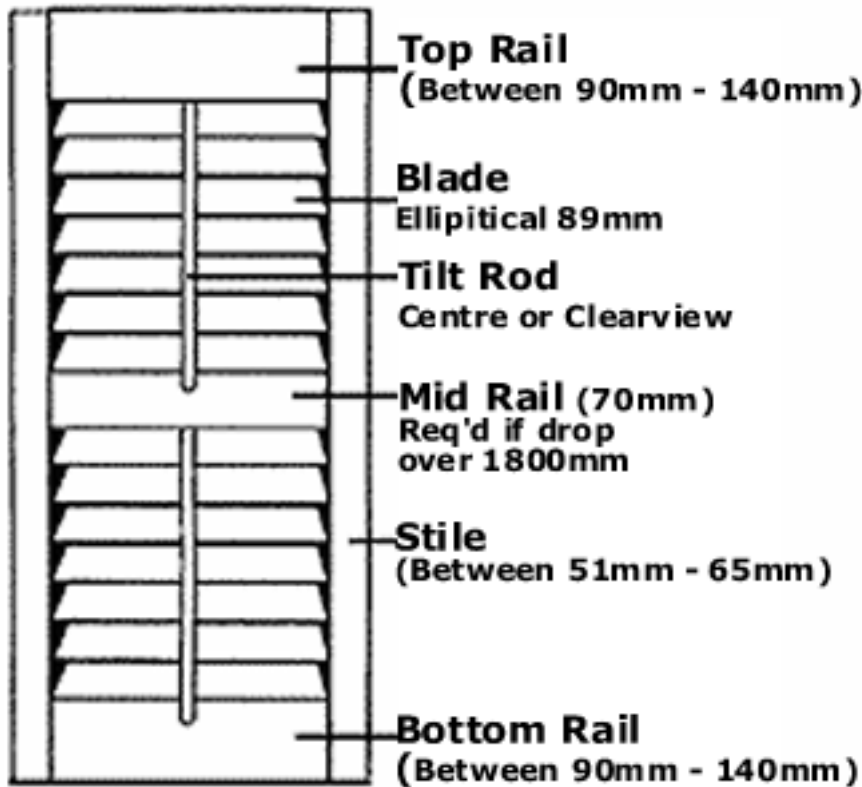


Measuring Plantation Shutters



Panel Description



Basic Measuring

Getting a precise and accurate measurement is the first step to a perfect shutter. If you are not confident about measuring use our check measure service @ \$80.00 inc GST (Melb / Syd / Bris). We will do it for you and guarantee that your shutters will fit perfectly. Call 1300 664 257 to book.

- Always measure with a new metal tape measure
- Always measure to the closest Millimetre
- Measure all windows, even though they appear to be identical

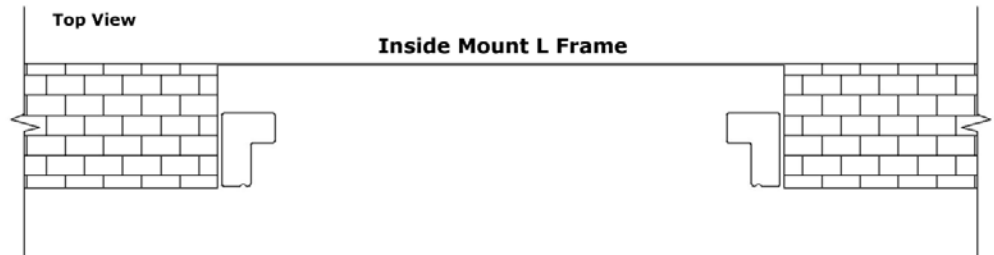
When looking at your window frame, start from the inside. Look for your 60mm (centre tilt rod) or 70mm (clearview tilt rod) depth for inside mount. If there is not enough depth in your window frame for inside mount you will need to outside mount your shutters.

Frame Types

There are three types of frames, L Frame for inside mount, Z Frame for Inside mount and L Frame for Outside Mount.

