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## Important Facts About Window Coverings

### **Miniblinds**

Miniblinds will not shut out all light. Miniblinds will give you privacy. When the blinds are in their closed up position, it is normal to be able to see outside toward the ground, but your privacy will remain intact. Miniblind slats are made of aluminum, but the headrail and bottomrail are made of steel and may rust when exposed to water and not dried properly. (R-Value 2.32 winter, .40 summer)

### **Care Instructions**

Like any piece of furniture, dust your blinds regularly. Use an ordinary soft, clean cloth, chemically-treated dust cloth, dusting mitt or vacuum cleaner with a brush attachment. Lower the blind to its full length, then tilt the slats almost fully closed and dust. Then do the reverse side of the slats in the same manner. In order to reach the dust where the slats overlap, it is best not to fully close the blind in either position. For deep cleaning, use a solution of 1/4 cup liquid dishwashing detergent with one gallon of water, wipe dry. Lubricate mechanical parts annually with **SILICONE SPRAY ONLY**.

### **Faux Wood Blinds**

Faux wood Blinds will not shut out all light. Faux wood blinds do give you privacy. When the blinds are in the closed up position, it is normal to be able to see outside toward the ground, but your privacy will remain intact. This is a wood alloy product in which there will be variations in dyelot color. Even though rigid quality control standards are practiced, we can not guarantee exact color matches due to dyelot variances and variations in wood grains. Temperature and humidity changes will cause faux wood slats to expand and contract making them bow. These are all normal characteristics of faux wood. (R-Value N/A winter, .30 summer)

### **Care Instructions**

Like any piece of furniture, dust your blinds regularly. Use an ordinary soft, clean cloth, chemically-treated dust cloth, dusting mitt or vacuum cleaner with a brush attachment. Lower the blind to its full length, then tilt the slats almost fully closed and dust. Then do the reverse side of the slats in the same manner. In order to reach the dust where the slats overlap, it is best not to fully close the blind in either position. Lubricate mechanical parts annually with **SILICONE SPRAY ONLY**.

### **Wood Blinds**

Wood Blinds will not shut out all light. Wood blinds do give you privacy. When the blinds are in the closed up position, it is normal to be able to see outside toward the ground, but your privacy will remain intact. This is a true wood product in which there will be variations in color, grain, texture and warpage. Even though rigid quality control standards are practiced, we can not guarantee exact color matches due to dyelot variances and variations in wood grains. Temperature and humidity changes will cause wood slats to expand and contract making them bow. These are all normal characteristics of wood. (R-Value N/A winter, .30 summer)

### **Care Instructions**

Like any piece of furniture, dust your blinds regularly. Use an ordinary soft, clean cloth, dusting mitt or vacuum cleaner with a brush attachment. Lower the blind to its full length, then tilt the slats almost fully closed and dust. Then do the reverse side of the slats in the same manner. In order to reach the dust where the slats overlap, it is best not to fully close the blind in either position. Lubricate mechanical parts annually with **SILICONE SPRAY ONLY**.

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## **Honeycomb Shades**

When ordering blackout honeycomb shades, the shades will block all light with the exception of a 1/4" gap on either side of the shade, and a small light gap at the top where the brackets mount. These gaps are factory allowances taken to ensure proper operation of the shade. Light filtering shades will reduce the light glare from the outside. Time and gravity will slightly widen pleats at the top and draw pleats together at the bottom. This is normal for the life of the shade and will not affect the operation of the shade. (R-value winter 3.50 to 4.30, summer .20-.40)

## **Care Instructions**

Dusting-Like any piece of furniture, dust your shades regularly. Use a vacuum cleaner with a brush attachment. Lower the shade to its full length. Dust the front and back of the shade. Washing-To wash your shade, use a cloth, sponge or soft brush and a mild detergent. Use warm or cold water-not hot water. Place towel on floor or sill and wash the shade in sections. Use a blotting method to clean, do not scrub the fabric. If shade is small enough, it can be washed in a sink or tub, one end at a time. It can be gently hose-washed outdoors. Rinse off suds thoroughly. Drain headrail and bottomrail by removing end caps and tilt to drain. Dry with towel to avoid water marks. It is a good idea to weight the cord and keep it taught to minimize kinks and shrinkage while drying. If you prefer to have your shades cleaned professionally, check your telephone directory for a cleaning service or venetian blind laundry. Note: Do not immerse or ultrasonically clean Serenity (blackout), Caress material, or the continuous cord loop system as this will cause damage to the shades and/or hardware system. Lubricate mechanical parts annually with **SILICONE SPRAY ONLY**.

## **Vertical Blinds**

To properly operate your vertical blinds, always tilt the vanes open BEFORE traversing the louvers. How you adjust the vanes dictates how much privacy you will have. Material vanes that have weights at the bottom will not close as tight as those with material inserted into PVC inserts. When verticals are in their closed position, it is normal to have light shine through the overlaps of the vanes. PVC verticals will bow with heat and then relax. Remember that PVC has memory and if not allowed to hang straight, will bow and stay bowed. (R-value winter 3.50, summer .40)

## **Care Instructions**

Like any piece of furniture, dust your blinds regularly. Use an ordinary soft, clean cloth, chemically-treated dust cloth, dusting mitt or vacuum cleaner with a brush attachment. A mild detergent can be used to remove stubborn stains. Lubricate mechanical parts annually with **SILICONE SPRAY ONLY**.

## **Wood Shutters**

Wood shutters will shut out most of the light. The louvers on wood shutters close tighter than other horizontal blinds, but there will still be small light gaps between louvers and panels, letting in a small amount of light.

## **Care Instructions**

Like any piece of furniture, dust your shutters regularly. Use an ordinary soft, clean cloth, dusting mitt or vacuum cleaner with a brush attachment.

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## **Woven Wood / Bamboo Shades**

The beauty of natural Woven Wood, Bamboo or Grass shades is inherent in the diversity and asymmetry of the natural slats and reeds. Accordingly, slight cracks and wood imperfections, as well as variations in consistency, uniformity and color are inherent qualities of natural shades and are not flaws. That is what makes them unique and natural. Due to variations in slat, reed and threads, the shade may not perfectly match the sample. Both paint and stain colors on wood slats are subject to reasonable variation. Natural shades are made from natural materials, woven together loosely with threads or yarn that will allow movement and shifting of the material. Due to the nature of this material and the manufacturing process, natural shades will shift, bow and grow in length as the yarn stretches. It is common for the consumer to make material shifting adjustments as necessary. For multiple blinds on 1 headrail, the factory allows ½” between shades. This gap will vary as the shades shift and can cause the shades that are side by side to rub, which can also be solved by a consumer adjustment.

## **Care Instructions**

Dust your shades regularly by using a feather duster or a vacuum cleaner brush attachment. Do not use water or chemicals to clean your shades as this will cause damage to your shades.

## **Fabric Roman or Roller Shades Care Instructions**

Fabric shades are made from anti-static, dust and stain resistant fabrics. Dust your shades regularly with a feather duster or a vacuum cleaner brush attachment. For spot removal, dampen a clean cloth with a warm water and mild soap solution. Dab the soiled area with the cloth, do not rub the fabric. Allow to dry completely in the lowered position.