

# Horizontal Blinds

## Installation Instructions



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 If you are missing parts or have questions about the operation of your blind, call our Hotline. Please have the Vista order number available, it can be found printed on a sticker affixed to the headrail or shipping label.

To install your Vista blinds, you will need a few basic tools: pencil, drill and drill bits, measuring tape, and screwdriver. Before you begin, please read the instructions all the way through to acquaint yourself with the recommended procedures.

### Standard Horizontals With Valance

#### Inside Window Frame Installations:

If the blind was ordered as an "inside mount" the Factory has already made allowances off the window measurements to ensure proper fit.

#### Bracket Installation (standard):

The installation brackets are designed with a series of holes to allow for many different mounting conditions. Mount both left and right brackets in the upper inside corners of each window. For standard installation the front of the bracket should be flush with the wall, not back against the window jamb. Use one screw in any side hole and one screw through any top hole. The "doors" of the installation brackets are intended to open from the front and swing upward.

#### Outside Window Frame (Wall Mount) Installations:

If the blind was ordered as an "outside mount", the factory has made the blind exactly to the ordered size.

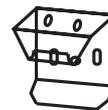
#### Bracket Installation:

The installation brackets are also designed to work for wall mounting. Use a minimum of two screws through the back plate of each bracket, (one being placed in an upper hole). Make certain that this upper screw is firmly imbedded into the wall framing. If you are installing into a hollow wall, you'll need to purchase the appropriate hollow wall anchors. Seek the advice of an expert at your local hardware store.

Plan to center the outside mount blind on the window, allowing equal distance beyond the window edge on both sides. Brackets should be placed a minimum of 2 1/2" above the window opening for 2-inch & 2 1/2-inch blinds and 1 1/2" for 1-inch blinds.

#### Mount Intermediate Support Brackets:

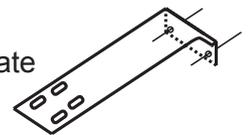
When intermediate support brackets are provided, space brackets evenly along headrail. Position each bracket so that it will not interfere with the mechanism inside the headrail. Align back of bracket with back of end brackets.



Blind Width	# Supports
Up to 48"	0
48" to 96"	1
96" to 144"	2

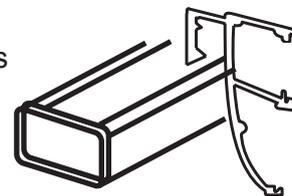
#### Mount Projection Brackets: (optional)

Mount optional projection brackets to window frame. Then, attach side of end brackets and top of intermediate support brackets to projection brackets using machine screw and nut.



#### Mount Valance Clips:

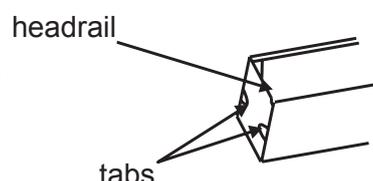
Before inserting the blind into the mounted brackets, attach the valance clips to the headrail. Simply snap valance clips on to the front of the headrail.



Position valance clips so they are spaced evenly across the blind.

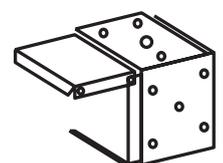
#### Install Blind in Brackets:

If headrail moves left or right in brackets more than 1/8", bend out tabs on end stiffeners for a tighter fit.



#### Close Bracket Doors:

With headrail in brackets, press hinged door closed until it snaps in place.



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### Valance Returns:

For blinds ordered as outside mount, valances come complete without returns attached.

**Aluminum blinds:** To bend the returns, place the slats on a table with the concave side up. With a pencil, make a mark on the slat at the length you desire your return. Place a straight edge on the mark and hold it firmly in place with one hand. With the other hand, bend the slat straight up. Place the self adhesive pad on to the end of the bracket. Place each slat of the return onto the pad being careful to align with the valance.

**Note:** Returns are not available with 2" Aluminum Blinds.

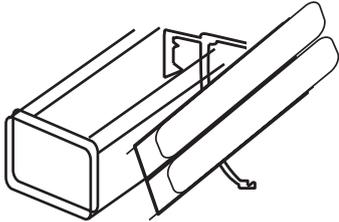


**Wood & Fauxwood Blinds:** Valance returns are attached to the valance using an "L" shaped bracket that slides into the grooves on the back of the valance and return. Push together until corners line up evenly.

**Note:** Returns measuring 3/4" or less are glued to the valance on wood blinds only.

### Attaching the Valance:

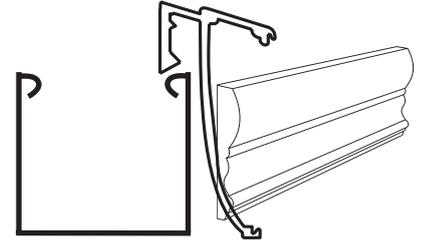
1" Aluminum Valance



2" Aluminum 2 Slat Valance



Wood & Fauxwood Valance

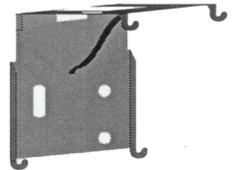


Push valance clip down over front of headrail. Insert the top of edge of the valance (or slat) into the clip then press the bottom into place.