Inside mount L Frame

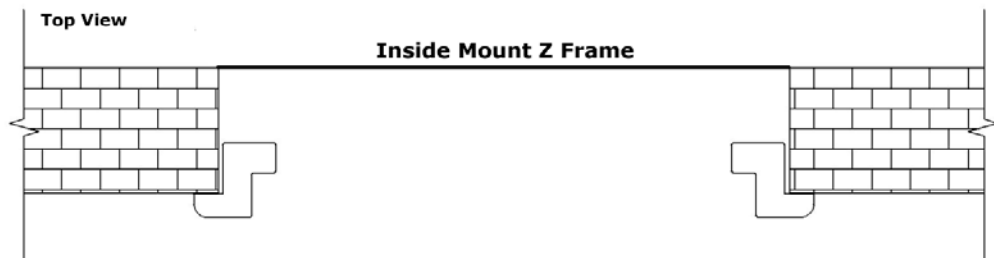
Used where the window has a clear depth of 60mm for Centre tilt rod type and 70mm for Clearview (hidden tilt rod).



Inside mount Z Frame

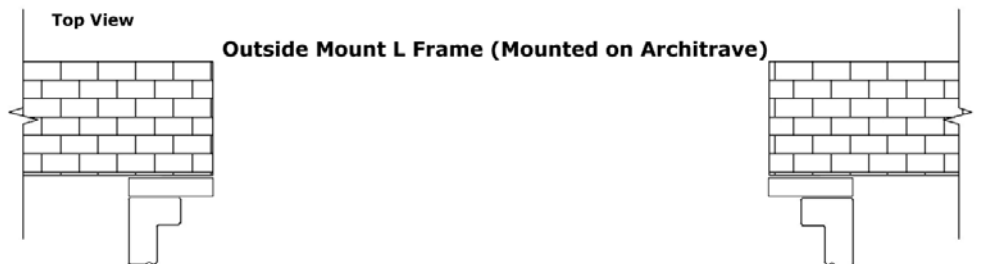
Used where the window has no architrave, external plaster corner, or is made of concrete or brick. The Z Frame can easily be installed in these difficult situations and the Z frame also helps with hiding an imperfect window. The Z frame extends by 30mm onto the face of the wall.

An inside mount Z frame requires a clear depth of 60mm for Centre tilt rod type and 70mm for "Clearview" tilt rod type.



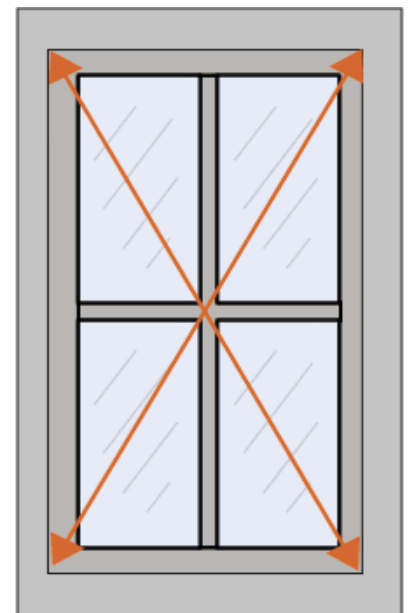
Outside L Frame

Used where you don't have enough depth for an inside mount or your window is more than 6mm out of square. The Outside mount L frame is made with enough depth so that when the blades are open they will not touch the window frame at any point.



Determine Window Squareness

Measure diagonally from corner to corner. Should the difference between the two diagonals be greater than 6mm, Outside mount L or inside mount Z Frame is highly recommended.



Measuring Inside Mount L Frame And Z Frame

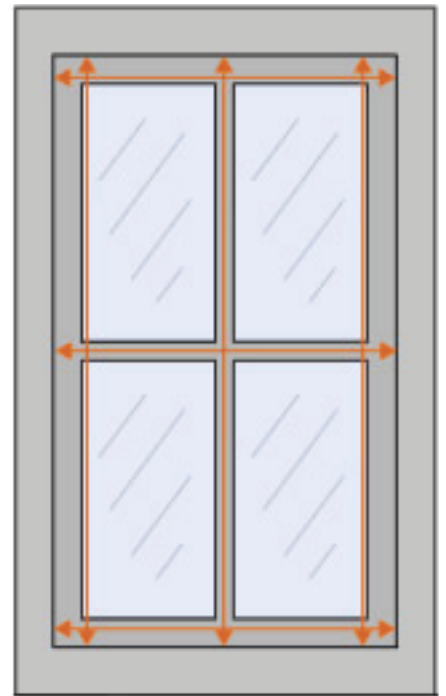
These inside mount frames require 60mm clear depth for Centre tilt rod and 70mm for Clearview (hidden tilt rod).

Width - take three measurements at the top, middle and bottom of the window opening.

Drop - take three measurements at the left, centre, and right of the window opening

For inside mount provide the smallest width and height measurement

Note; Special attention should be given to window openings that have window winders, latches, security devices, removable screens etc, because they may obstruct the frame. When measuring inside mount frames, make sure that you have at least 60mm for centre tilt rod type and 70mm for Clearview (hidden tilt rod).



