

# Instructions for mounting your track

## *Tracking Attachment*

**Thank you for your order.** Your tracking box commonly arrives a day or two before your curtains. We prepackage the track and like to give you a head start on your project. Any items missing in this tracking kit will be shipped with your curtains.

These instructions are a guideline. Every porch is different and you will have the flexibility to improvise for your particular conditions. We invite you back to the website for more detailed instructional videos that demonstrate most of the instructions below.

Inspect your curtain and kit. If this product is not for you, we will accept returns within 45 days of delivery. Performance of your curtain will depend on your reasonable care. Sometimes, we make mistakes. Don't worry! We are here to make you happy!! If you have any issues, call us and we will help you. Of 9,000 orders we've been stumped only 3 times and we're as friendly as your grandmother.

The installation of the tracking is very simple as there are no brackets to contend with. The screws go straight up through the track and into something, the splices keep the track aligned, and the end caps keep the carriers from falling out of the track. If you are mounting into masonry, you will need to pre-drill the masonry with a masonry drill bit and insert a plastic masonry plug to receive the screw.

The curtains can be removed easily from one end of the track if you leave a 1-2" gap that enables you to remove an end cap and allow the curtain to slide out one end for easy removal. Of course, the curtain will bridge the gap so that you are fully protected. If you are using the *right angle* method for a curtain turning a corner instead of curved track, situate your track gaps at the corner so that you can easily feed the curtain into both track legs.

**Step 1:** Pre-drill holes into the small center groove of your tracking. For 90-degree curved tracking, drill just one hole in the center. For straight tracking, drill 3 holes (one screw in the center, and the other two screws 3 inches from either track end). For Clear Vinyl Plastic Winter Curtains use 5 screws.

**Step 2:** If you are using curved track, start by positioning your 90-degree curved piece but do not screw tightly. This will enable you to pivot the curved track for correct alignment.

**Step 3:** Insert track splice and attach straight track. Splices are intended to be a tight fit and you may need to use a metal file to smooth any burrs. Placing stubborn splices in ice water sometimes helps. You can also taper the ends of the splice with a file. Be patient and avoid the temptation of a heavy hammer that may bend the tracking. Tighten all screws. Also, it is far easier to insert splices into a track that has not been fully screwed into place.

**Step 4:** Make sure there are **NO GAPS** between splices. You may cut the last straight track using a hacksaw. Use our machine cut to splice tracks together. The end that you cut should be the end of the track where you will place end cap.

**Step 5:** When your curtains arrive, snap tracking carriers onto top curtain valance and feed carriers into one end of the track. You can improve the flow by pinching the top binding as the curtain bunches in what we call *training the curtain*. The flow of the curtain will improve as the binding softens. A bit of silicone spray into the tracking channel will greatly improve the glide until the die cast nylon carriers have a chance to "break in."

**Step 7:** Cover the ends of your tracking with the end-cap to contain carriers. The end cap is a tight snug. Remember, the large hole faces earth, and the small hole faces sky. You may firmly screw end cap into place if desired.



# Instructions for hanging your curtain

**Step 1: Fiberglass rods** Careful when unpacking and wear gloves to avoid micro splinters.

To insert rods: (Video on web site.)

- Sand the tip of the rod to round the tips.
- Heat the tip with a lighter to seal it (an old hockey player's trick)
- Insert the rod into a small hole in the outermost fold of the side binding at the base of the curtain.
- Trim so that the fiberglass rods are 2" shorter than curtain and repeat steps (1) and (2).

**Step 2: Seal Doorways:** The doorway overlap should be 1¼ inch, or slightly more than the width of your side binding. Position magnets 3" from the bottom, 3" from the top and spaced in between every 18 to 36 inches depending on wind conditions. The video on the website offers the best example.

**Block-shaped magnets for doorways:** If you inspect the side binding carefully, you will notice a double stitching that looks like railroad tracks. We have given you a small tool called a *seam ripper* to make a ½ inch incision between (but not crossing the railroad tracks. Insert the block magnet into the incision downward into what is now a small pocket.

LIGHTLY sear the incision with a lighter to seal. Be sure **NOT TO SCORCH** the white bindings. Heating a flathead screw driver and tapping it on the incision will also work. Place all the magnets on one side binding before moving onto the next side binding aligning the magnet pairings as you go. Be sure the magnets *attract* each other and do not *repel*.

**Step 3: Sealing Sides and Bottom with marine snaps:** You will have received a 3-piece snap set containing a button, female socket, and male snap. In addition, you will have a 2-piece tool to fasten the button and female snap to the binding that looks like a white plastic roller skate wheel and metal rod (flaring tool).

The black or white button has a post. Poke a small hole through the CENTER of the double stitching of the binding the size of the button post (hammering a nail works nicely). Insert button post through the hole and place socket over button post.



One side of the white plastic (roller skate-like) wheel is a concave dish. Lay the wheel on a flat surface with the concave dish facing up. Lay the button in the dish. Insert the flaring tool nipple into the button post hole and strike firmly 5-7 times. **The post will roll down on itself locking it to the socket**, and does not split and flare (like when Bugs Bunny puts his finger in Elmer Fudd's shotgun).

The male snap will screw into any surface. If screwing into masonry, you will need a masonry drill bit and a plastic insert casing found at any hardware store. The best insert casings look like extruded pasta and are flexible. Snaps should be positioned so that binding has tension between snaps. This will force the binding to lay flat against your surface for a good seal. We have a video posted on the LEARN section of the Website.



- Space snaps every 3-4 ft for sealing sides
- Strategically space every 6-12 ft along base only if necessary (base of support columns).
- If a panel turns a corner place a snap at the corner
- You can always add more if required (especially along base) so be frugal at first.

**Elastic cord:** If your curtain follows a path inside your support columns, elastic cord stretched from ceiling to floor between two eye-screws will make for a clean crisp corner. In the photo on the right, we used our webbing material to represent elastic cord to make it easier to visualize. Elastic cord can be used anywhere along the curtain to act as a "rib", bracing the curtain under windy conditions.



**Caring for your curtain:**

The netting and valance are made of 100% polyester and the loop-sided strip is made of 100% nylon. Wash your curtain in cold water and re-hang to dry.

Cleaners will clean and fold it all for you at some price. Ours charged \$35 for a 35ft curtain, but ask first. It is important to clean the curtains periodically to give the curtains longer life even if you rinse it with a hose. Store dry curtains in a dry place in a plastic bag. Cedar chips are a nice touch.

**Magnet Warning:**

Magnets are extremely powerful. Magnets are a choking hazard. Do not leave magnets with small children since two ingested magnets can pinch internal organs and require surgery to remove, cause serious injury, or even death. Never allow neodymium magnets near a person with a pacemaker or similar medical device. The strong magnetic fields of the magnet can affect the operation of such devices. Neodymium magnets are brittle and prone to chipping and cracking. Magnets are not toys and may pinch or attract each other at high speeds shattering their ceramic core. We want you safe!

*Our family sincerely hopes your family will enjoy your curtains and a bug-free space!*