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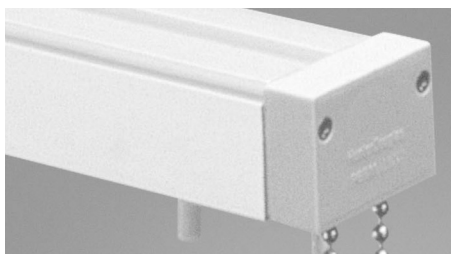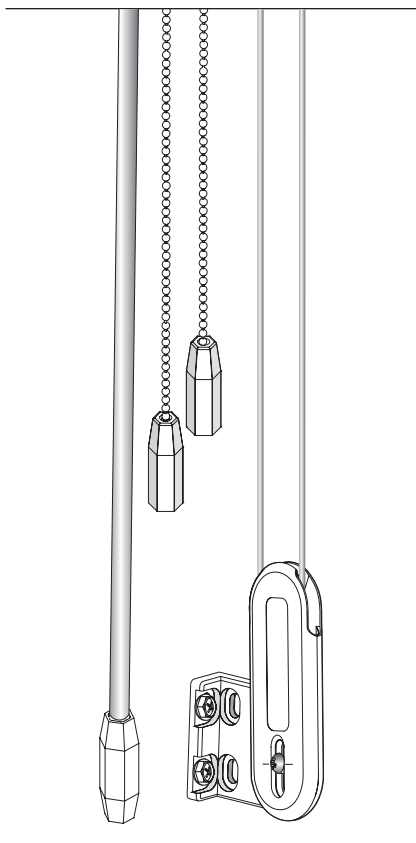
# Installation • Operation • Care

# Vertical Blind Collection

## Paramount®, PermAlign®, and PermaTrak® Headrail Systems

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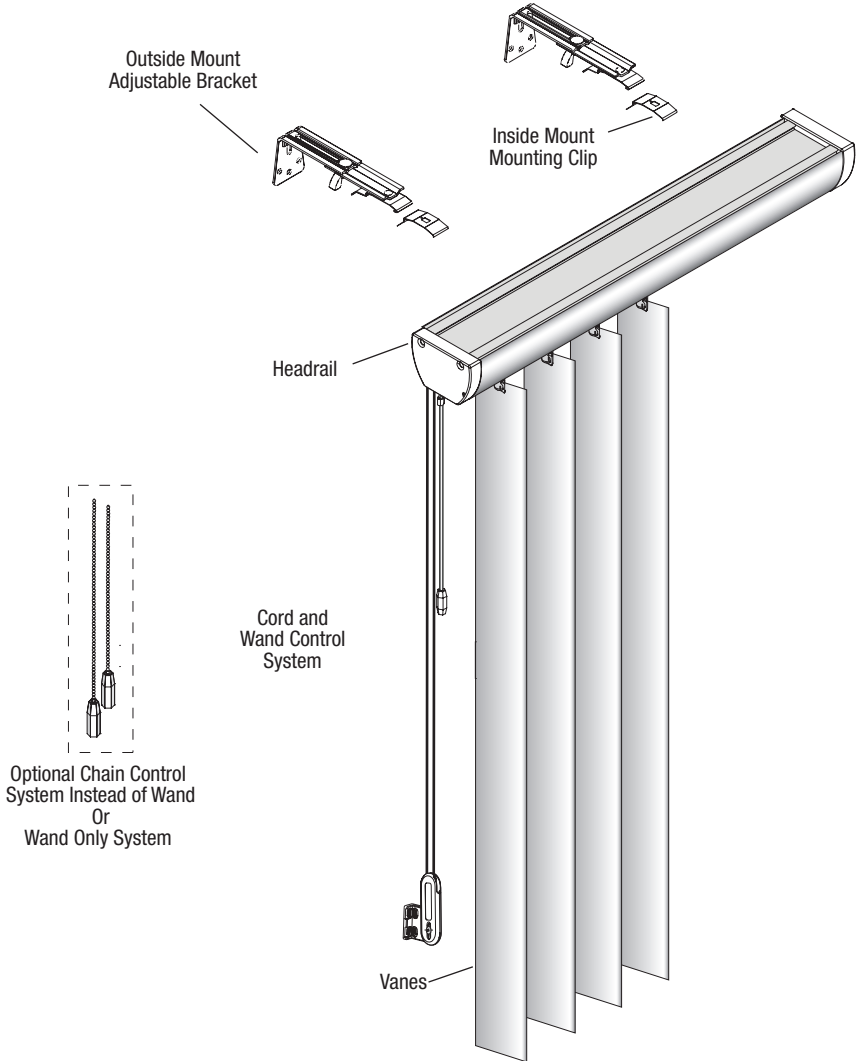
## GETTING STARTED

Thank you for purchasing Hunter Douglas Vertical Blinds. With proper installation, operation, and care, your new blind will provide years of beauty and performance.

