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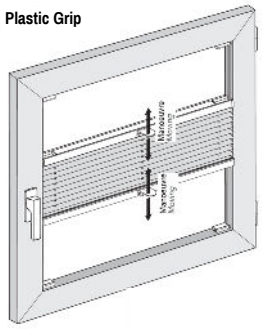
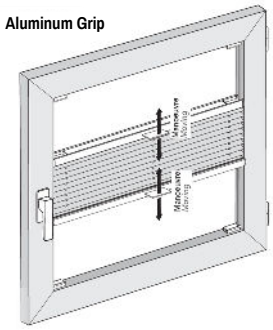
INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

This document includes instructions for multiple installation methods.
Follow the steps for the method that applies to your selected installation.

Between the Bead Inside Mount (Drill)*
Angle Bracket Face Mount (Drill)
Clamp Bracket on Window Sash (Non-Drill)
Glazing Bead Bracket Face Mount (Drill)

For Honeycomb, Pleated, Venetian, and Roman shade models for tilt and turn windows





Tools Required

- Drill with Torx T15 bit
- Pencil or punch
- Scissors or snippers
- Installation manuals

*Note: If you've seen the installation video on the website or YouTube for the *between the bead inside mount drill option* and you do not have or prefer not to use the blue installation aids, do not worry. They are not required for a successful installation. Simply mark your drill points directly on the glazing bead at the correct distance from the glass. **The recommended distance is 10-20 mm (3/8"-3/4"), with an absolute minimum of 5 mm required on both the upper and lower inner glazing bead.***

Caution: Installing the shade too close to the glass can restrict air circulation and cause heat buildup, which may increase the risk of broken glass. Always maintain the minimum and recommended clearances.

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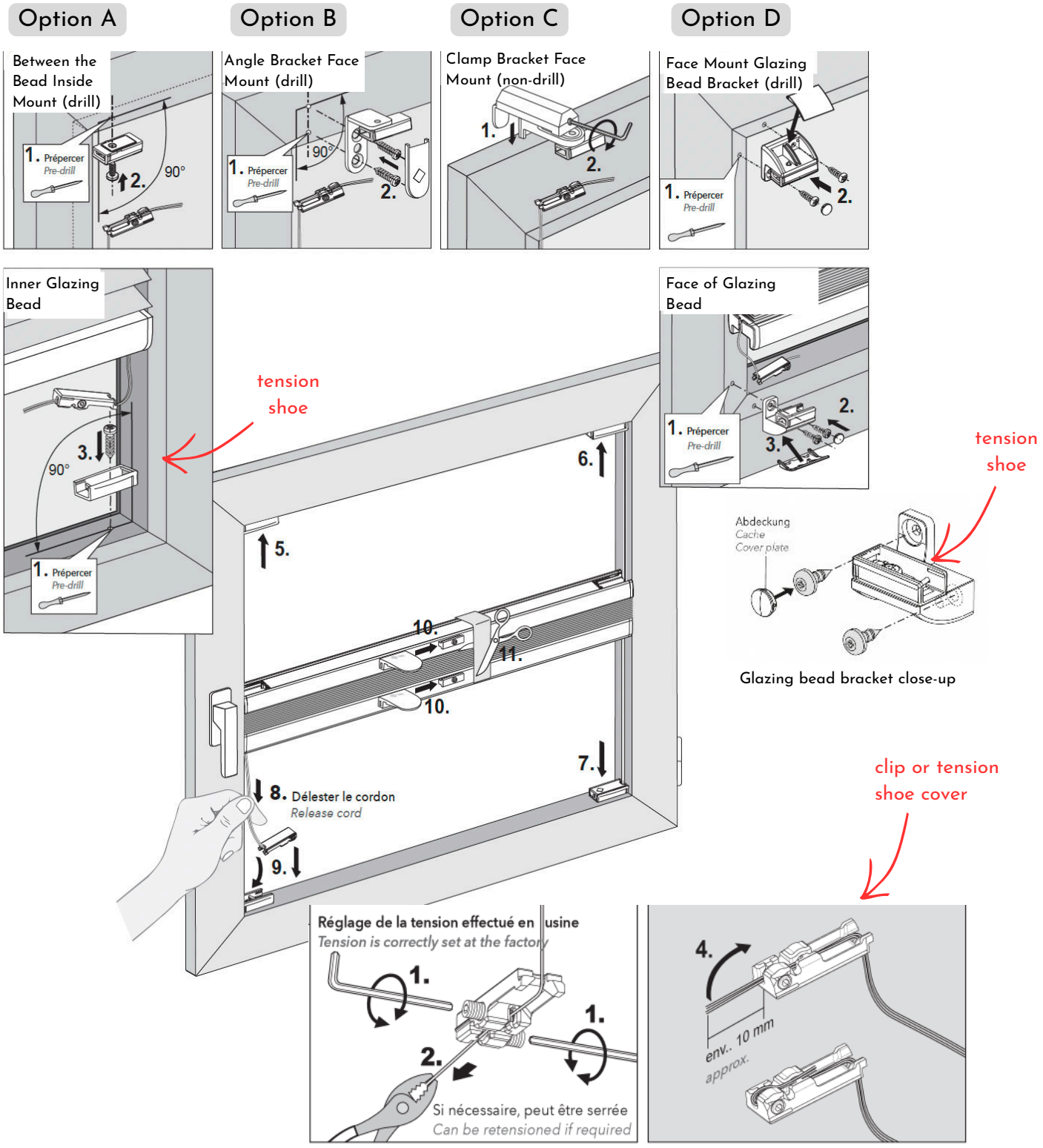
Installation Steps – Reference Image



