

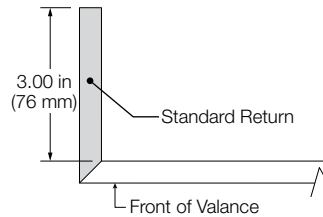
## Specifying Custom Valance Returns for Serena and Triathlon Wood Blinds

### Overview

The Optional Valance for Serena and Triathlon Wood Blinds is available without returns for full-recess inside mount, or with returns for partial-recess inside mount and outside mount applications. This document provides information on how to measure and specify custom returns.

### Standard Returns

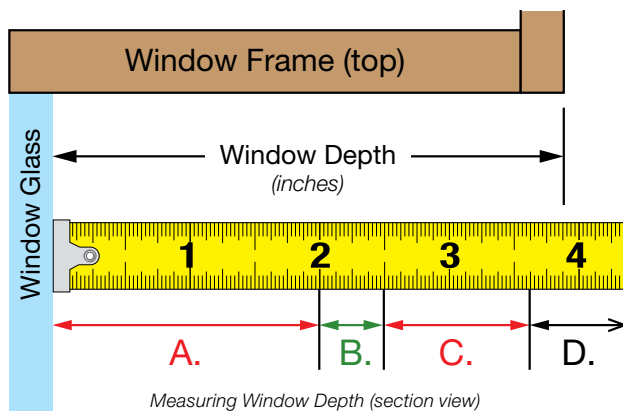
The default return size is 3 inches (76.2 mm), measured from the back of the valance. This return depth covers the sides of the mounted headrail and brackets in the typical outside mount installation (without spacers).



### Custom Returns

#### Partial-Recess Inside Mount

Custom return depths are available from ½ inch (12.7 mm) to 1 inch (25.4 mm), measured from the back of the valance, for inside-mounted blinds that are partially recessed (see case B below). The key measurement for determining whether an inside-mounted blind will be partially recessed, and whether it qualifies for custom valance returns, is **Window Depth**. Use the following information to identify which type of inside-mount installation is possible for a particular window, based on Window Depth:



Measuring Window Depth (section view)

**IMPORTANT:** When measuring window depth, you must reduce the measurement to account for any window hardware (e.g., cranks, handles, etc.) that may interfere with normal movement of the blind.

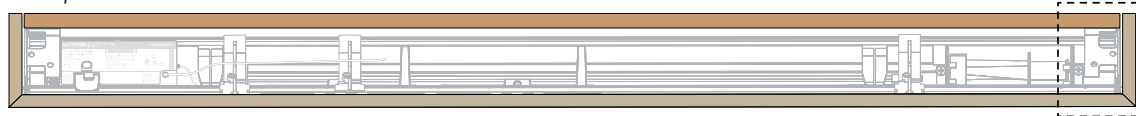
- A. Window Depth 0–2 in (0–50.8 mm):**  
Does not qualify for inside mount. The window is not deep enough to inside-mount a blind; specify outside mount.
- B. Window Depth 2–2½ in (50.8–63.5 mm):**  
Qualifies for Partial-Recess Inside Mount & Custom Returns.  
**Calculate:** Std Return Depth minus measured Window Depth  
*Example:* 3 in – 2¼ in = ¾ in custom returns
- C. Window Depth 2½–3⅛ in (63.5–92 mm):**  
Does not qualify for Custom Returns. Partial-recess inside mount is possible, but would require valance returns smaller than ½ in (12.7 mm). Specify "no returns". **NOTE:** The cut edges of the valance will be visible on inside-mounted blinds with partial recess in this range of Window Depth.
- D. Window Depth greater than 3⅛ in (92 mm):**  
An inside-mounted blind and valance may be fully recessed within the window frame; specify "no returns".

#### Outside Mount

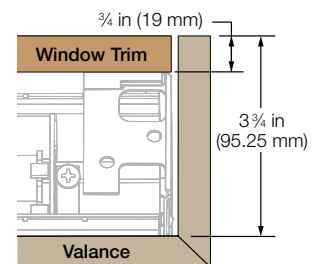
Custom return depths are available from 3⅞ inches (79.4 mm) to 4 inches (101.6 mm), measured from the back of the valance, for outside mount installations where the blind will be mounted with spacers, or on a surface that protrudes from the wall (e.g., window trim), and it is desired that the returns cover the protrusion.

#### Calculate Custom Returns: Standard Return Depth plus Protrusion

*Example:* 3 in + ¾ in = 3¾ in custom returns



Outside mount on ¼ inch (19 mm) thick window trim with custom returns covering the trim edges (plan view)



**NOTE:** Blinds outside-mounted above trim require clearance to allow for valance attachment (and battery access, if applicable). Lutron recommends specifying the blind width equal to the trim width. This results in returns that clear the trim, as shown in the example above.