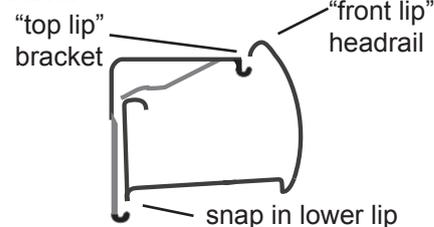
### Monorail Horizontals (Valanceless Headrail)

#### Bracket Installation:

The installation brackets are designed to work for both inside window frame or outside window frame installations. Removable tabs have been placed along the headrail of the blind to assist you in the proper placement of the installation brackets. Simply hold your blind up to the window where it is to be installed and mark (with a pencil) where placement of the brackets are recommended.



**Note:** Do not try to place brackets over the tilter or the cord lock as this will interfere with the installation and operation of the blind.



#### Install Blind in Bracket:

Place the front "lip" of the headrail over the top "lip" of the installation bracket. While gently pulling down on the front, push up on the back of the headrail until you hear a "snap". With both hands, pull down on the headrail to assure it is locked into the brackets.

### Hold Down Brackets: (optional)

Hold down brackets are used where it is desirable to keep the bottom of the blind from swaying, such as on doors or on blinds exposed to the wind. Hold down brackets were supplied if requested when ordering the blind.

Insert one half of the hold down pin into bottomrail end plugs or drill hole in bottomrail (wood and fauxwood blinds). Repeat with the other pin in the other end. Space hold down brackets far enough apart to permit the bottomrail to fit between brackets. Screw the brackets to the mounting surface. Slip the hold down pins on the bottomrail into brackets.

**Note:** Aluminum Blinds with a 1 x 1 1/2" headrail already have pre-molded hold down pins.



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## Operating and Troubleshooting Instructions



### Proper Care of Wood Slats:

Wood blind slats are affected by moisture. High humidity environments can cause slat warping as can direct contact with water. Slight twisting and curving of slats is considered normal wear and tear.

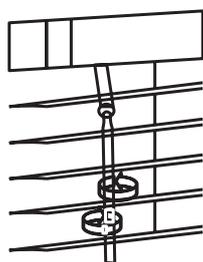
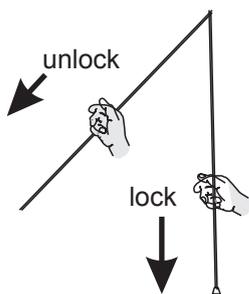
**Painted Surfaces:** Treat the blind as you would any fine piece of furniture that has a painted surface. A soft dusting cloth should be used. If you choose to use an antistatic dusting solution, spray cloth first rather than spraying directly on the blind.

**Stained Surfaces:** Furniture polish can be used, however it is best to apply polish to the cloth first and not directly to slat surface.

### Operating Instructions

#### Wand Tilt To Tilt Slats:

Turn wand to tilt slats to desired angle.



#### Lift Control:

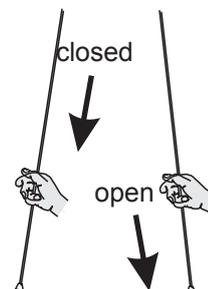
The locking mechanism is a sliding rod type. It will lock automatically when cord is released, preventing blind from crashing down to full length. To lower, pull cords toward center of blind and hold in this position while lowering.

**Note:** Keep slats fully open (not tilted) while raising or lowering.

#### Cord Tilt To Tilt Slats (Available on 2" Only):

Pull cord down on the left to rotate slats closed.

Pull cord down on the right to rotate slats open.



### Motorization: (Changing the Pre Set Height Limits)

Step 1. Send the shade to its current upper / lower limit.

Step 2. Press both UP and DOWN on the remote control at the same time until the shade jogs.

Adjust one position at a time.

Adjust to a new lower limit position by using DOWN. Adjust to a new upper limit position by using UP.

Step 3. Press (MY) until the shade jogs. Repeat to adjust other limits.



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## Troubleshooting Instructions

Problem	Check	Solution
Blind is stuck in the raised position.		Grasp the lift cords with one hand. With the free hand, slightly lift on the bottomrail so that the weight is taken off of the lift cord. Now "RELEASE" the cord lock by pulling the lift cord toward the center of the blind. The blind should now work properly.
Blind will not raise or lower properly or hangs crooked.	Lift (or pull) cords may be twisted or tangled.	After continuous use the lift cords may become tangled. Simply raise the blind to its fully raised position and align the cords so they hang straight.
The tilt cord (or wand) turns but the slats will not rotate.	In the headrail you will see a solid rod (tilt rod). Check to make sure it has not slid out of the tilt mechanism.	Hold the tilt rod with one hand and the tilt wand or cord with the other hand. Slowly push the tilt rod into the hole of the tilt mechanism. If you feel resistance, slowly turn the tilter until the rod lines up with the notch in the tilt mechanism. Insert the tilt rod completely through the tilt mechanism.

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