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Installation Instructions

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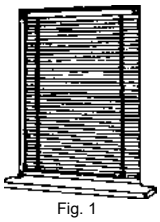
Mounting Inside or Outside Window Frame

Your blind package contains installation brackets and screws for mounting the blind inside (fig. 1) or outside the window frame (fig. 2). Hold the blind against the window opening to determine if it fits inside or outside the opening. If the window frame is not even or level, (fig. 3) be sure the headrail is level. This can be done by lowering the headrail to clear any obstructions, but the headrail must be level so the blind will operate properly.

Note: Keep blinds with the EZE-Clean option in the horizontal position at all times when installing to prevent slats from sliding out of the ladder tapes.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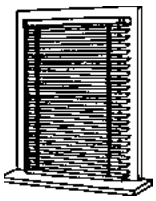
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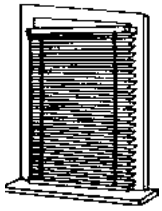
Fig. 3

For inside the window installations, mount the brackets in the corner of the jambs. . . make sure the headrail is level. For outside installations, hold the blind level at the desired height and mark the window frame (or wall) lightly on each end at the bottom of the headrail. Now center the blind (using the marks as a guide) and also mark the exact position of the ends of the headrail. The installation brackets should be located 1/4" beyond the end of the headrail marks.

Securing the Brackets

Two hinged-cover installation brackets are provided for each blind. . . a left and a right hand (fig. 4). The safety locking covers will secure the blind firmly in place.


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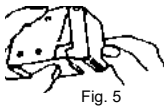
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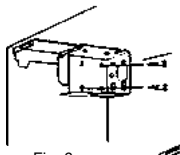
Open the bracket cover by pressing the bottom, and pull the hinged safety locking cover open (fig. 5). Each bracket is designed to be mounted with two screws. Typical installations for inside mounts are to the jamb (fig. 6) or the soffit (fig. 8) of the window frame. The screws should be diagonally located. Typical installations for outside mounts are to the window frame, or wall (fig. 7) or to the ceiling (fig. 8) through the top parallel screw holes.

For metal surfaces, use suitable sheet metal screws and predrill holes. For concrete, stone, brick or tile, use a carbide drill and appropriate plugs, anchors or screws. For wallboard and plaster, predrill holes of suitable size for the anchor or plug used. Follow the fastener manufacturer's recommendations.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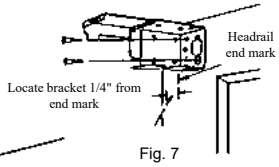

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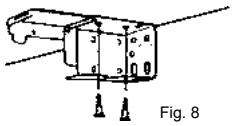


Fig. 8

Optional Extension Brackets

If 2" or 4" extension brackets were ordered (so the blind would clear an obstruction such as a window crank) follow outside installation instructions for bracket locations.

Note: Spacers are supplied for blinds with 2 1/2" slats.

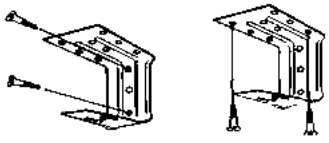

Fig. 10

Fig. 9

Use appropriate fasteners to bolt the mounting brackets to the extension. Note: Be certain the mounting brackets are aligned with one another and with any intermediate supports (fig. 12). The intermediate support would have to be mounted to the bottom of the extension (fig. 9).

Supporting Wide Blinds

If your blinds are over 48 inches wide an intermediate support bracket must be installed on the window frame (fig. 10) or to the soffit, or ceiling (fig. 11).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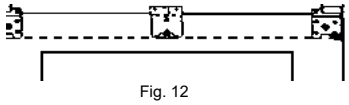
It should be close to the center, but it must not interfere with the headrail components. For blinds over 72 inches wide, two intermediate support brackets must be installed and spaced not more than 48 inches apart. Keep in mind the intermediate bracket must be aligned with the end mounting brackets (fig. 12).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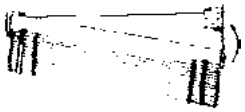
Inserting the Headrail

Having installed the left and right brackets (and required intermediate support brackets) you are now ready to install the blind. Open the bracket covers (fig. 15). Next, check the headrail to be sure all cords and tape ladders operate freely. If nothing is tangled, and if intermediate support(s) are used, slip the headrail into the support bracket and push it into place (fig. 12).