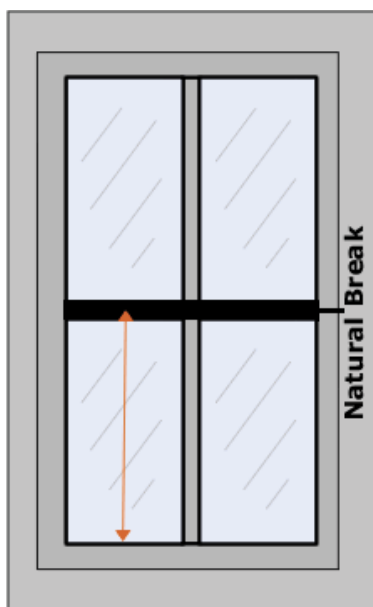
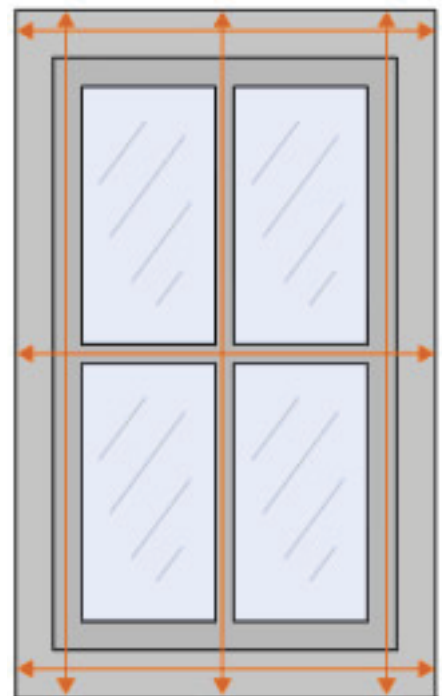
Measuring Outside Mount L Frame

Width - take three measurements from the edge of the architrave to the edge of the architrave at the top, middle and bottom on the window frame.

Drop - take three measurements from the top of the architrave to the bottom of the architrave at the left, centre, and right of the window opening

For Outside Mount L frame provide the largest width and height measurement.

You need at least 25mm of flat surface to mount your shutter frame. For all decorative architraves (Victorian style etc) please call i seek blinds for instructions on where to measure.



How To Measure Your Mid Rail Position

Mid rails provide strength to your shutters and allow you to operate the top blades independently from the bottom blades. A mid rail is required on all panels above 1800mm in height and is optional below this height.

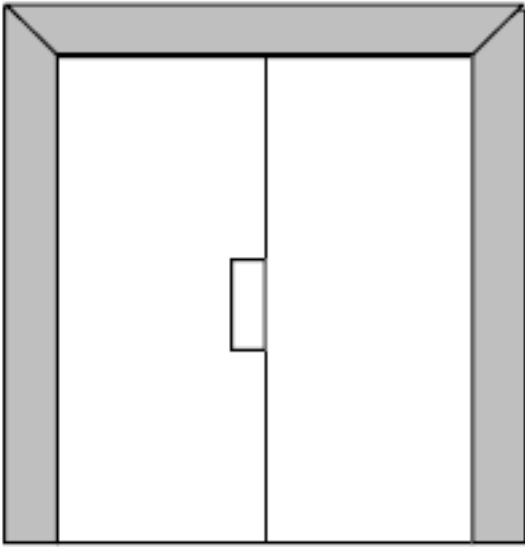
The most common placement for a mid rail is in the exact centre of the panel. It is also common to place the mid rail at a natural break, as there is with a double hung window.

For an inside mount L or Z Frame measure from the bottom of the inside of your window frame to the centre point of the desired location of the mid rail.

For an outside mount L Frame measure from the bottom of the architrave to the centre point of the desired location of the mid rail.

Number of sides of the frame

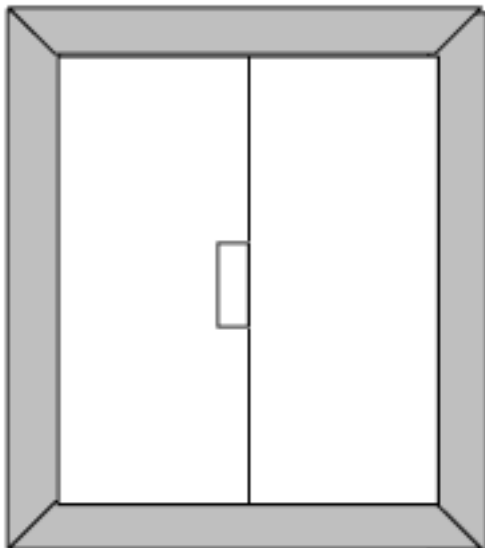
All of the I Seek Blinds frame kits can be made in a three or four sided frames. Most common is a four sided frame.



