



McKenzie House
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How to Measure for New Curtain Tracks and Rods

To determine the width of your new curtain track or rod use the guidelines below.

NB. When measuring, always try to ensure there is solid timber behind where the tracks/rods are to be fixed. If not, you will need to use wall plugs when fitting your tracks or rods.

These guidelines have been specified to ensure most of the curtains stack back off the glass area. You can alter them according to your individual requirements.

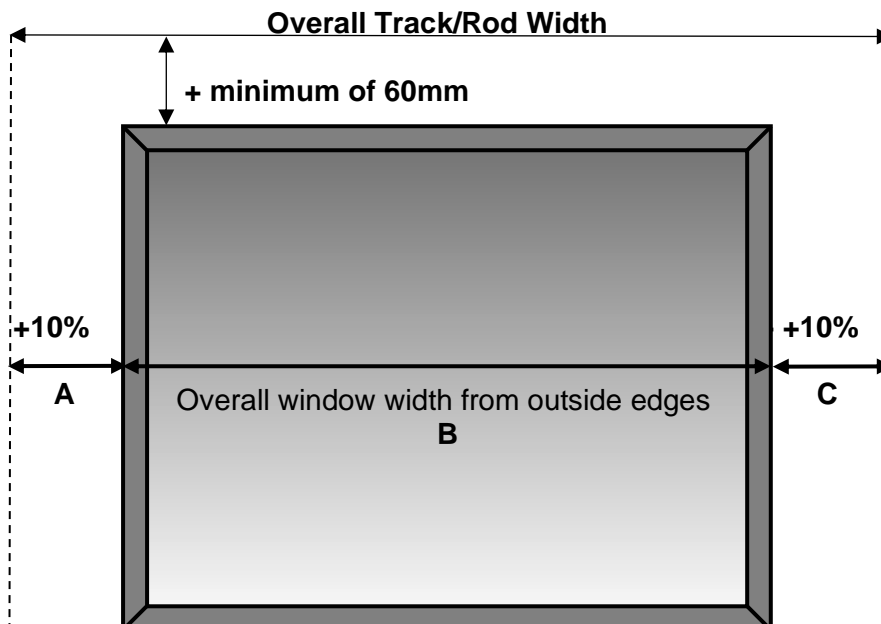
For a pair of curtains

Measure the overall width of the window from outside edge to outside edge of the architrave (B).

To this, add on the desired amount of overhang on each side (A and C).

See diagram below: $A+B+C = \text{Overall Track/Rod Width}$.

For A and C, if possible, add a minimum of 10% of the overall window width (B) – eg. If your overall window width is 2500mm add 250mm each side to get a total track width of 3000mm. You can add more if desired (eg. If there is not much further to go to a corner of the room it looks best to take the track all the way to the corner rather than leave a small gap).



For a single curtain

For sliding doors or other windows where you would prefer to have one single curtain stacking back to one side (eg. to the non-opening end of a sliding door).

