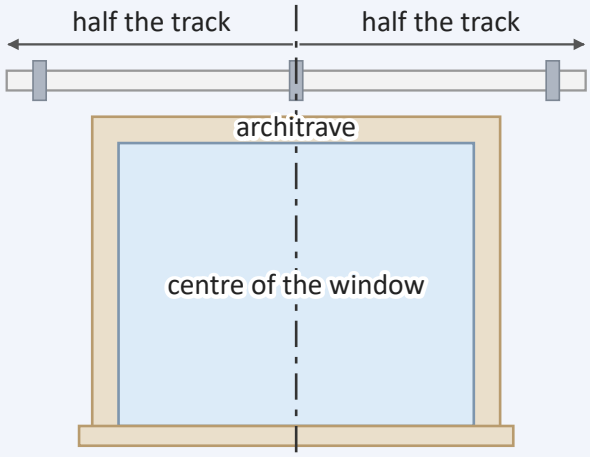
Sloped (raking) blind? Read step 6 first.

Inside fit. The clip brackets screw **up** into the top of the window recess. Line the front of the track up with the front of the recess. Under 75mm deep, bring the brackets forward until a vane turned side on (at right angles to the window) clears the glass and handles.

Recess 25 to 50mm deep: use the inside extension brackets, in the box when your blind was ordered that way. Shallower than 25mm? Ring us.

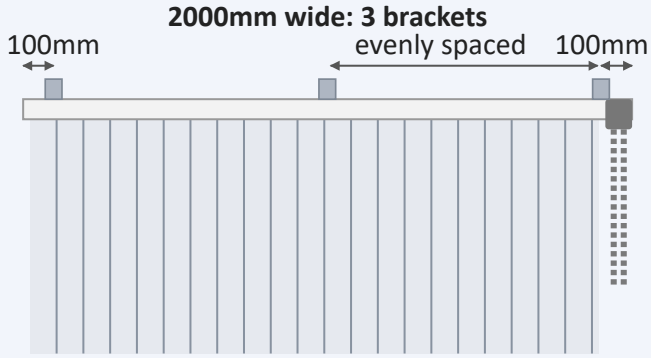
Outside fit. Each clip bracket comes bolted to an L bracket, whose flat foot needs 40mm of flat surface. On the architrave: the top of each bracket flush with the top of the architrave (your drop was measured from there). Above it: on the wall at the marks you made when measuring (or 50mm above the window and 100mm out each side), screwed into the timber framing.

Sideways. Centre the track on the window: mark half its length each side of the window's centre line.



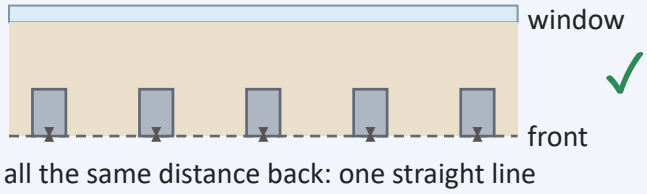
Sideways, the track centred on the window

3 Count, line up, level and fix them

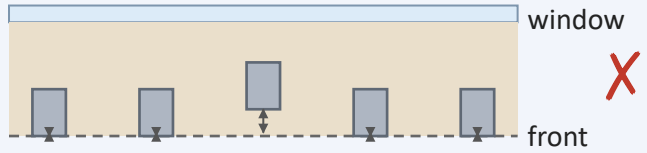


width	under 1500	1500+	3000+	4500+
brackets	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**

Along the track, 100mm in from each end, evenly spaced



all the same distance back: one straight line



one set further back: not straight
(looking up at the head)

Front to back, all the same distance back

How many. One bracket 100mm in from each end, the rest evenly spaced: the table gives the count.

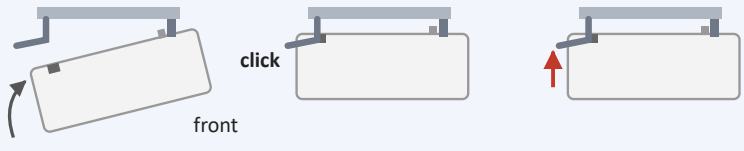
Line them up. All the same distance back from the front, so they make one straight line, and each one level. Check with a spirit level; do not follow the window frame. If the top of the recess slopes, put a packer (a thin plastic or timber shim from the hardware store) between the head and the bracket at the high end.

Fix them solid. Into solid material only, as the table shows.

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

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.