Please thoroughly review this instruction booklet and the enclosed packing list before beginning the installation.

**NOTE: Illustrations throughout these instructions show the PermaTrak® headrail. Instructions are the same for the Paramount® and PermAlign® headrails.**

### Tools and Fasteners Needed

- Flat blade and Phillips screwdriver
- Level (laser level is recommended)
- Measuring tape and pencil
- Power drill, $\frac{3}{32}$" drill bit, and $\frac{1}{4}$" hex driver

In addition, you will need fasteners designed to work with your specific mounting surface(s).

- **#6 Hex Head Screws (Provided).** Two 1½" screws are provided per installation bracket.
- **Speed Nuts and Screws (Provided).** Extension brackets come with speed nuts and screws.
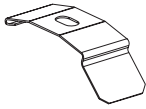
#6 x 1½"
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(Provided)

**Speed Nut
and Screw**
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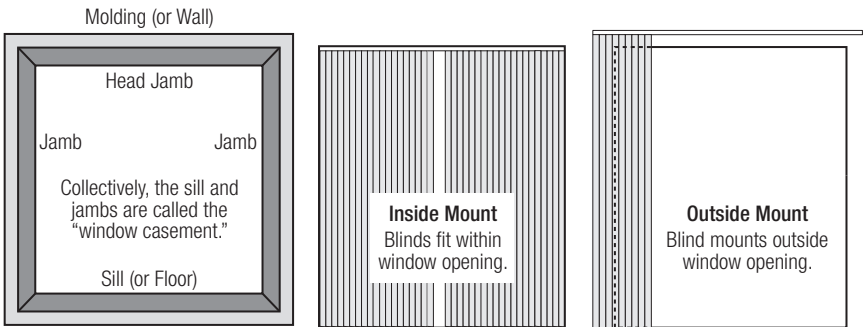Optional Extension Bracket)

## Installation Overview

■ Your order will include installation brackets specific to your blind. The number of installation brackets required varies with headrail width, as shown in the table.

| Blind Width | Brackets Required |
|---|---|
| 15" – 48" | 2 |
| 48$\frac{1}{8}$" – 72" | 3 |
| 72$\frac{1}{8}$" – 96" | 4 |
| 96$\frac{1}{8}$" – 120" | 5 |
| 120$\frac{1}{8}$" – 144" | 6 |
| 144$\frac{1}{8}$" – 168" | 7 |
| 168$\frac{1}{8}$" – 192" | 8 |
| 192$\frac{1}{8}$" – 216" | 9 |
| 216$\frac{1}{8}$" – 240" | 10 |
| 240$\frac{1}{8}$" – 264" | 11 |
| 264$\frac{1}{8}$" – 288" | 12 |
| 288$\frac{1}{8}$" – 300" | 13 |

## Mounting Types and Window Terminology

If the installation brackets are mounted correctly, the rest of the installation process follows very easily. To prepare for this important first step, review the mounting types and basic window terminology illustrated below.

Molding (or Wall)

Head Jamb

Jamb                    Jamb

Collectively, the sill and jambs are called the "window casement."

Sill (or Floor)

**Inside Mount**
Blinds fit within window opening.

**Outside Mount**
Blind mounts outside window opening.

■ **If your blind has a valance go to — Page 4.** Otherwise, go to your mounting option below:

➤ **Inside Mount — Page 7**

➤ **Outside Mount — Page 9**

## Valance Assembly

Please refer to the section below for your valance type.

If you didn't order a valance, proceed to "Mount the Installation Brackets — Inside Mount" on page 7 or "Mount the Installation Brackets — Outside Mount" on page 9 based on the mounting option ordered.

### Dust Cover Valance Assembly

#### Single-Tiered Closed Corner

- Cut a fabric insert for the valance and each valance return 1" longer at each end than the valance and valance return width.

- Center the fabric insert in the valance and wrap the excess on each side around to the back of the valance.

- At one end, hold the fabric insert in place with a corner clip.