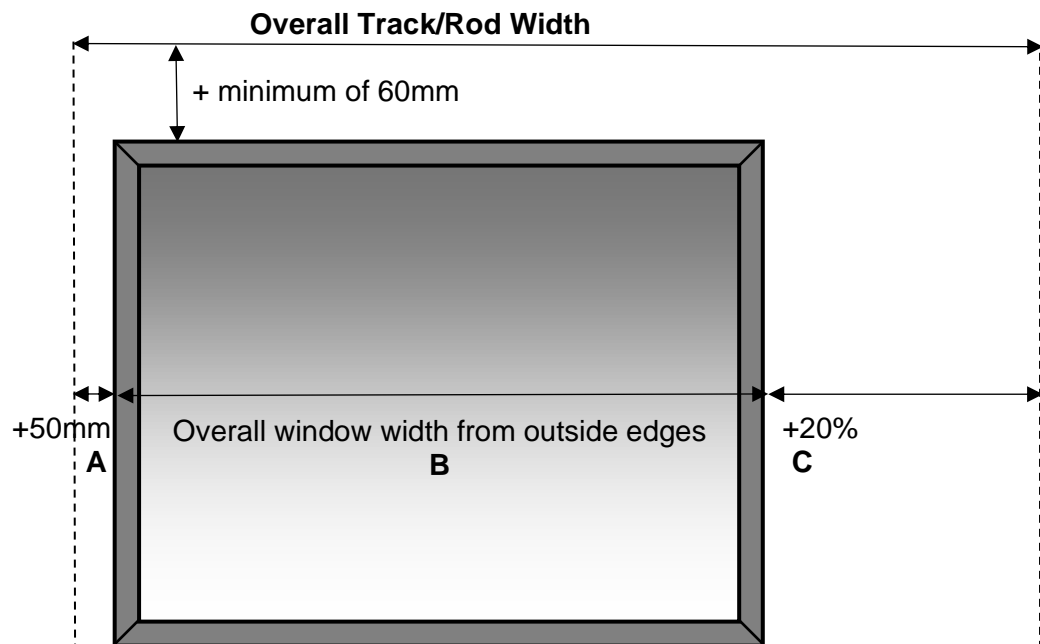
Measure the overall width of the window from outside edge to outside edge of the architrave (B).

To this, add on 50mm to one side (A) and, if possible, 20% of the overall window width on the other side (C).

A and C can be either side of the window/door. C is where the curtain will stack.

See diagram below: $A+B+C = \text{Overall Track/Rod Width}$.

Example: If your overall window width is 2500mm, add 50mm to one side (A) and 500mm to the other side (C) to get a total track width of 3050mm. You can add more if desired (e.g. If there is not much further to go to a corner of the room it is best to take the track all the way to the corner rather than leave a small gap).



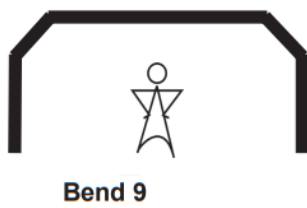
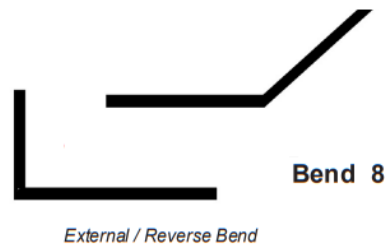
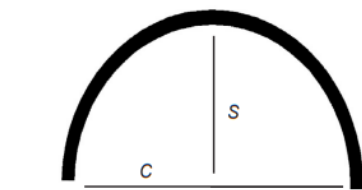
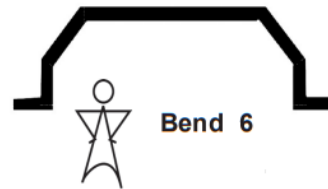
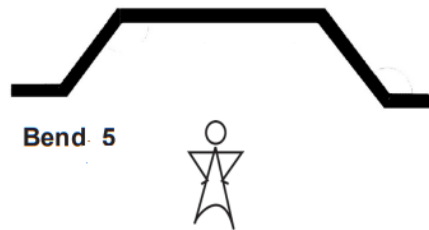
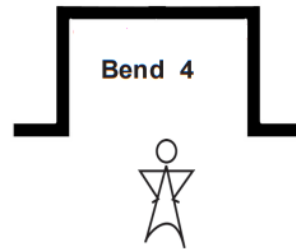
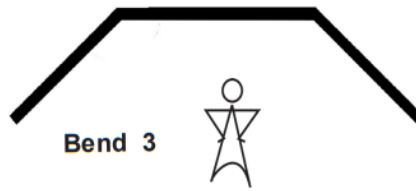
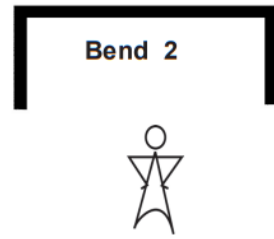
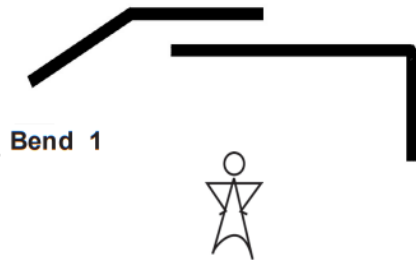
A note about decorative rods

