

Data sheet - arched/shaped Venetians



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These will operate on a similar basis to straight Venetians but with some limitations. They will only draw up, where possible, to where the headrail starts. The size and shape also sometimes mean that they do not shut as efficiently as with straight blinds. We generally use the Uniwand control mechanism. This has the cords running down the centre of the wand, which are pulled using the knob at the bottom. We provide a cord tidy with these so that they can be hooked out of the way when the blind is drawn up.

The slats edge will be shaped to the headrail, so please bear in mind that they will only shut one way, and go from flat open to downwards closed. If the slats are tilted further than they are designed the undue pressure on the tilt mechanism can break it, so be sure that your customer fully understands this. The smallest working slat will be 5" and with triangular blinds or gothic pointed blinds, above this slat will be a solid piece of aluminium in the same colour as the headrail. Sloping headrail or half arched shapes will hang correctly, but will not draw up evenly due to differential length of cords and ladder positions.

These venetians can be manufactured using aluminium slat in 25mm or 25mm /50mm woodslat, (although 50mm is not recommended with all shapes). Please bear in mind the weight if they are long on the drop. The headrail is sprayed to the nearest toning colour

available and the cords/braid will be as co-ordinated as possible unless otherwise requested.

Many shapes are possible – porthole, arched, arched gothic, triangular, even rocket shaped, so the best way for us to be able to say if something is possible is for you to fax us through a drawing together with full measurements and we will respond as fast as possible.

Please also be aware that these are very time consuming to make, as they are all handmade, and delivery times will be considerably longer than that for ordinary blinds.

In order to manufacture these as close as possible to the window sizes, unless the sizes are all true, we will require templates with measurements. A photograph really helps too. We also need to know exactly what is 100% vertical/horizontal so that the slats hang true. With triangles it is necessary to check that the apex is actually central to the width.

Once we receive a drawing with sizes we can let you know exactly what information we need for manufacturing. If we request a template please make this either in roller fabric or wallpaper. Cut it to fit the window and try it up at the window using say blutak or masking tape to hold it up. Ones made on the workshop floor from the measurements taken are not always reliable, particularly if they are arched and

done freehand. A couple of millimetres out makes a huge difference over an average drop.

It is essential on templates of half arches or angles that we have a datum line of vertical to work from. We have to know at what angle to set the headrail so that the slats lie horizontally, and again a few millimetres makes all the difference.

With the range of slat available as well as the sizes, I have found it totally impossible to work out a price list and therefore we are saying please ring or fax for a price.

We would also like to ask that whilst we take a great deal of care when packaging these up for despatch, we would much appreciate it if you could check the crate for damage, or sign for these consignments on delivery 'unchecked' as we can't claim from the carriers otherwise if they are damaged in transit.

Please also bear in mind that the wand is attached to the headrail and that sometimes with the length of wand, the box is considerably larger than the size of the blind in order to accommodate it safely.

If you have any questions at all please do not hesitate to ask us.