- At the opposite end, pull the fabric insert tight and secure it in place with another corner clip.

- Center each valance return fabric insert and wrap the excess on each side around to the back of the valance return.

- Attach the valance return to the valance using the already attached corner clip.

- At the opposite end of the valance return, pull the fabric insert tight and secure it in place with a valance return clip.



- Repeat the previous 4 steps for the other valance return.
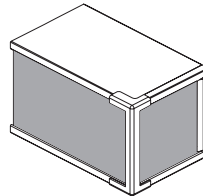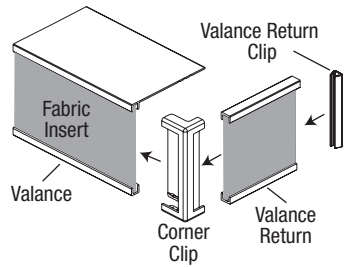
    **IMPORTANT:** Vinyl inserts should be cut flush with the ends of the valance and valance returns. Secure vinyl in place with the corner clip and valance return clips.

Proceed to "Mount the Installation Brackets — Inside Mount" on page 7 or "Mount the Installation Brackets — Outside Mount" on page 9 based on the mounting option ordered.

## Single-Tiered Open Corner (Fabric Only)

■ Cut a fabric insert long enough to wrap around the corner and over the entire return plus at least 1" excess at each end.

■ Attach the corner clip and valance returns.

■ Insert the fabric into the valance, wrap it through the corner clip and into the valance return.

  **IMPORTANT:** Leave extra fabric at the other end of the fabric insert to be able to wrap around the other valance return.

■ Wrap excess fabric around the end of the valance return and secure it with a valance return clip.

■ Repeat steps 3 and 4 for the other valance return.
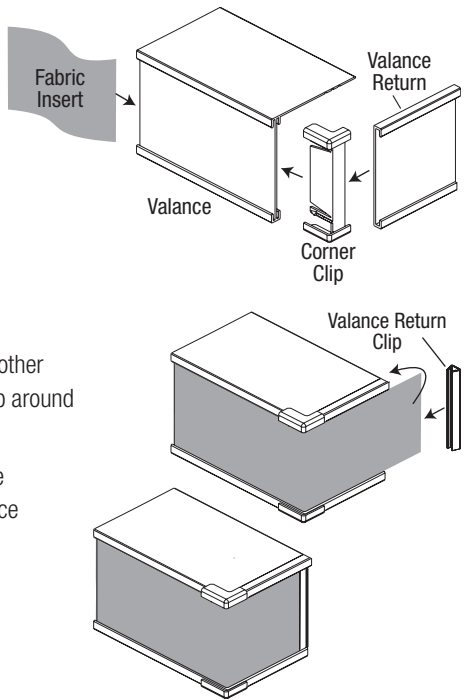


Proceed to "Mount the Installation Brackets — Inside Mount" on page 7 or "Mount the Installation Brackets — Outside Mount" on page 9 based on the mounting option ordered.
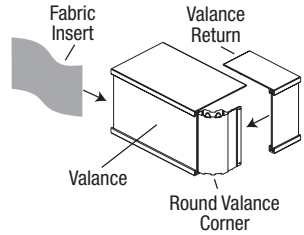
## INSTALLATION

### Single-Tiered Round Corner

■ Install the round valance corners onto each end of the valance.

■ Install the valance returns onto each end of the round valance corners.

■ Cut the fabric insert 4" longer than the total length of the valance plus both returns.

**NOTE:** Vinyl inserts should be cut flush with the ends of the valance returns. Secure vinyl in place with the valance return clips.

■ Place the fabric insert into the clear lips of the valance, continuing around the molded valance corner and through the valance return.

■ Wrap excess fabric around the end of the valance return and secure it with a valance return clip.

■ From the other end of the fabric insert, pull the fabric tight, repeating the previous 2 steps.

■ Attach the clear corner caps onto the valance corners, top and bottom.

■ Use a #4 $^1/_2$" screw to secure each valance return onto the dust cover valance surface.
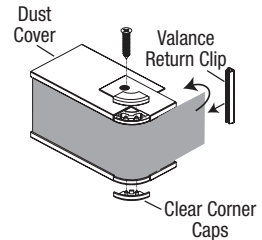
Proceed to "Mount the Installation Brackets — Inside Mount" on page 7 or "Mount the Installation Brackets — Outside Mount" on page 9 based on the mounting option ordered.

