

Functional Art Insulated Window Treatments

About Window Moldings & Your Shades

In order to ensure that your shades will be as effective as possible at stopping drafts, saving energy and providing their other benefits, it is necessary that there be a flat surface for them to seal to.

Some window casings (moldings) allow a wide choice of installations, while others are very limited. It's important to consider how your window (or door) moldings will affect the installation of your shades in taking your measurements.

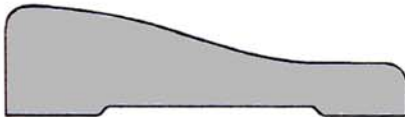
Illustrated below are some common molding profiles used for window and door casings. Please compare them to the moldings on the window(s) or door(s) that you'd like insulated shades for and make any necessary adjustments to your measurements.

If you are unsure about how your moldings will work with our shades, please don't hesitate to call or email. Our contact information is included in the footer of this page.

Some common moldings that will work well with our shades



Plain - This molding (or any similarly plain molding) works great. The seal will be effective across most of the width.



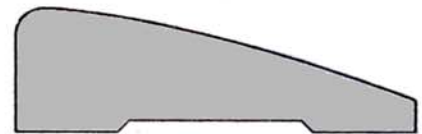
Plain Colonial - This molding will work fine, but the seal should be positioned on one of the flattest areas, either the inside or the outside edge.



Fancy Colonial - This molding can work fine, but the flattest areas are more limited. Either the outside edge or just outside of the bead (towards the center of the molding) will work, as long as the flat is at least 3/4" wide.

Some common moldings that can work with our shades with adjustments

Ranch - This molding has no flat surface. The seal can be effective, but it will not lay flat. An inside mount (Classic Roman only) might be the best option.



Fancy Colonial - This molding might work, depending on the width of the flattest areas. A minimum width of 3/4" of flat surface is required.



A molding that would not work without modification



This molding presents some real challenges. The flat area is plenty wide, but it is recessed so far below the bead that an effective seal is very difficult. It may be possible to add a strip of wood to raise the level sufficiently.

Thank you for your interest in our products.

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