

ZIPTRAK® INSTALLATION

Mount Brackets or Pelmet

1. It is important to ensure that the Ziptrak® Blind is mounted level across the opening whether using bracket or a pelmet.
2. Be mindful of rafters, gables, posts and/or other obstructions that may contact the blind once installed.
3. Generally the Ziptrak® Blind should be mounted as high as possible in or over an opening so as to prevent large gaps over the blind when it is in the down position.
4. Ensure that brackets or pelmets are mounted securely.

Prepare Tracks

1. The tracks must be filed on the inside to allow the Guide Funnel to be installed easily and to remove any burrs in the track opening that may cause unnecessary wear on the spline tape.
2. Once filed the Guide Funnel can be inserted in to the Track end and using a hammer tap the Funnel in until it sits flush against the Track.
3. Remove any excess plastic that may have come off of the Guide Funnel.
4. Turn the track over so that you can drill a 4mm hole into the back of the track and into the Guide Funnel.
5. Drill the hole centered, 10mm down from the end of the Aluminium Track and using a 4mm diameter 7mm long pop rivet fix the Guide Funnel in place.

Prepare Blind

1. The spring in the Ziptrak® Blind must be wound up so as to give some preload to the blind.
2. As a guide, a blind 2.4m high and 3 metres wide would need around 13 turns for PVC and 10 turns for Soltis.
3. Wind the spring up using vice grips and using the clip on the end of the spring, lock the spring.

Install Blind

1. Install the Ziptrak® Blind, idler end first
2. With the idler end already in, release the bracket clip if using brackets and insert the spring end of the blind into the bracket or pelmet end.
3. Ensure that the spring clip is inserted so that the clip can be accessed from under the blind. This is to enable the Ziptrak® spring tension to be adjusted later if necessary.

Install Channels and Face Fix Angles

1. 90% of all Ziptrak® installations are reveal fixed. After fixing the universal brackets and hanging the blind, you can determine where the channel should be positioned. Generally speaking, there should be a gap of 15mm between the rear of the bracket and the rear of the channel. It should be positioned so that when the blind is pulled halfway down, it runs straight down the centre of the channel/track.
2. When mounting Ziptrak® Blinds as a Face fix installation, 25mm x 40mm aluminium angles must be used.
3. The angle if installed with a pelmet should be cut to match the angle of the pelmet end.
4. When used with brackets the angle can be cut at ninety degrees.
5. The channel needs to be cut short of the bracket.

6. As a guide only, a blind with a drop of 1500mm you need the channel and track to stop short of the bracket by 35mm, for a drop of 2500mm you need the track and channel to stop 45mm lower than the bracket.
7. If face fitting with brackets the angle needs to be cut to the same length as the track and channel.
8. Fixings of the channel to the angle should be done using stainless steel rivets with fixings no more than 600mm apart.
9. Stainless steel rivets are used as they have far greater shear strength.
10. Fixing of the angle or channel to the posts or wall should be done using at least 40mm long screws with spacings of no more than 600mm.
11. When mounting the channel directly to a wall or post, countersunk or wafer head screws should be used as this keeps a low profile of the screw head.
12. When cutting the channel it is easy enough to insert the track with the Guide Funnel already in place to enable cutting of both at the same time.
13. Setting the Guide Funnel end of the track flush with the end of the channel, you can measure once and cut both components together, saving measuring and cutting time.

Fit Bottom Bar Track Guides

1. Trim the Spline Tape so that it touches the bottom edge of the Bottom Bar having run through the slot.
2. This is very important because the spline helps lock the Bottom Bar Guides in the bottom bar.
3. Make sure that the bottom bar is sitting in from each end of the Pocket by an equal distance, usually between 4 and 7mm.
4. Insert the spline tape into the bottom bar as shown ensuring that the bottom bar is sitting squarely inside the blind pocket.

5. Push one of the bottom bar guides into one side as shown until it sits against the bottom bar.
6. Take the second bottom bar guide and insert it in the bottom bar locking the spline in place.
7. You may need to tap the second bottom bar guide in gently to ensure that it seats correctly against the bottom bar.
8. Now use a pair of long nose pliers to ensure that the spline sits parallel with the bottom bar guides and the spline edge is out from the guides by about 10mm.
9. Repeat this process to install the bottom bar guides in the other end.

Fit Tracks

1. With the Guide Funnels already installed and the Track cut to length, install the Tracks.
2. Ensure that the Ziptrak® Blind is rolled up and that the bottom bar guides are located over the Channel.
3. Starting with the Track out at about 45 degrees use a 'scooping' action to install the Track.
4. As the Track is swung into position ensure that the end of the Spline Tape located in the Bottom Bar Track Guides runs into the Guide Funnel.
5. Stop the installation of the Track if the Spline Tape catches and/or is pulled out from between the Bottom Bar Track Guides.
6. If the Spline Tape pulls out refit the Bottom Bar Track Guides and repeat this process.
7. The Track fitted with the Guide Funnel should accept the Spline Tape from the blind.
8. Once the Spline Tape is inserted into the funnel, start straightening up the track to a vertical position and pushing it gently into the channel.