### Double-Tiered Round Corner

■ To install the double-tiered universal round corner valance, follow the instructions for the single-tiered universal round corner valance. The corner caps are installed on the top and bottom of the upper valance and <u>only</u> on the bottom of the lower valance.

■ Install the valance stacking clips into the back lips of the (upper) dust cover valance, and space 24" apart. For an outside (OB) mount only, add an additional stacking clip to each return.
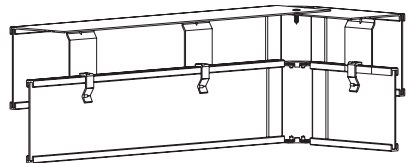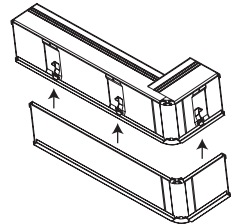
Proceed to "Mount the Installation Brackets — Inside Mount" on page 7 or "Mount the Installation Brackets — Outside Mount" on page 9 based on the mounting option ordered.

## Mount the Installation Brackets — Inside Mount

■ Mark 2" to 4" in from each jamb. Measure and mark the underside of the dust cover, if ordered.

➤ If more than two installation brackets came with your order, space additional bracket(s) evenly in 24" to 30" intervals between the end brackets and mark their location. Mount into wood whenever possible.

**IMPORTANT:** Allow ½" clearance between vane and window.
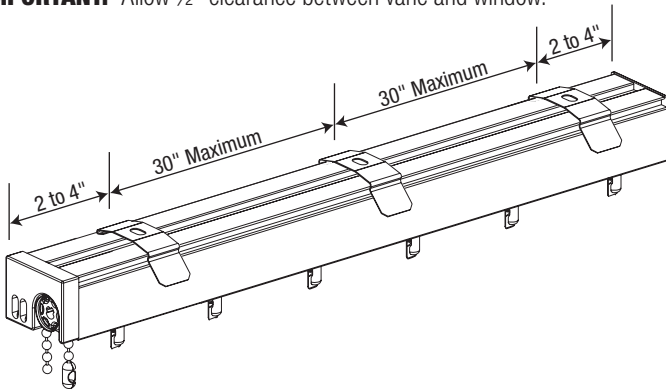


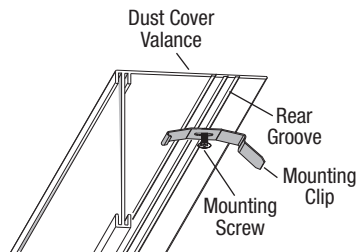### Install Mounting Clips

■ Drill the screw holes using a $\frac{3}{32}$" drill bit.

⚠ **WARNING:** Product is heavy. Mount into wood/metal studs or into concrete with concrete anchors. Drywall anchors are not recommended.

➤ If you did not order a valance, drill directly into the ceiling/head jamb.



➤ If you ordered a dust cover valance, drill through the rear groove of the dust cover valance then into the ceiling/head jamb.
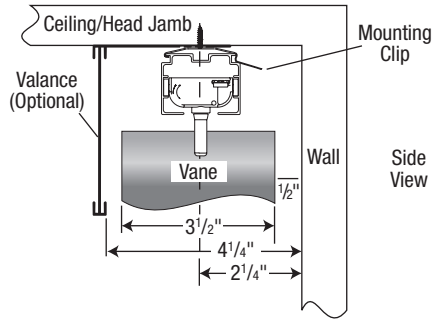
■ Attach the mounting clip using the screws provided.

➤ Hold the valance in position, the screw will go (through the valance, if ordered) into the ceiling/head jamb.
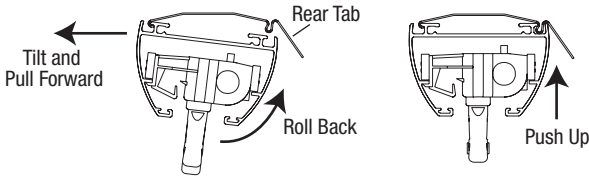
## INSTALLATION

■ Center the headrail underneath the mounting clips.