To measure the overall rod width, use the same measuring instructions as above but be aware that any decorative finials you choose for the ends of your rod are not included in the overall rod width – these will be added on to the overall width so you will need to ensure you have enough room to accommodate them.

Bends & Angles

If your track/rod needs to be bent or mitred around an angle in the room (eg a corner or a bay window) use the following images to determine which bend you need.

If fitting to the ceiling, measure the angles along the nearest wall and specify the distance out from the wall that the track will be fitted.



Bend images courtesy of Track Magic Ltd.

Recessed/Flush Fit Tracks

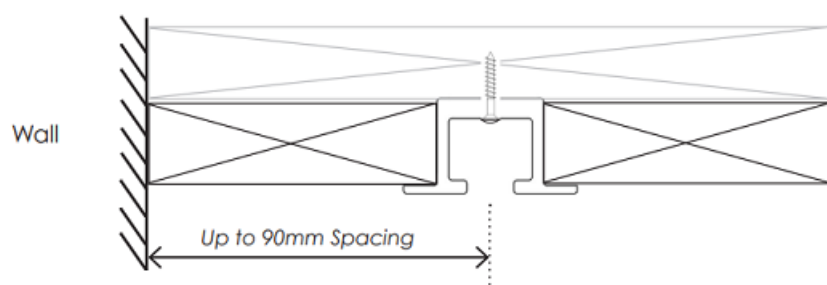
Important specifications to be considered before measuring

Builders will need to provide a solid timber batten or rafter in the ceiling for the entire length of where each track is to be fitted. More information available on request.

Maximum track length: 6000mm. For lengths longer than this, two tracks can be butted together with the join preferably positioned at the point where the curtains meet.

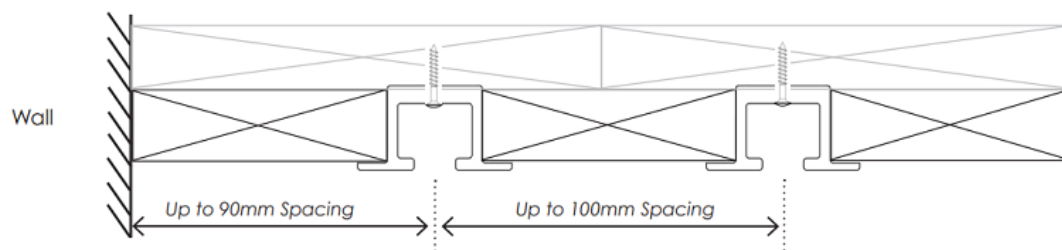
Each track can have one bend only (bends 1 & 8 above). Angles anywhere between 180 and 90 degrees are possible.

Single straight tracks should be measured and fitted anywhere between 60-90mm out from the wall (see diagram below).



A straight double track system should be measured and fitted 60-90mm from the wall for the first (rear) track and 90-100mm from the first track to the second (front) track (centre to centre - see diagram below).

Double tracks bent around corners or angles must be spaced 95mm apart.



Using the same basic principles to determine the width as for standard tracks and rods as outlined above, measure exactly from where you would like the track to start and finish. **This is your overall track width.**

For tracks bent around corners or angles, measure the width along the nearest wall and specify how far out from the wall you have measured. A diagram including the degree of the angle will be required when ordering (instructions will be given).

Above diagrams courtesy of Vanda Holdings Ltd