

Data sheet

- arched/shaped Verticals



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Rule no. 1: If you are in any doubt after reading this – talk to us

Curved headrails:

Normal curved tracks i.e. semi circular:

Check there are no beams, rjs's or coving to interfere with the size of the track. Is there a reveal or recess wall (usually 4" – 9" wide) you must let us know this on the order sheet so that we can make the necessary adjustments. (see diagram on order sheet.)

To measure, Use two metal tapes. Put one straight across from where the plaster finishes and the window frame starts to the same point on the other side. This is dimension 'A'. Then, take the second tape, find the centre of the 'A' dimension and measure from that to the inside face of the window frame. This dimension 'B'. This is all we need to make the track to the correct size.

Splay bay windows: i.e. the window has two side angled frames and one long centre one. The easiest, and only way to get these right is to send a template on wallpaper. Three strips set on the window cill and tape together with a pencil line showing where you want the track to lie (use 89mm or 127mm face fix brackets upside down to see exactly where it should go). The angle between the sides and front window should not be more than 45 degrees. These are better done in 89mm vanes as when the spacer links are smaller they go around the corner easier. Splay bay tracks are always bent / made up in 2 tracks as the tilt rod will not operate around 2 bends. Please don't forget that these are charged as 2 tracks on arched rate prices. If you request us to do the template we take no responsibility for it being correct, and there will be a charge of £25.00 plus V.A.T. For Hockeystick/Unusual shaped: Please make a template.

Please be aware that all these tracks must be fitted in the shape to which they have been curved and should they be pulled out of that shape by even a few millimetres they will jam up. Top fixing is recommended and these brackets are supplied free or alternatively, if necessary, on extension brackets which are chargeable.

Arched Vertical Tracks:

In order to manufacture the arched vertical headrails to fit as closely as possible to the windows, unless they are truly semi circular, we will require templates to be made of each window showing exactly where you would like the headrails to finish. These tracks will have a chain control, which merely twists the vanes to the position required. They are noisy and not as controllable as straight tracks. Their positioning in the rail is fixed and they do not draw back. The vanes of fabric are attached to the track via sloping head assemblies, which do mean that there is a larger gap between the headrail edge finishing and the fabric top edge starting than in a normal vertical blind. It is also sometimes necessary to cut off across the top corner of some vanes when they catch on the headrail to enable the vanes to shut properly. When the angle of the arch is semi circular it may be necessary to glue the sloping head assembly onto the hook so that they do not drop off if they are turned with the slot facing downwards. It is suggested that the appearance of the blind may be enhanced by a pelmet of soft fabric draped around the exterior, so as not to interfere with the workings of the blind, but to conceal the necessary gap as described above.

The vanes of fabric should be manufactured to the longest drop with louvre hangers and the tops finished. The bottom of the vanes must be finished after the headrails are fitted. Our recommended way of doing this is as follows. Place a batten of wood off approx. 7 mm./one quarter inch depth on the window cill. Hang the centre vanes and turn the fabric over so that it just touches the batten. Cut to size according to the ballast weight pocket required and glue with a hot melt glue gun or sew up as usual. (Clothes pegs used carefully can assist in hold the pocket until the glue has set properly.) Continue outwards as with the centre vanes.

Important Information – Curved/Arched vertical tracks

1. After unpacking the track please check that the cord has not become caught up in the steel spacer links.
2. Always keep the track in the shape it has been bent to. The brackets must be fitted to the track and NOT the track to the brackets. If it is pulled out of shape by even 2/3 mm it will not work as the components will bind and stick.
3. We recommend that the tracks are either top fixed or face fixed using adjustable face fix brackets.
4. The components used are fixed gear carriages. They do not align when the tilt chain is pulled after tilting. The hooks can get pushed into the component during transit, disengaging from the worm gear and trapping the cords. When hanging the fabric please gently pull down on the hook to make sure they are not even slightly pushed in.
5. If any of the hooks become out of line then by pushing the hook down, turning the others to match, then pulling it out, you can re-align them easily.
6. If on delivery a parcel is signed for as being received in good condition, then later when unwrapping, is found to be damaged, we cannot claim for this or accept any responsibility. Please check all packages properly or otherwise sign for them as 'damaged'. We usually wrap them in bubble wrap with cardboard tubes over the components/ends, and then brace them with wood roofing laths. If your parcel arrives with no wood on please definitely sign as damaged.
7. Any questions, please do not hesitate to ring and we will do our best to help.