Ceiling/Head Jamb

Mounting Clip

Valance (Optional)

Vane

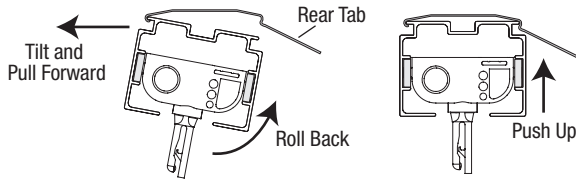Wall

Side View

$3^1/_2$"

$4^1/_4$"

$2^1/_4$"

$^1/_2$"

■ Tilt the headrail and insert it into the front edge of the mounting clips. Pull forward, then roll the headrail back toward the rear of the blind. Push up and snap into place.

**Paramount® Headrail**



Rear Tab

Tilt and Pull Forward

Roll Back

Push Up

**PermaTrak® and PermAlign® Headrail**



Rear Tab

Tilt and Pull Forward

Roll Back

Push Up

Proceed to "Install the Vanes" on page 10.

## Mount the Installation Brackets — Outside Mount

■ Mark 2" to 4" in from each jamb.

    ➤ If more than two "L" installation brackets came with your order, space additional bracket(s) evenly in 24" to 30" intervals between the end brackets and mark their location. Mount into wood whenever possible.

    ➤ Adjust mounting clips to allow $\frac{1}{2}$" clearance between the vane and the wall (i.e. $2\frac{1}{4}$" for $3\frac{1}{2}$" vane).
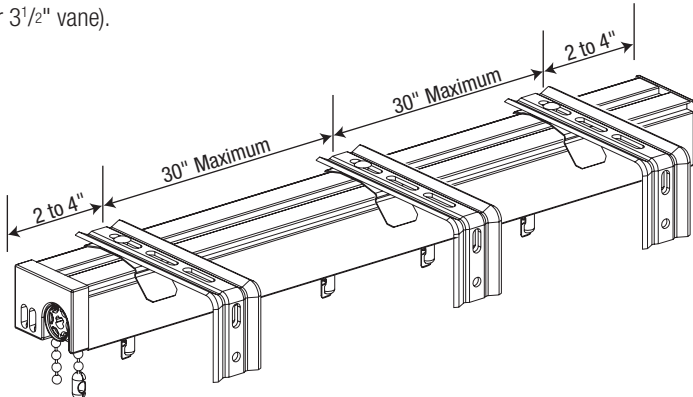


■ Drill the screw holes using a $\frac{3}{32}$" drill bit.

    ⚠ **WARNING:** Product is heavy. Mount into wood/metal studs or into concrete with concrete anchors. Drywall anchors are not recommended.

■ Attach the brackets using the screws provided.

■ Center headrail underneath mounting clips.

■ Tilt the headrail and insert it into the front edge of the mounting clip. Pull and roll the headrail up toward the rear of the blind and snap into place.
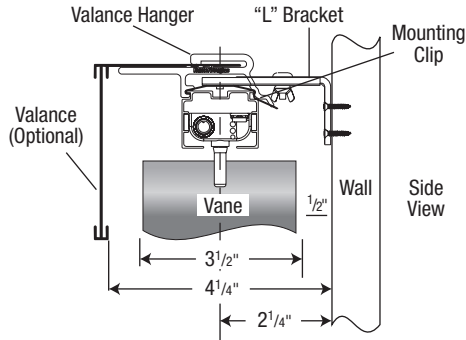
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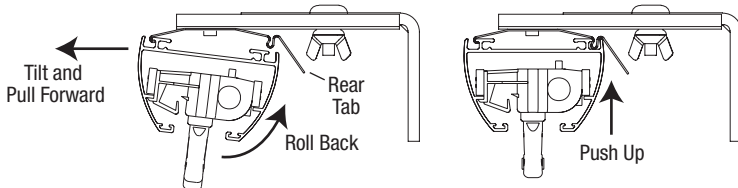

