

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS about your BLINDS

### SAFETY

**CHILD SAFETY** tensioning devices are mandatory safety standards for any looped cords or chain that end more than 1600mm from the base of a blind when lowered. Or a cleat or tension device to secure the chain to the wall or floor must be supplied and installed.

### LIGHT AND PRIVACY

**GAPS** will occur in the following situations: corner windows, bay windows and where multiple blinds are used in the one opening. In a recess installed blind you will see the window frame or glazing between the fabric and the wall.

**DIM OUT SYSTEMS** are one of the best ways of eliminating light from entering a room however it will not guarantee complete black out conditions. You should be aware temperature difference from one side of the fabric to the other can cause fabric to bow.

**FILTERED LIGHT** occurs between the blades of all louvred products (Venetian Blinds, Shutters) and around the sides of all blinds regardless of the fabric used.

**PIN HOLES** that occur as a result of stitching this will allow light to show through the fabric which is more pronounced in block out fabrics.

### MANUFACTURING TOLERANCES to SIZE and COLOURS

**ACTUAL SIZE** of blinds may vary up to 5mm for all widths and drops.

**STACK HEIGHT** of roman blinds will usually occupy 250mm to 350mm and will differ between blinds depending on the drop. You can specify the stack height if you requested.

**PANELS** on roman blinds can line up if you request it in writing on your order.

**COLOUR VARIATION** can occur from samples used and from batch to batch (*paint may not look the same when painted on timber or powder coated on metal*).

**TIMBER GRAIN** is a natural feature of timber products and can vary from one blade to another within the one blind or shutter.

### MANUFACTURING TOLERANCES

**LINKED BLINDS:** The thickness of fabric, weight of different blinds, different motor types and/or sizes all are factors that may cause base rails in linked blinds not to line up exactly.

**SETTLING OUT** occurs in all roman blinds after installation. The aspect of the window, the fabric type and size of the blind all affect the degree to which the blind will settle out. This will mean the final drop may vary by up +/- 10mm.

**PATTERN FABRICS** may not always appear perfectly horizontal or vertical.

**PUCKERING & RIPPLES** are created by the tension the fabric is under when the battens are attached to the blind. This is a normal occurrence with all roman blinds.

**WAVERING FABRIC** can occur because it is not possible to hang a large piece of fabric perfectly flat. This can be expected on roller blinds wider than 2m and/or longer than 3m.

**RAILROADING FABRICS** is where the fabric is turned sideways as the blind is wider than the roll of fabric. This can lead to “*cupping*” in the fabric down the sides of the blind. The cupping effect may diminish over time, but might never disappear. Railroading can affect the appearance of the blind as the fabric is orientated in a different direction.

**FABRIC JOINS** are used in blinds beyond a critical drop. The joins are normally located towards the top of the roller so mainly visible when the blind is lowered. When using a block out fabric pin holes of light can sometimes be visible.

**BLINDS NARROWER** than 500mm & longer than 2000mm may not always track correctly

**AIR FLOW** will cause blinds to move back and forth by breezes, air conditioners and fans.

### **Building Management Systems (BMS)**

**HAND OVER** by Modular Shades & Shutters will occur when the blinds are installed and tested on 240V with their limits set. At this point our work is complete. While we provide technical support we are not responsible for the control of the blinds via a BMS system.

**GROUPING MOTORS** together from one switch may result in delays in start/stop times for motors, resulting in base rail not lining up at an intermediary stop position.

**CURTAINS** that are designed to ‘pool’ or fall on the flooring will create additional drag on the motorised curtain track and may cause the motor to engage its safety stop feature. Modular not responsible for motors in these circumstances, please advise us writing prior so we can specify the correct motor for this type of installation.

*Please take time to read these carefully along with our terms and conditions as acceptance of the quotation is also acceptance of these details, ask your consultant for any further clarification.*