3 Sided Frame - No Bottom

Used if you have a sill at the bottom of your window frame.

If your sill is bowed - make sure you take the smallest measurement for your drop.



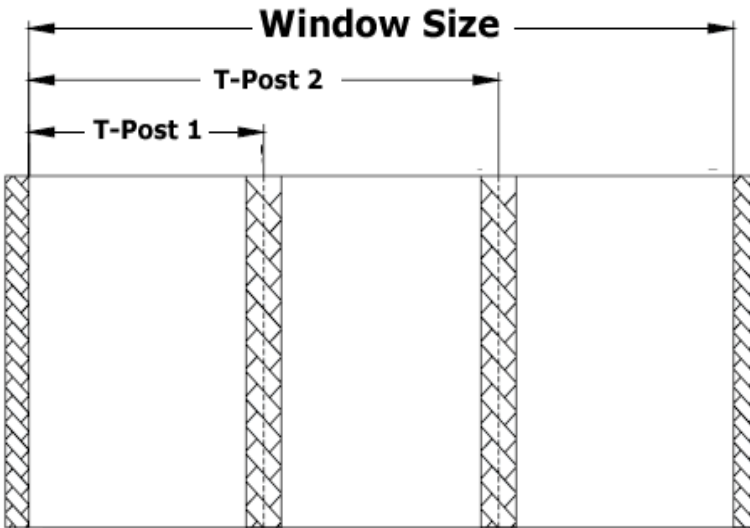
4 Sided Frame

Most commonly used

Panel Widths - T posts

The maximum individual Panel Width is 920mm. For larger windows T posts can be used with any frame type where the size of the window requires three, four or six panels etc. They are used to divide windows vertically to match window design and cover large spaces. When ordering your shutters you can choose 'Standard' Panel widths - all panels are made equal sizes or 'Custom'. Below are measuring instructions if you choose custom sizes. (Remember the maximum width per shutter panel is 920mm)

Inside Mount - L Frame & Z Frame

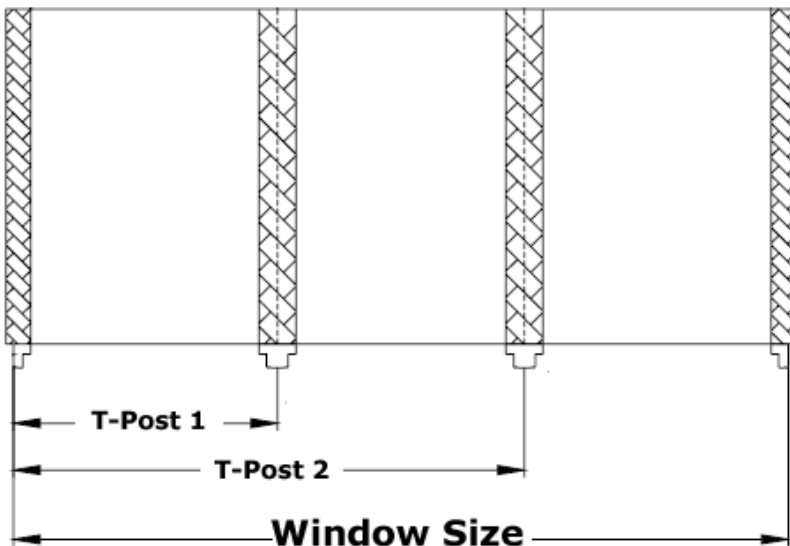


Measuring T Post location for Inside Mount L Frame & Z Frame

T-Post 1 = Inside edge of window frame to centre of first T-Post

T-Post 2 = Inside edge of window frame to centre of second T-Post

Outside Mount - L Frame



Measuring T Post location for Inside Mount L Frame & Z Frame

T-Post 1 = Outside edge of architrave to centre of first T-Post

T-Post 2 = Outside edge of architrave to centre of second T-Post

Other window types

I seek blinds can also show you how to measure and install corner windows and bay windows. These window types are no harder than a standard installation. Please contact I Seek Blinds for detailed instructions.