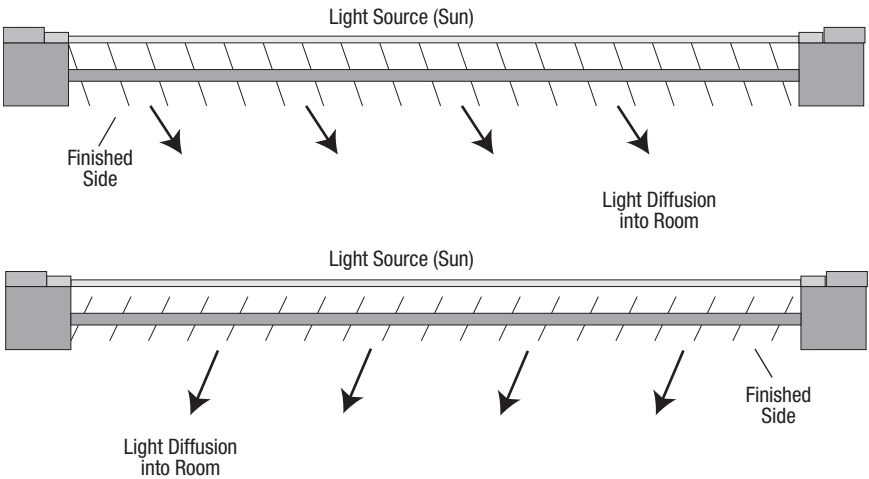
**PermaTrak® and PermAlign® Headrail**
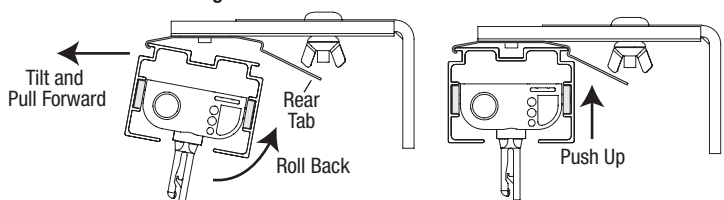
## INSTALLATION

■ If a valance is included, "snap" on a valance hanger next to each "L" bracket.

■ Center the valance in relationship to the headrail and slide it into the valance hangers.

Valance Hanger    "L" Bracket    Mounting Clip

Valance (Optional)

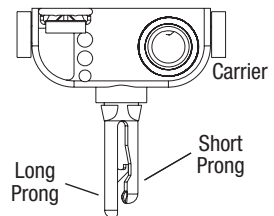Vane    1/2"    Wall    Side View

3 1/2"
4 1/4"
2 1/4"

## Install the Vanes

■ Determine the desired light/view direction.Rotate the vane hooks so the slot between the long and the short prong is facing you.

**Top View**

Light Source (Sun)

Finished Side

Light Diffusion into Room

Light Source (Sun)

Finished Side

Light Diffusion into Room

■ Push the vane into the hook until it "snaps" into place.

Carrier

Short Prong

Long Prong

## Attach the Universal Cord Tensioner (Cord Loop Units Only)

Before doing anything, you **must** first slide the cord
tensioner to the bottom of the cord loop.

Universal
Cord
Tensioner

Indicator
Line

■ Insert a small screwdriver, punch, or awl through the
screw hole at the bottom of the cord tensioner.

■ Move the screw hole down to the indicator line to
release the safety mechanism.

■ Slide the cord tensioner down to the bottom of the
cord loop.

■ Attach the cord tensioner according to the instructions provided with the
*Universal Cord Tensioner Installation Kit*.
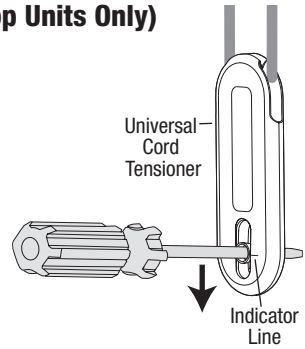
**WARNING:  It is imperative that the cord tensioner be properly secured to
the wall or window frame to reduce children's access to the cord loop.
Young children can strangle in cord loops. They can also wrap cords
around their necks and strangle.**

**CAUTION:  The unit will not operate properly unless the cord tensioner is
secured. A *Universal Cord Tensioner Installation Kit* has been included with your
unit. Follow the instructions in the kit to correctly secure the cord tensioner.**

## Cord Adjustment (Cord and Chain Only)

**NOTE:** Cord length and/or tension cannot be adjusted for PermaTilt® Wand Control System. It is set in the factory to help ensure that the product meets cord safety standard.

### To reduce cord length on a Side Draw Blind:

■ Open the blind.

■ Release the cord tensioner by removing the screws.

■ Locate the cord knot in the front of the lead carrier.

■ Pull the cord to the desired length.

■ Tie a double knot.

■ Re-install the cord tensioner with the screws.

■ Test for proper cord tension.

■ Cut the excess cord.

Cord Knot

Side Draw Carriers in the Open Position
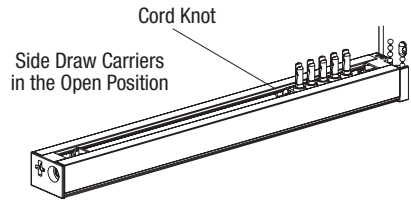
### To reduce cord length on Center Draw Blinds:

■ Release the cord tensioner by removing the screws.

