

Measuring Solar Roller Shades with Side Tracks:

These measuring instructions are recommended at all times when measuring Solar Roller Shades with sidetracks. Following these instructions each time will ensure a proper fit and give you a consistent installation.

If for any reason these instructions will not work for your situation. Please request a technical measure to ensure fit.

For Patio/Window Openings with Tracks:

- Before measuring check opening for any obstructions or extreme variations in wall surfaces.
- Create diagram of opening to be measured.
- Measure opening width in 3 places: Top, Center and Bottom.
- Write measurements on diagram.
- Measure opening a second time to verify correct measurements
- We recommend only an outside/inside (overlap) mount for track shades on the patio. If you do specify an under (trapped) mount for a patio shade with tracks it will be a very difficult installation and will likely need additional finish work to accommodate for variances in the mounting surfaces.
- For an under (trapped) mount deduct 1/4 from the narrowest width measurement
 - This will be your unit width.
 - Track mount will be **side mount** (holes in side of track).
- For an outside/inside (overlap) mount take the widest opening measurement and add 5 inches.
 - This will be your unit width.
 - Track mount will be **surface mount** (holes in face of track).
- Measure opening height **patio** shades.
 - When measuring the opening height remember that you are specifying the height of the tracks. This means that you need to determine how tall the tracks will be. Typically for a patio mount the track height is the distance from where the box mounts to the ground.
 - **Track Height Under Mount** = Opening height minus Box (4" or 5.5")
 - **Track Height Outside/Inside Mount** = Opening height plus 2"(Box mounts above opening. The additional 2 inches allows for the weight bar to retract above the opening.)
- Measure opening height **window** shades.
 - When measuring the opening height remember that you are specifying the height of the tracks. This means that you need to determine how tall the tracks will be. Typically for a window shade the track height is the distance from where the box mounts (2" above the opening) to 2" below the window opening. This would be true for outside mount. Under mount you will need to deduct the box from the height of the opening to get the track height.
 - **Track Height Under Mount** = Opening height minus Box (4" or 6")
 - **Track Height Outside Mount** = Opening height plus 2"(Box mounts above opening. The additional 2 inches allows for the weight bar to retract above the opening.)
- **For certain installations the tracks may need to be cut on site for the perfect fit.**
- Hanging:
 - Manual Shades: Determine the handing as if you were operating the shade. Stand where the shade is operated are you on the left or right of the shade.
 - Motorized Shades: Determine where the power will come from and specify the motor on that side of the shade.