Fig. 15



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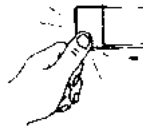


Fig. 14

If no intermediate bracket is used, slip the headrail into the brackets (fig. 13) and snap the safety locking cover shut (fig. 14). If the blind is loose in the brackets, open the brackets and expand the end lock tab(s) on the headrail using a screwdriver (fig. 16). If too tight, compress the tab by pushing it in one or both sides.

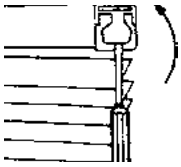


Fig. 16

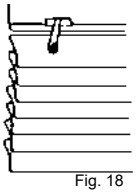
Tilter

Your blind is supplied with a cord tilter. You will find cord controls on each side of the headrail, one set for tilting the slats (with tassels) and one set for raising and lowering the slats (usually on the right). To tilt the slats to fully closed in one direction, simply pull one cord down. By pulling the ***second*** **c**ord, it will tilt the slats in the opposite direction (fig. 17).

Fig. 17

If you ordered a blind with a wand tilt**,** you will find a metal shaft with a small hole protruding from the headrail. The wand provided has a metal hook with a plastic sleeve over the hook. Remove the plastic sleeve by pulling upward (fig. 18). The hook, still attached to the wand will be in an open position. Next, slide the plastic sleeve you removed over the metal shaft protruding from the headrail (fig. 19). Holding the sleeve up above the tilter shaft hole, insert the wand hook through the shaft hole until it "rests" in the bend of the hook.

Then slide the plastic back down over the hook until it is back in the closed position (fig. 20). You will then be able to tilt the louvers of the blind by turning the wand. Approximately 4 revolutions of the wand are required to tilt the slats from fully closed in one direction to fully closed in the opposite direction.



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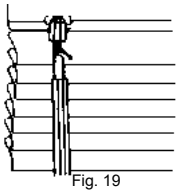

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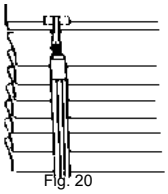
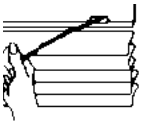


Fig. 20

Raising and Lowering Blinds

To raise or lower the blind, first tilt the blind to the open position. An automatic locking device takes effect when the cords hang vertically down. To raise or lower the blind pull the cords towards the middle and down slightly to release the lock (fig. 21). When at the desired height, return the cord at the vertical position to re-engage the locking device (fig. 22). When raising or lowering the blind, the slats should be in the horizontal (open) position.



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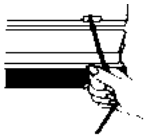


Fig. 22

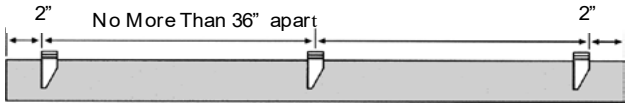
Valance Installation

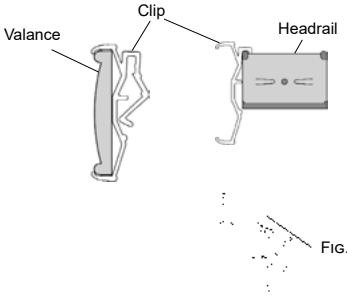
Inside Mount without Returns and Dust Cover

Some valances use a clip only (fig. 23 and 24) and some will come with a quick clip (fig. 25) stapled to the back of the valance. The valance clip will attach to the quick clip. The shape and size of the valance clips may vary depending on type of valance selected.

Perform this step before installing the blind.