■ Place the blind in the closed position.

■ Locate the cord ends in the front of the lead carrier.

■ Select the cord knot that adjusts the cord length only; if carrier movement is observed, select the other cord.

**CAUTION:** Cutting the wrong cord will cause irreparable damage.

■ Pull the cord to the desired length.

■ Tie a double knot.

■ Re-install the cord tensioner with the screws.

■ Test for proper cord tension.

■ Cut the excess cord.

Cord Knot

Center Draw Carriers in the Closed Position
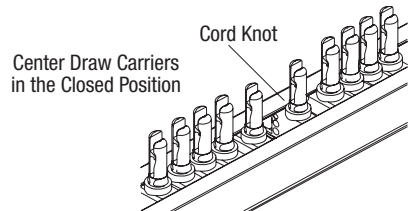
## Blind Operation

### Cord and Chain Operated

■ **Traversing.** Use the pull cords attached to the cord tensioner to open and close the blind (black arrows).

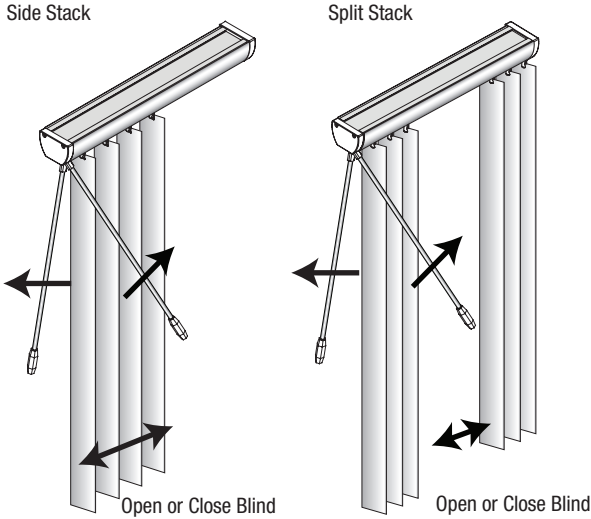■ **Tilting.** Use the tassels and chains to rotate the vanes open or closed (gray arrows).

Side Stack          Split Stack
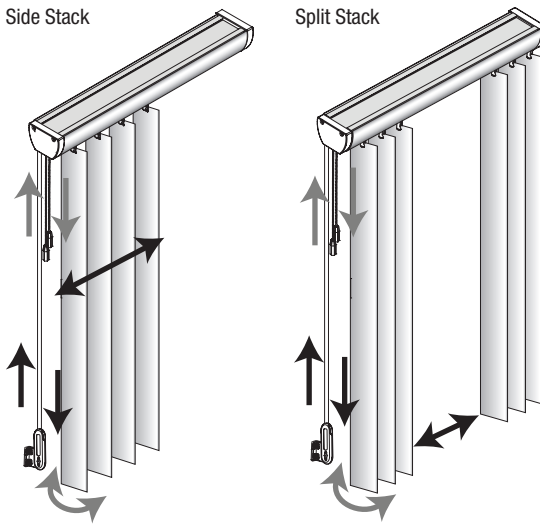
## PermAssure® Safety Wand

■ **Traversing.** Push or pull the wand to open or close the vanes.

**NOTE:** Please do not bow the wand. Hold the wand at a 45˚ angle. Push or pull the wand to open or close the vanes.

Side Stack

Split Stack

Open or Close Blind

Open or Close Blind
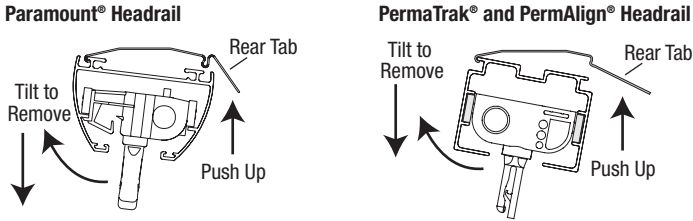
■ **Tilting.** Twist the safety wand to open or close the vanes.

**IMPORTANT:** Do not over torque the wand. It can cause the louvers to kick out at the bottom of the blind and cause the louvers to look misshapen.

