

BLINDSTER®

How to Install: Inside Mount

Let's make sure you have what you need!

What came with your blinds?

1. Track/headrail (if you chose a cordless tilt wand, this will come attached)
2. Vanes
3. Mounting brackets*
4. 1 ½" #8 hex head wood screws
5. One valance
6. Metal valance clips

What else will you need in order to complete the installation?

1. Rechargeable drill
2. Phillips screwdriver
3. Pencil
4. Tape measure
5. Ladder
6. Fasteners (if mounting into aluminum or concrete)

***Quantity will vary depending on width.** Regarding mounting brackets- if your window is up to 54" wide you will have two mounting brackets. If your window is 54 1/8"-84" wide you will have three mounting brackets. If your window is 84 1/8"-108" wide you will have four mounting brackets. If your window is 108 1/8"-120" wide you will have five mounting brackets.

Inside Mount Installation-

1. **Determine the mounting depth location.** You need at least 1 3/8" of depth to install the bracket inside the window frame. For a complete flush mount, you need at least 3 1/2" depth. If your window opening's depth is greater than 3 1/2", measure back 3 1/2" to determine how far inside the window opening you need to mount the bracket. This will ensure that when the vanes are turned into their open position their edges will come right up to the front of the window opening without protruding into the room.
2. **Determine the bracket locations.** Mark the bracket locations on the top inside part of the valance ¾" up from the back of the valance. Position a mounting bracket 4" from each end of the headrail. If you have a wide shade that requires at least 3 brackets, evenly space the brackets between the two outermost brackets. When setting the mounting brackets, place them a maximum distance of 30" apart from each other.

You want to be able to see the marks on the valance when you look up at the top of the window/door opening.

3. **Mount the metal valance clips while you screw in the mounting brackets.** Using your drill, screw each of the brackets in through the valance clips, drilling through the valance and into the window/door casing. The valance clip will need to be stacked on top of the bracket.
4. **Install the vertical track.** Align the vertical track under your brackets. Hook the front part of the track into the front part of the clip. Once the lip of the front end of the clip is inserted into that groove press the back end of the track slightly back and up until the back end of the bracket clips around the back of the track. Once all brackets have been clipped around the track, gently tug to make sure that the vertical track is securely installed in the mounting brackets.

Make sure your track is facing the right way according to your requested operation specifications. If you chose a cordless wand, the wand needs to be positioned in front of the vanes when the blinds are closed.

5. **Insert each vane one at a time.** Simply press the top of the vane with the hole up into each of the carrier stem. Gently pull down on the vane so that it is seated in each of the bottom grooves. Repeat this process for each vane.
6. **Assemble the valance.** Insert the louver valance into the PVC channel. This gives the valance stability. If necessary, use a pair of heavy-duty scissors to trim the ends of the vane.
7. **Snap the valance into the valance clips.** There will be a slot on the back of the valance that will need to align with the grooves on the front of the valance clips. Gently press the back of the valance on to the front of the valance clip until you hear the valance snap into place.
8. **Mount the chain & cord loop tension devices.** *If you chose a cordless wand you may move on to step #9.* Each tension device will need two screws drilled into the top and bottom. Mount the tension devices on a flat, even surface and make sure that just a little bit of slack is left in the loops.
9. **Test the rotation of your vanes.** The metal beaded chain will rotate the vanes in either direction.
10. **Test the traverse of your vanes.** The nylon beaded chain will slide the vanes smoothly in either direction.

Do not slide the vanes from left to right when the vanes are locked in the closed position. This should only be done when the vanes are rotated to an open position.

11. **Enjoy your new blinds.** Sit back & relax because Blindster's got you covered.

Tips for Operating Your New Vertical Blinds-

After purchasing your new vertical blinds from Blindster, you may have questions about how to properly use them. Read these tips to better understand how to operate your blinds and keep them working problem-free for years to come.

- **CORD AND CHAIN CONTROL-** To rotate the louvers, simply pull on the metal bead chain. To traverse the louvers, pull on the nylon cord. If the louvers become tangled or become misaligned over time, re-adjust them by manually moving the louvers with your hand until they're all facing the same direction. Once you've made sure the louvers are all aligned, pull the metal bead chain until you hear a grinding sound; this grinding noise comes from the vane carriers realigning themselves—then, give the chain another slight tug. This will re-align the louver carriers. Once you pull the chain in the opposite direction, all the vanes will also be aligned correctly.
- **WAND CONTROL-** The wand allows you to control many aspects of your vertical blinds. To rotate the louvers, rotate the wand in the same direction that you want them to open. To traverse the louvers across the window or door, rotate them into the open position and push or pull on the wand in the desired direction.
- **STATIC REMOVAL-** Sometimes PVC vertical blinds can create static causing the individual vanes not to hang straight and can even overlap and separate resulting in light gaps. The easy home remedy for this would be to take a couple of dryer sheets and gently rub the front and back of the affected vanes from top to bottom. You can also purchase a static guard spray (often used for static on clothes) and lightly spray the vanes to reduce the buildup as well.
- **HOW TO REMOVE VANES FOR CLEANING-** The easiest way to remove the vanes is to take a sturdy flat card (like a credit card) and insert it up into the stem against the vane. Slide the vane up (so that it comes out of the groove that it is sitting in) and then pull both the vane and card in a downward position to disconnect.
- **HOW TO PREVENT VANE MISALIGNMENT-** Avoid leaving the window open during inclement, windy weather. Completely open (traverse) the blinds before opening the window. Do not allow children or pets to pass through the closed blind.