4 Clip the track in



1 Hook the front on
into the ridge

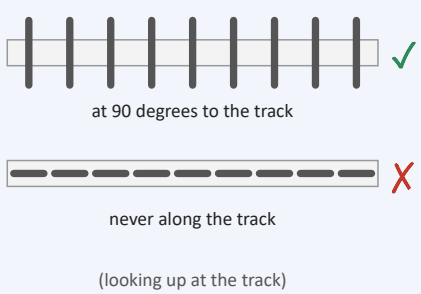
2 Push the back up
until it clicks

To take it down
press the back lip up

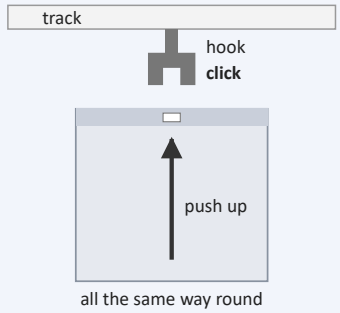
- ✓ Hook the front edge of each bracket into the ridge near the front of the track, then push the back up until it **clicks**.
- ✓ Pull gently down on the track: it must not move.
- ✓ To take it down, press the lip at the back of each bracket up.

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).

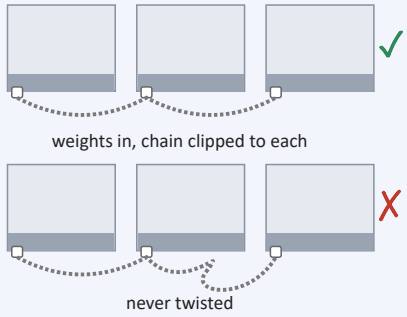
5 Hang the vanes



1 Hooks side on: turn them with the chain

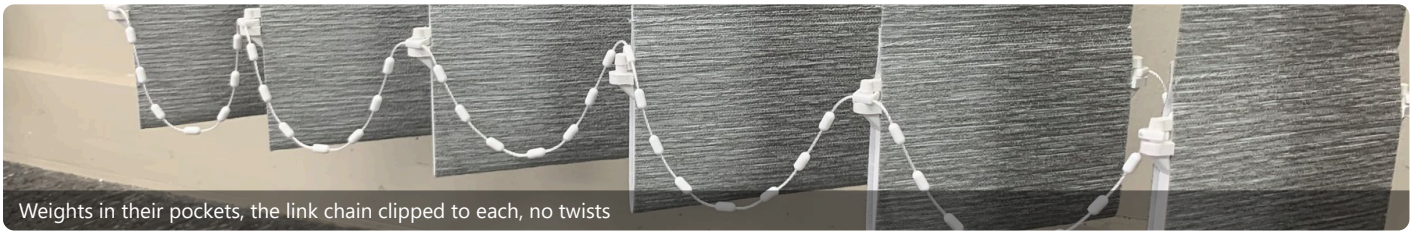


2 Push each vane up until it clicks



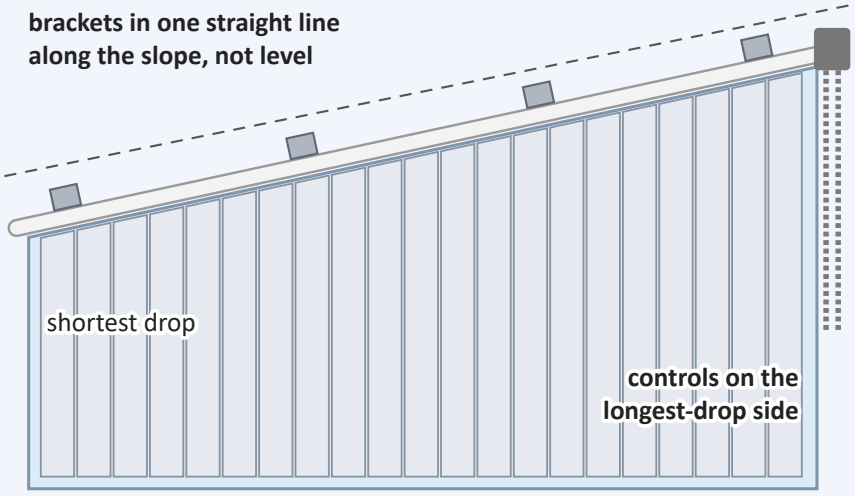
3 Weights in, link chain on

- ✓ Pull the tilt chain until every hook is **side on**, at right angles to the track.
- ✓ Push the top of each vane up into its hook until it **clicks**. Hang them all the same way round, seams and pattern facing the same way.
- ✓ Handle the vanes with clean hands: creases and marks made while unpacking or fitting are not covered by our warranty.
- ✓ Slide a weight into the pocket at the foot of each vane, if it is not already there.
- ✓ Clip the link chain onto each weight in turn, without twisting it. No chain (chainless)? The vanes move more in a breeze, which is normal.



