

DIY Installation Guide

Cutting Rods & Tracks

Before You Start

TOOLS REQUIRED

- Measuring tape & pencil
- Measuring square or right angle
- Metal file
- Clamps
- Safety glasses & ear plugs
- Cutting Saw
- Saw horses (optional)

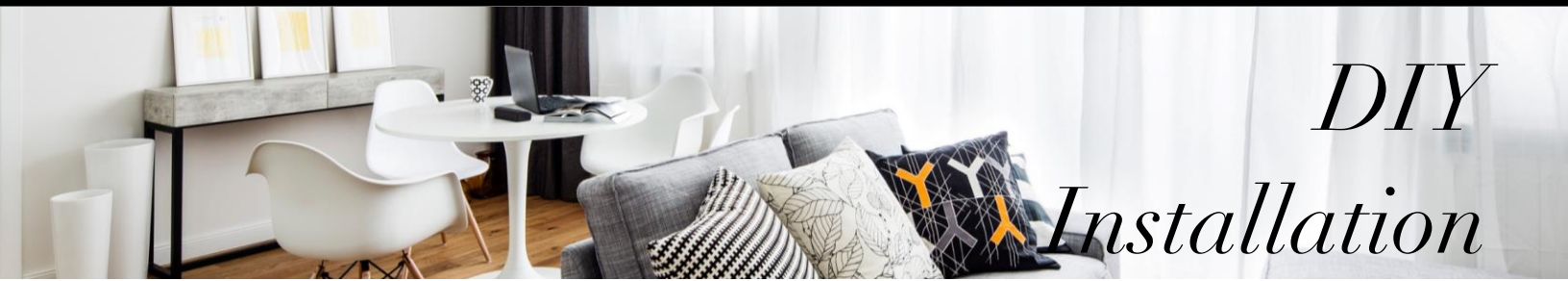
CUTTING SAWS

- Hacksaw
 - Can be used to cut both aluminium and steel
- Drop saw
 - Use an aluminium cutting blade to cut aluminium curtain rods and tracks
 - Use a chop saw blade to cut steel curtain rods

Instructions

STEP 1 - CALCULATE YOUR LENGTHS

1. Measure the area where the curtain rod or track is to be installed and determine the total length of the track required
2. If you are using finials on your rod, deduct the length of each finial from the total length required. **Note:** *some finials slide over the ends of the track so ensure you leave sufficient length on the rod or track for the finials to be fastened to*
3. This will give you the length of the actual rod or track required



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STEP 2 - PREPARATION

4. This guide assumes the curtain rods or tracks are yet to be installed. If they have already been installed, you will need to take them down from their brackets and remove any other components attached to the rods or tracks
5. Remove any finials or end caps from your rods or tracks
6. Remove any internal carriers or glides so that the rod or track is completely hollow

STEP 3 - MEASURE THE LENGTH TO CUT

7. Lay the rod or track down on a flat surface, being careful to ensure it doesn't get scratched or damaged (if laying it on concrete, we recommend putting a sheet or towel underneath it first)
8. Use your tape measure and pencil to mark the length to be cut
9. Use your measuring square and pencil to draw a straight, right angle line to help with your cut

STEP 4 - CUTTING

10. Position the rod or track on a suitable surface for cutting such as a concrete floor, workbench or on a pair of saw horses
11. Ensure the rod or track is supported along the entire length so that it remains completely flat while cutting (longer tracks may bend or sag if not correctly supported)
12. Secure the rod or track appropriately to stop it moving while being cut
13. If putting the rod or track in a vice, we recommend wrapping it in a piece of cloth to prevent it being scratched
14. ***PUT ON YOUR SAFETY GEAR***
15. Cut the rod or track along the right angle line using either a hacksaw or drop saw

STEP 5 - REFURBISHMENT

16. Use a metal file to lightly file the cut end, being careful not to file any of the paint or colour finish off the exposed surfaces
17. Fit the finials or end caps (note, you may need to drill a small hole in the cut end to secure the end cap again if required)
18. Fit any other components removed in Step 2 ready for installation