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Step 1: Mark Drill Locations (Pre-Drill)

Refer to the reference image. Each mounting option shows Step 1 as the location for marking or pre-drilling.

Follow the instructions below only for your selected mounting method.

Option A: Between-the-Bead Inside Mount (Drill)

Using a pencil or punch, mark the drill locations on the inner glazing bead at the correct distance from the glass, as shown.

Mark all four mounting locations (top and bottom).

Option B: Face-Mount Angle Bracket (Drill)

Using a pencil or punch, mark the drill locations on the window sash at your desired width on both the upper and lower mounting positions.

Option C: Face-Mount Clamp Bracket (Non-Drill)

No drilling is required. Position the clamp bracket on the top of the window sash at the desired width, as shown.

Option D: Face-Mount Glazing Bead Bracket (Drill)

Using a pencil or punch, mark the drill locations on the face of the outer glazing bead where the mounting brackets will be installed.

Ensure all marked locations are aligned and level before proceeding.

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Step 2: Install the Mounting Hardware

Refer again to the reference image. Step 2 shows how the mounting hardware is installed for each option.

Option A: Between-the-Bead Inside Mount (Drill)
Drill the screw through the tension shoes (footplates) into the inner glazing bead at the marked locations. The footplates should sit flush against the sides of the inner bead and be positioned away from the glass by the recommended distance noted on the first page (recommended: 10–20 mm; minimum: 5 mm).

Option B: Face-Mount Angle Bracket (Drill)
Position the angle brackets at the marked locations. Ensure the footplate is facing the correct direction—the flush side faces away from the glass. Secure each bracket using the two screws provided.

Option C: Face-Mount Clamp Bracket (Non-Drill)
Tighten the clamp bracket until it is snug and secure. Ensure the footplate is facing the correct direction—the flush side faces away from the glass.

Option D: Face-Mount Glazing Bead Bracket (Drill)
Position the glazing bead brackets at the marked locations on the face of the glazing bead. These locations correspond to the width measured from outer glazing bead to outer glazing bead. Secure each bracket using the two screws provided. The open end of the footplates is toward the glass.

Step 3: Option A (Between-the-Bead Inside Mount)

Step 3: Repeat Tension Shoe Installation (Between-the-Bead Inside Mount)
Install the remaining tension shoes (footplates) at the other marked locations on the inner glazing bead so that all four mounting points (top and bottom) are secured.

Step 3: Option D (Face-Mount Glazing Bead Bracket)

Step 3: Install Decorative Covers (Face-Mount Glazing Bead Bracket)
For mounting options that include decorative covers, snap the covers over the brackets and screws once the mounting hardware is fully installed.

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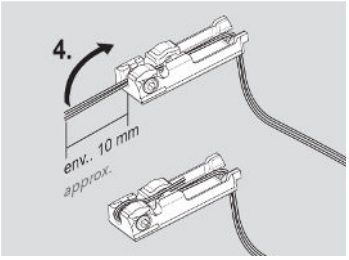
Before Step 4: Prepare the Blind for Mounting

Carefully unwind the strings (side cords) wrapped around the blind. Make sure the strings are free and not tangled. Locate the top clips (the clips are attached to the side cords of the blind). The top of the blind has the MHZ logo. Lift each top clip toward the mounting bracket so the strings are positioned correctly.

Correct positioning means:
the strings are not twisted or tangled, and the excess string exiting the top clip initially faces inward toward the window.

Before mounting the clip, run your finger between the strings to confirm they are straight. Twisted strings will interfere with proper blind operation. These side cords are used to raise/lower the blind.

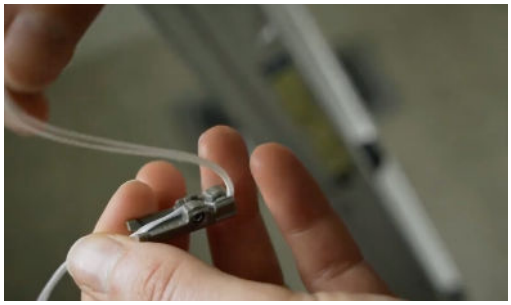
Step 4: Arranging Excess String (Top Clips Only)



Before mounting the top clip into the tension shoe, take any excess string extending from the end of the clip and fold it back into the clip. Push the string securely between the plastic lip and the clip so it does not interfere with mounting. You only need to fold back the string on the top clips, not the bottom clips. After this arrangement, the excess string will exit away from the glass.