Weights in their pockets, the link chain clipped to each, no twists

6 Sloped (raking) blinds



Raking blind, the track along the slope

- ✓ A raking blind is made with its controls on the **longest-drop** side.
- ✓ Fix the brackets in one straight line **along the slope**, not level, all the same distance back from the front.
- ✓ On a steep slope the track will not draw open and shut: that is how it is made, not a fault.

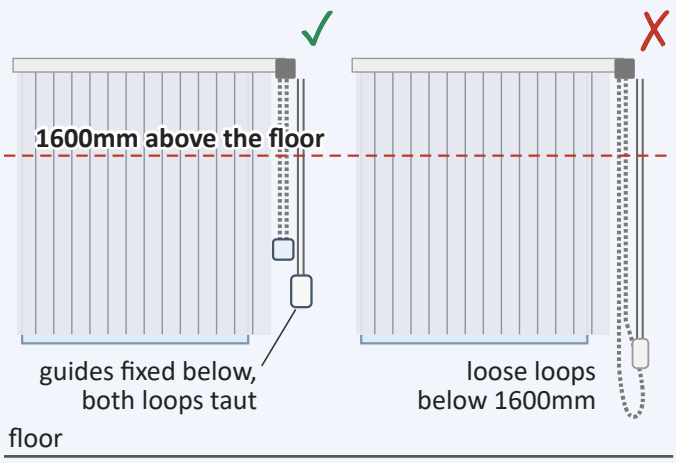
Installing your vertical blinds

Cord and chain safety, testing

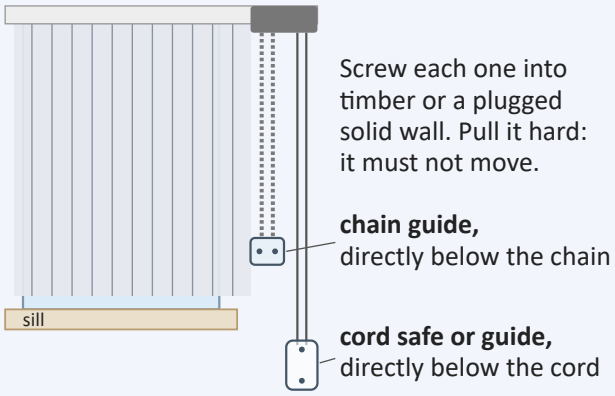
7 Cord and chain safety

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.



Loops below 1600mm: held taut, never loose



loops taut, but still running

Where the guides go: straight down

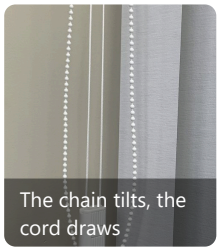
- ✓ Ordered the cord safe? Screw it to the sill or wall directly below the cord, so the loop is taut but still runs.
- ✓ **A cord or chain guide is an option.** If you want one, you can buy one from a hardware store. Fit it directly below the cord or chain, into timber or a plugged solid wall, and pull it hard: it must not move.

8 Test it

Draw the blind fully open and shut, and tilt it fully both ways, **at least twice**.

- ✓ **Turn the vanes open (side on) before you draw it.** The chain tilts the vanes; the cord draws the blind open and shut.
- ✓ The vanes hang just clear of the sill and never drag on the floor, a heater or carpet.
- ✓ Vanes not turning with the rest? Keep turning the chain the same way, past the stop, until they line up.
- ✓ Never cut, shorten or re-join a cord or chain. Wrong length? Ring us.

9 Keep it safe



- ✓ Open the vanes side on before you draw the blind.
- ✓ **Never push or pull the vanes by hand, or walk through them.** The plastic hangers are made to snap first, and a snapped hanger is replaced, not glued.
- ✓ Keep cots, beds and furniture away from cords and chains.

Damage our warranty cannot cover

- ✗ Damage caused by brackets out of level or out of line, or fixed into plasterboard alone.
- ✗ Damage caused by forcing the vanes by hand or walking through them, which snaps the hangers.
- ✗ Damage caused by creasing or marking the vanes while fitting.
- ✗ Damage caused by cutting or re-joining a cord or chain.
- ✗ Damage caused by altering the blind.

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