Side Stack

Split Stack

Open or Close Vanes
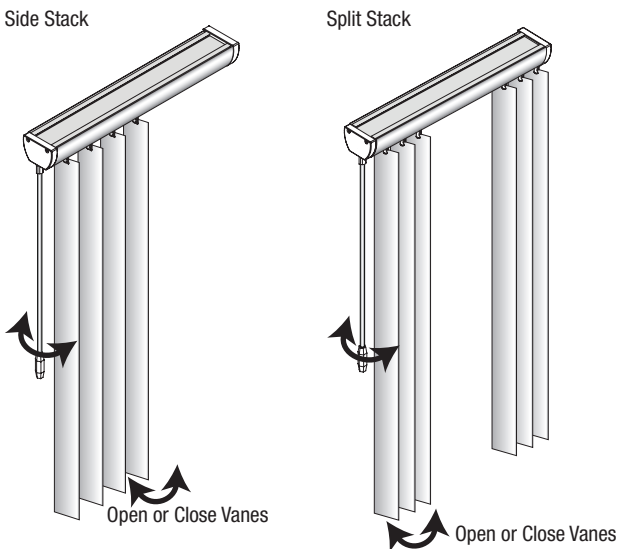
Open or Close Vanes

## Cord and Wand Operated

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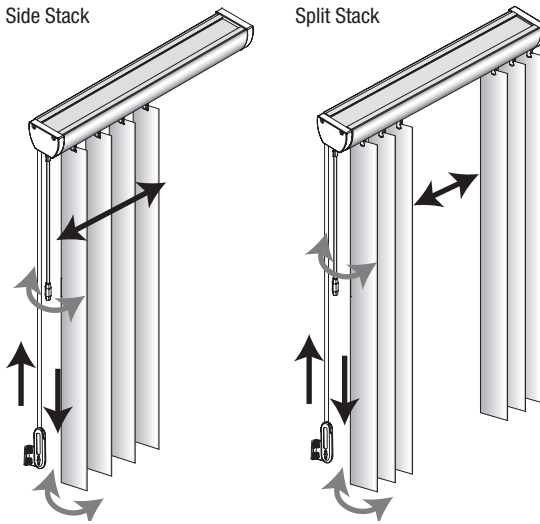
## Removing the Headrail (If Necessary)

◼ To remove the headrail, locate the rear tab on the mounting clip.

◼ Push up on the rear tab to release the headrail.

**Paramount® Headrail**

Rear Tab

Tilt to
Remove

Push Up

**PermaTrak® and PermAlign® Headrail**

Tilt to
Remove

Rear Tab

Push Up

## Removing the Vanes (If Necessary)

◼ Push up on the vane.

◼ Gently open the vane hook by inserting a 'credit card' sized piece of rigid plastic between the vane and the long prong of the vane hook.

◼ Carefully remove the vane.

## Cleaning Procedures

### Dusting

◼ Regular light dusting with a feather duster is all the cleaning that is needed in most circumstances.

### Vacuuming

◼ Use a hand-held vacuum with low suction for more thorough dust removal.

### Spot-Cleaning

◼ Prepare a solution of warm water and a mild detergent.

◼ Dampen a clean cloth in the solution and wring it out.

◼ Dab the spot with the dampened cloth until it is gone.

**CAUTION:** Vertical fabrics should not be spot-cleaned or immersed in water.

### Compressed Air

◼ You can use compressed air or a hair dryer (cool setting) to blow the dust off your valance.

# ⚠ WARNING

**For more safety information call 1-888-501-8364 in the U.S. or 1-866-662-0666 in Canada.**

**Young children can STRANGLE in cord loops. They can also wrap cords around their necks and STRANGLE.**

- **Always keep cords out of the reach of children.**

- **Move cribs, playpens and other furniture away from cords. Children can climb furniture to get to cords.**

## Cord Loop Panels

- **Attach the cord tensioner on the cord loop to the wall or window casement. See "Attach the Universal Cord Tensioner (Cord Loop Units Only)" on page 11. This can prevent children from pulling cord loops around their necks.**

- **Hunter Douglas provides a cord tensioner installation kit with instructions for attaching the cord tensioner. For the shade to operate properly, the cord tensioner must be correctly mounted and secured.**

- **Fasteners provided in this kit may not be appropriate for all mounting surfaces. Use appropriate anchors for the mounting surface conditions.**

- **Only Hunter Douglas supplied cord tensioners and hardware should be used. Replacement parts may be obtained by contacting the Hunter Douglas Consumer Support Center at 1-888-501-8364.**

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