RETRACTABLE SCREEN MEASURING INSTRUCTIONS

Before you measure you will need:

- Retractable Screen Work Sheet (Download at www.fenetex.com/worksheet)
- Measuring tape or laser (a laser is faster and more accurate than a tape)

To make the measuring and ordering process easier and error free, it is a good idea to use the Retractable Screen Work Sheet. This serves as a checklist for the information needed to place an order (Read Section 5 for details) and corresponds with the information needed for the online ordering tool. Please print copies for field use as needed.

At the end of this section is a design guide with diagrams of the different tracks and hoods with dimensions that will need to be factored into your order, a chart showing the hood size that will be used for screen type and height, and the minimum hood allowance needed for weight bars to clear the daylight opening.

**NOTE:** Screens are manufactured using two dimensions: the overall width including tracks and overall height, including hood or top of end bracket if the screen will be built-in.

![Diagram of Hood and End Bracket Dimensions](attachment:diagram.png)

All track widths, reveal desired and any other offsets needed that affect the overall width of a screen must be accounted for and included in the dimensions given with your signed screen order. Fenetex does not make adjustments to your signed order. If you order a screen that is 100” wide you will receive a screen that is 100” wide measured from the outside of the tracks.
Measure the Width: You will typically be dealing with one of two installation types: the first is a trapped screen, where the screen will be jamb mounted between columns, typically under a header and within the opening. The second is a face mount, where the screen will be mounted on the face of the column or on a wall, over the opening. For details on design considerations for built-in installations with new construction, please see the online design guide. Please be aware that Fenetex end brackets have externally mounted painted plates that are not figured in the overall width. Each end bracket is 1/16" thick. If an opening is ordered at 120" wide, the effective width will be 120" + 1/8" for the two painted end plates. Removing the end plates will give the 120" width.

- **Trapped Screens:** If the screen tracks can be mounted directly to the column, measure the distance between columns. If bracketing or build-outs are required, you must deduct for this to arrive at an overall width.

  **NOTE:** Fenetex brackets have a separate painted plate that is typically removed for trapped openings. Removing the plate allows the tracks and brackets to be mounted on the same plane. If you intend to use the painted plates on the trapped opening, you must deduct 1/8” from the overall measured width.

  **NOTE:** The amount of encroachment to the view plane is dependent on the track type used and any build-out required, see (Table 1: Track Dimensions).

  **NOTE:** Because columns are not always square, it is very important to measure width in three locations, top, middle and bottom. Order screens based on the SHORTEST dimension.

  **NOTE:** Build outs for hurricane tracks must comply with requirements of the Florida Product Approval or Miami-Dade NOA.
• **Face Mount Screens:** It is common practice to provide a 3/4” reveal between the inside track edge and the opening. The reveal sets the track back from the opening and works well to hide irregularities that may exist in the building. When measuring for Face Mount it is common to measure the daylight opening width, add for the desired reveal and add for the width of the tracks (Table 1: Track Dimensions).

  **NOTE:** Because columns are not always square, it is important to measure the opening at the top, middle, and bottom and order screens based on the LONGEST dimension. Be certain to add for the desired reveal and tracks on both sides.

![Diagram](image)

**Measure the Height** You will typically be dealing with one of two screen types: a built-in screen that is mounted in a cavity or a face mount screen.

• **Cavity Mount:** The overall height is measured from the floor to the top of the cavity bracket. If the floor is not at the finished height when measuring, order based on the subfloor and trim the tracks during installation.

  **NOTE:** It is important to measure for height on the left and right sides and order based on the TALLEST dimension.

• **Face Mount:** The overall height is measured from the floor to the top of where the hood will be. If the floor is not at the finished height when measuring, order based on the subfloor and trim the tracks during installation. In a face mount installation, the hood is above the opening, it is typical to allow enough screen height for the hood and weight bars to be out of the view plane "daylight opening" when the screens are retracted. Refer to Hood Size and Allowance chart to determine what size hood you will have, and what the hood allowance needs to be for the opening.

  **NOTE:** It is important to measure for height on the left and right sides and order based on the TALLEST dimension.
NOTE: Screens can be made to fit the slope of a floor when the slope is greater than 3/4". If this is requested, we will need the left and right height dimensions and a basic drawing. Please note that the reel will also need to be tuned for the angled screen bottom-meaning you may need to place a shim on the reel on the low side to increase the real diameter so the screen will roll up evenly.