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## ROLLER BLIND - INSTALLATION NOT SQUARE IN THE WINDOW

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### **What do you do when the roller blind you have just fitted is not square to the window frame?**

An inexperienced installer will usually blame the blind manufacturer for having made the blind "crooked", and send it back to the manufacturer for a re-make.

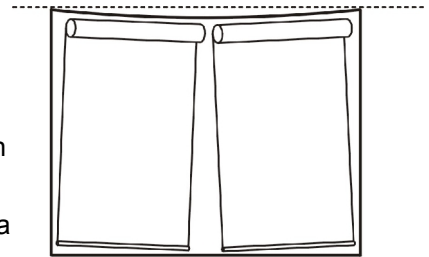
Yes....in some cases, the manufacturer will have made an error, and this is the correct thing to do.

It is more likely however, that the window is not exactly square and there may be nothing wrong with the blind. The diagrams below illustrate the 3 common problems encountered with windows:

#### **Top of window sagging**

This is quite common, especially with sliding doors in older houses, when the weight of the roof causes the framing to settle a small amount. A tiny 2mm sag at the top of a 2m x 2m window will result in an increase of 8mm in the gap at the bottom between 2 blinds.

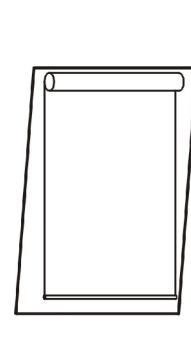
Solution: Move the outer brackets down a little bit. If necessary, put a small piece of packing above the outer brackets



#### **Sides of window not vertical**

Not a common problem, but still one to be aware of.

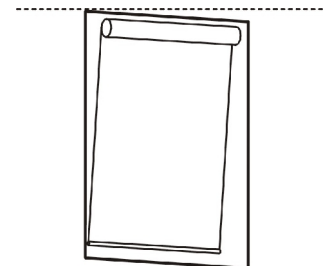
Solution: On the side where the bottom of the blind comes closest to the window frame, move the bracket down a little bit. If necessary, put a small piece of packing above the bracket.



#### **Top of window not horizontal**

In the eighties, a lot of houses were built with corner windows and there was often inadequate support for the roof. The tops of these windows will often slope down into the corner.

Solution: On the side where the bottom of the blind comes closest to the window frame, move the bracket down a little bit. If necessary, put a small piece of packing above the bracket.



#### **Notes:**

Moving a bracket up or down will result in an uneven gap across the top of a roller blind which some customers may not like. Explain to them that their window is out of square (not the blind) and that a compromise is required in order for the blind to fit properly.

Some installers will put small strips of tape on to a roller blind tube to adjust the roll-up of a blind. This can correct some out of square problems, but the blind fabric will then "cone" across the roller tube when rolling up and possibly fray. Also the bottom rail will no longer sit parallel with the top of the blind when rolled up.