The string you have folded back may be used in the future to tighten or loosen the tension in the blind if needed. (See Troubleshooting for instructions.)

DO NOT trim the excess string exiting the clip until the installation is complete and the tension has been tested. Careful: Do NOT cut the side cords.



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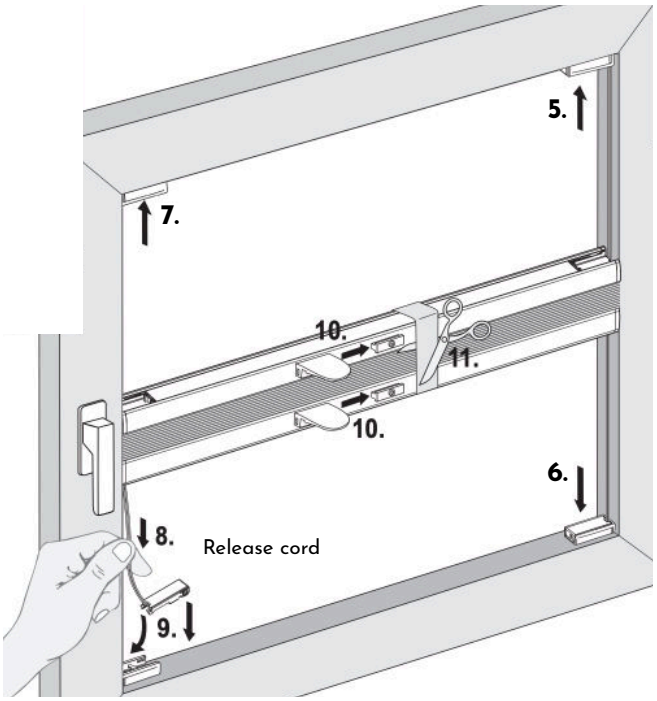

Step 5–7: Snap the Clips into the Tension Shoes

Snap the clips into their corresponding tension shoes, starting with the top clip on one side, then the bottom clip on the same side, before moving to the other side. You should hear or feel a slight click when each clip is properly seated.

Step 8: Manage Cord Tension for the Final Clip

As additional clips are installed, the cord tension increases. When you reach the final clip, the cord may retract quickly and the blind may pull out of level. This is normal.

To seat the final clip: maintain a firm grip on the cord, and gently pull downward on the cord as needed to guide it into position. Expect more resistance during this step than with the previous clips.

Step 9: Snap the Final Clip into Place

While maintaining control of the cord, snap the final clip into its tension shoe until it clicks into place.

Once installed, the blind should sit level and move freely.

Step 10: Slide Plastic Grips onto Rails

Slide the plastic grips onto the rails. The top rail is identified by the MHZ logo. Aluminum grips come pre-installed. You may skip this step if you have aluminum grips.

Step 11: Remove the Protective Paper

Remove the protective paper from the blind. The blind is now ready to be raised or lowered.

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Final Steps

Check the blind for proper string tension. Open and close the blind to ensure it moves smoothly. Tap the top rail to confirm it holds its position. If it maintains its position, the tension is correct.

If the blind does not move smoothly, the tension may be too tight.

After confirming proper tension, you may cut off any excess string extending from the clips, taking care not to cut the side operating strings running through the blind.

Double-check that the blind rails (the top and bottom rail hardware attached to the fabric) snap securely into the brackets (tension shoes). Once confirmed, the installation is complete.

See the troubleshooting section if:
the blind does not stay in place (tension too loose), or
the blind moves stiffly (tension too tight).

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Troubleshooting

Troubleshooting: Tension Adjustment

If the blind does not stay in place or moves stiffly after testing, the cord tension may need adjustment.

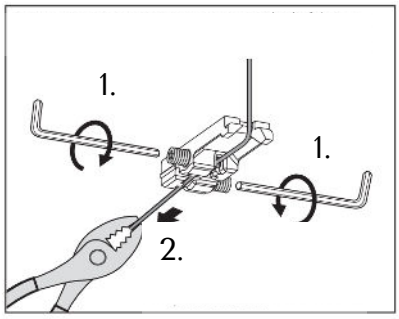
The factory sets the correct tension for your blind. In some cases, minor adjustment is required after installation.

To adjust the tension, locate the cord clamping shoe cover at the end of the operating cords (see image). Release the clip.

To release a clip:

Insert a small flat tool (such as a small flathead screwdriver) into the narrow gap between the clip and the tension shoe.
Apply gentle pressure to disengage the clip.
The clip will release from the tension shoe.
Only minimal leverage is required. Do not force the clip.

Once the clip is detached, use the small Allen wrench provided:



- Loosen the set screw slightly.
- Pull the cord forward to increase tension, or
- Pull the cord backward to reduce tension.
- Retighten the set screw once the desired tension is achieved.

Adjust one cord on each side of the blind. Make small adjustments and test the blind after each change.

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