- Attach a clip 2" from each end of the headrail.
- Space additional clip(s) evenly between the two end clips so the clips are no more than 36" apart.
- **NOTE**: Do not put any valance clip or obstruction over the motor/transmission.





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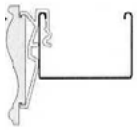


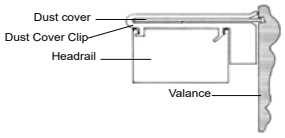
Fig. 24

Fig. 25

Outside Mount with Returns and Dust Cover

Dust Covers are standard on outside mount Wood Venetian and Select Millwoods and optional on Heartland. Attach Valance Clips. Perform this step before installing the blind.

- **NOTE**: Do not put any valance clip or obstruction over the motor/transmission.



- To attach the clip, hook the back of the clip to the rear lip of the headrail. (Fig. 26)
- Push the clip down until it snaps securely in place.

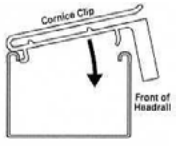


Fig. 26

Mount the Valance

Perform this step after installing the blind.

- Slide the dust cover into the clip as shown. (Fig. 27)

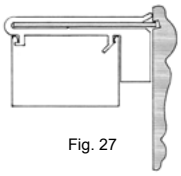


Fig. 27

Return Installation

Corner connectors will be sent to attach returns. (Fig. 28) Gently insert corner connector into the groove on the return and then into the back of the valance. Too much pressure can split the wood.

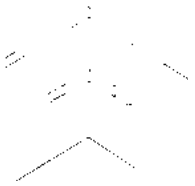


Fig. 28

Light-Ban® Slat System

The Light-Ban slat system allows tighter closure and offers superior light control. There are no rout holes with the Light-Ban design so light can't peek through the holes and into the room. Note: This feature is optional on Heartland Woods products.

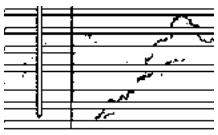
Cleaning your Blind

Since your wood blind is crafted from real wood, care must be taken in cleaning. Washing the blind is NOT recommended. Although the wood is sealed, water or even excessive dampness may cause warpage or discoloration of the slats. Since the surface of the slats is quite smooth, dust may be easily brushed off at regular intervals using a clean, soft dust cloth or a vacuum cleaner brush attachment.

The EZE-Clean feature allows each slat to be tilted forward or rotated for easy dusting while the blind is still in the window. With the EZE-Clean feature, each slat can also be removed and replaced individually for thorough cleaning and polishing of your blind.

Removing Slats with EZE-Clean® Option

The EZE-Clean feature allows you to remove the slats of your wood blind for a thorough cleaning. Our EZE-Clean option allows you to tilt the slats in the open position (fig. 29) and slide each slat from the ladder. Please be sure you have sufficient wall space for clearance of the slat to insure that you do not damage the slat (fig. 30). For inside mounts, gently pull the wood blind forward to insure clearance from the window casing.



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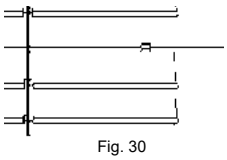

Fig. 30

Polishing Slats

Your wood blind is fine wood furniture for your windows. It should be polished as any other piece of fine furniture. Remove slats as shown in figures 29 and 30 and use a soft cloth and a cleaning or polishing product recommended for wood surfaces.

Replacing Slats with EZE-Clean® Option

With blind in open position, carefully slide the slat back onto the surface ladder. Make sure that the front and back notches of the slat are lined up with the vertical cords (fig. 31).

Fig. 31

Important

An additional slat is placed on the bottom rung of all cable tape wood blinds. This slat has been notched deeper so that it rests on top of the bottom rail to create a light stop. An extra slat is sent with all Wood Harvest wood blinds to accommodate any necessary slat replacement in the future.

These wood blinds are crafted from real wood. As such, expect variations in color, grain, and texture. These are characteristics of natural wood and may appear randomly throughout a blind. Arid climates, areas of high humidity and other natural conditions may cause slight warpage. This is normal and not considered a manufacturing defect.