9. Repeat this process to install the second Track.
10. Push both Tracks back into the Channels, be mindful that they may not seat right back into the Channels.

Set Track

1. Now that the Track is sitting inside the Channels, we can set the width to the Ziptrak® Blind.
2. Slowly pull the Bottom Bar down in the centre of the Ziptrak®, this will pull the blind off of the Top Tube.
3. As the Blind comes down the Tracks will ease out of the Channels to the appropriate width.
4. Push the Ziptrak® blind up again.
5. You should now be able to run the Ziptrak® blind up and down and identify any 'tight' sections.
6. Ensure that the Ziptrak® Blind skin takes on a smooth appearance, not too many waves or creases.
7. Be mindful that if the skin is too tight it may become difficult to operate in changed weather conditions.
8. Once you are comfortable with the look of the Ziptrak® Blind you can fix the Tracks to the Channel using 4mm rivets.
9. The top rivet must be located 200mm down from the Funnel to allow for flex of the Track as the skin rolls off of the top tube.
10. Rivets should be spaced at no more than 600mm apart and should be a minimum 150mm from the bottom so as not to interfere with the operation of the Storm Catches.
11. Make sure that you are drilling into the rear section of the Track otherwise you will be drilling the spline tape and inadvertently ruining the product.

12. It is advisable to install two rivets on each side first and check the operation of the Ziptrak® Blind and make any adjustments if required at this point, rather than fixing all rivets before checking.
13. The Ziptrak® Blind should run up and down smoothly and easily.

Fit Top Stops

1. With the Tracks now fixed and the Ziptrak® bottom bar slightly lowered, install the Top Stops.
2. Install both Top Stops at this point. This will stop the Ziptrak® from rolling up out of the Tracks.

Insert Handle

1. With the Tracks now set, the handle can be installed.
2. Ensure that the Bottom Bar is sitting squarely inside the skin pocket, if not you can twist the pocket around the Bottom Bar.
3. Locate the cut out in the Bottom Bar and using a sharp knife or blade cut a 'V' at each end and then cut across from one side to the other.
4. This allows the recessed handle to be inserted into the Bottom Bar.
5. Place the Handle in to the recess and drill 4mm holes through the Handle and into the Bottom Bar via the dimples provided.
6. Using the supplied bronze rivets secure the Handle in place.

Install Bottom Bar Slide Springs

1. Push the Ziptrak® Blind down using the handle until it meets the ground or other mechanical stop.
2. Do not move the blind once this position has been found.
3. In some cases the ground will slope particularly around a building, in this case only one end of the Ziptrak® will contact the floor, do not force the other end down as this will induce creases in the fabric.
4. With the Ziptrak® down sit both bottom bar slide springs in behind the Bottom Bar Guides with the step facing down.
5. Ensure that the Bottom Bar Slide Springs are flush with the inside edge of the Track.
6. Without moving the Bottom Bar carefully mark the top hole of the Bottom Bar Slide Spring using a pencil.
7. Once both sides have been marked you can raise the Bottom Bar.
8. Now with a 3mm drill, very carefully drill the top hole of the Bottom Bar Slide Spring.
9. Make sure that you drill following the angle of the front of the Track to ensure that you do not hit the inside edge.
10. Drilling into the inside edge of the Track will make a burr which does tear the Spline Tape and renders the Ziptrak® inoperable.
11. With the top hole now drilled, use a supplied 3mm bronze rivet to fasten the Bottom Bar Slide Spring, once again, using a pencil make the bottom hole location.
12. Swing the Bottom Bar Slide spring aside and drill the second hole using the same precautions as the first.
13. Install both Bottom Bar Slide Springs with the 'step' facing down using the supplied rivets.

Install Storm Catches

1. With the Bottom Bar now pushed down over the newly installed Bottom Bar slide springs, you can install the Storm catches.
2. The storm catch must be installed on the same side of the Ziptrak® Blind as the Bottom Bar Slide Springs.
3. Supplied as a pair, the storm catches are a small lever that when in position lock over the top of the Bottom Bar Track Guides.
4. Sit the Storm Catch on top of the outer edge of the Bottom Bar Guide with the 'tongue' sitting into the inside of the Bottom Bar Slide Springs.
5. Lean the storm catch away from the Blind so that the predrilled hole is over the rear section of the channel avoiding the possible drilling of the Spline Tape.
6. Mark the hole location using a pencil.
7. Carefully drill the marked position with a 4mm drill.
8. Using the supplied bronze rivet, fit the storm catch.
9. Swing the storm catch and ensure that it can be positioned over the top of the Bottom Bar Track Guide stopping the Ziptrak® from being lifted up.
10. Repeat the process to complete the other side.

Spray Tracks

1. Using a silicone spray, squirt a liberal amount of lubricant into the Track with the Ziptrak® Blind down.
2. You need only spray the front or back of each side.
3. Never ever use oil based lubricants such as WD40 or RP7 as these sprays attract dust and will make it look dirty.

Touch Up

1. Using a small brush or cotton tip, apply a small amount of paint to all rivets barring the bronze ones.
2. Use a paint matched to the powder-coat colour.
3. This touching up provides a professional finish to the installation.

Well Done!

Congratulations, you have now completed a professional looking installation of a great product.

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