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How to Measure Curtains

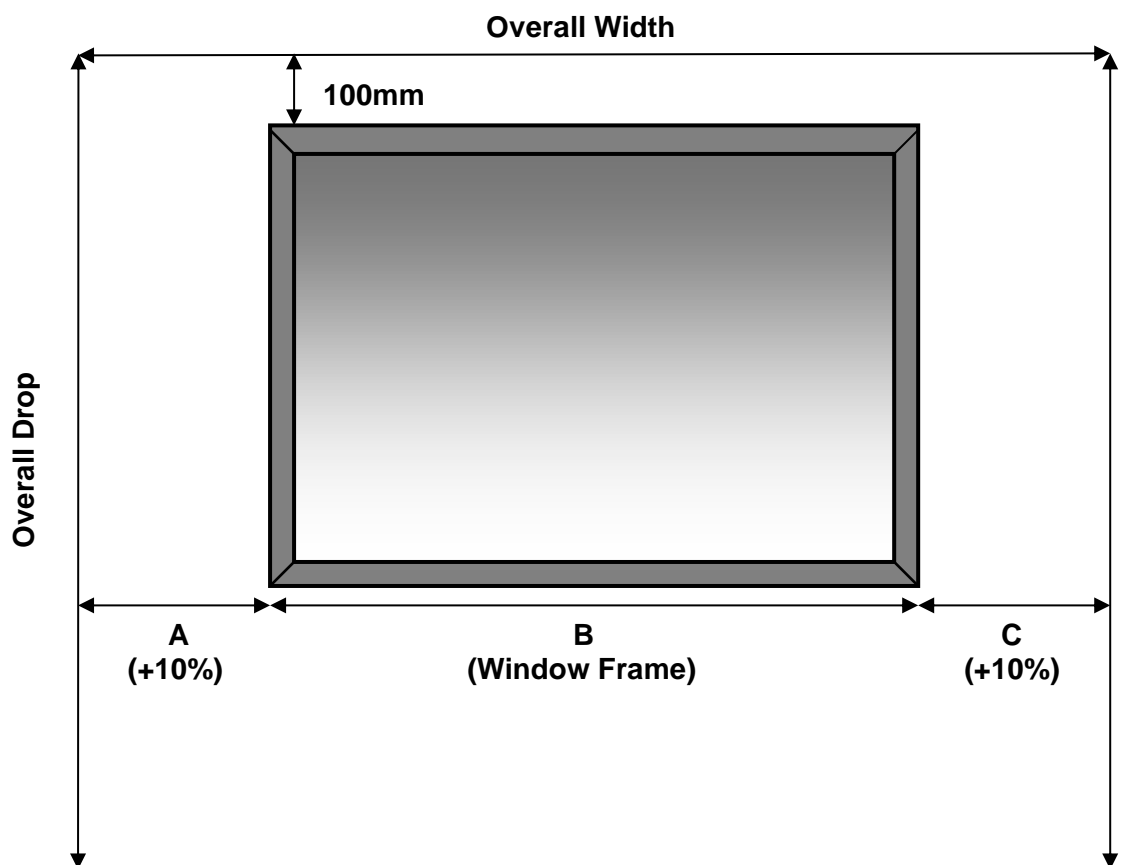
If you wish to use an existing track that is already installed, measure the overall width of it from end to end.

To find the overall drop, measure from the top edge of the track down to the point where you would like the curtains to finish.

If you need a new track with your curtains, use one of the options below.

NB. Whichever option you choose, 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.

Standard track - face fixed onto wall or architrave



Width

Measure the overall width of the window frame from outside edge to outside edge. To this, add on the desired amount of overhang on each side (see diagram above: $A+B+C = \text{Total Track and Curtain Width}$).

For A and C, if possible, add a minimum of 10% of the total window frame width to ensure most of the curtains stack back off the glass area – eg. If your window frame width is 2500mm add 250mm each side to get a total track/curtain width of 3000mm. You can add more if desired.

For sliding doors or other windows where you would prefer to have one single curtain stacking back to one side (rather than a pair) use the same process as above to get your overall track/curtain width but when it comes to fitting it, most of the track will extend past the end where you'd like to curtain to stack with just a small amount (say 50mm) over the other end.

Drop/Height

Measure the overall drop of the curtains from where you would like the top of them to be (minimum of 60mm but ideally 100mm above the top of the frame) and extending the tape measure down to the point where you would like the curtains to finish. This is the overall drop of the curtains.

(NB. If there isn't any room above the window frame the track will need to be fitted onto the frame itself – in this case do not add the 100mm above).

Standard track - top fixed under pelmet or onto ceiling

To measure the width, use the same measuring instructions for Standard Track – Face Fixed (above).

To determine the overall drop of the curtains measure from the underside of the pelmet or ceiling (onto where the track will be fixed) and extend the tape measure down to the point where you would like the curtains to finish.

Mini Track for Sheer/Net Curtains (top-fixed inside window frame)

Measure the inside width of your window frame from wood to wood and deduct 5mm. This is your overall track and curtain width.

Measure the inside height of your window frame from wood to wood. This is your overall curtain drop.

Decorative rod

To measure the overall rod width, use the same measuring instructions as for Standard Track – Face Fixed (above).

NB. 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.

To determine the overall drop use the same instructions as for Standard Track - Face Fixed. The 100mm above the top of the frame will be to the bottom edge of the rod.

If your window does not fit one of the above descriptions or if you would like more help please email pip@mckenziehouse.co.nz