

## How to Measure Arches

We recommend that you order your arched products after the careful consideration and location of blinds, shutters, etc. to prevent any difficulty in measuring your arched opening.



Always use a **steel** measure and take all measurements to the nearest 1/8<sup>th</sup> inch.

Always measure and record the actual inside measurement of the arched opening.

Please note that the start of the arch curve is the most important dimension needed.

### Measuring your Arches:

1) What does an **INSIDE MOUNT** (I.M.) measure mean?

It means that you are measuring both bottom width and center vertical height inside your window frame.

The factory will require a template for an inside mount arch if you want them to guarantee the fit.

Mail your template to:

AmericanBlinds.com

1302 Waugh Drive, #943

Houston, TX 77019

The factory will send a mounting strip with your **inside mount** arch. The mounting strip is pre-drilled and attaches inside your window. The arch face is predrilled and attaches to the mounting strip. Any adjustments that are required to get the arch to fit should be made to the mounting strip – not the arch. Bear in mind, that there can be minor differences in your window from one side of the arch curve to the other. For example, perhaps a little more wall texture material was added to one side of your arch. This minor difference may be fixed by sanding one side of the mounting strip or it might be fixed as easily as caulking more on one side of the mounting strip to cover any small window imperfections. For a more finished look, run a bead of caulk around the mounting trip adding extra to cover any window imperfections.

What does an **OUTSIDE MOUNT** (O.M.) measure mean?

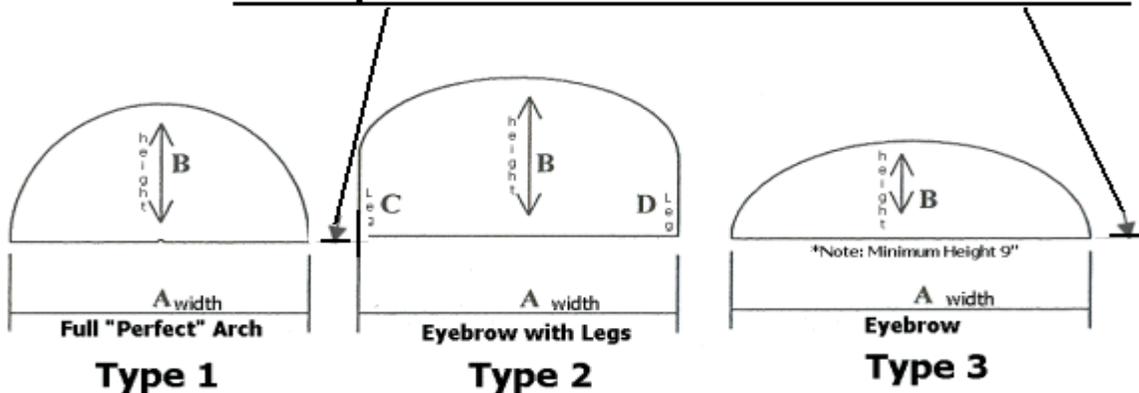
It means that you are measuring both bottom width and center vertical height inside your window frame. Be sure to add overlap to all sides for mounting space.

On all measurements - both **INSIDE MOUNT** and **OUTSIDE MOUNT** we need to know the following:

- What is below the arch so we can make the bottom of the arch the appropriate height. For example, is there a blind, shutter, window sill, flat wall without sill, door, etc. The following is an example of why this information is important. If you have a window below the arch and the window has a blind installed in it, the manufacturer may extend the length of your arch by several inches so that you can remove the valance from the blind and use the trim on the bottom of the arch as your valance. This way, the arch and blind look like they are a single unit, and it makes for a cleaner look to have only one style of molding in your window.
- On outside mount arches, we need to know if your window frame has square corners or rounded corners, sometimes referred to as bull-nose corners.

★ **ALL DIMENSIONS SHOULD BE INSIDE ACTUAL WINDOW SIZE**

**To Top of Blind Headrail or To Window Sill**



**ALL DIMENSIONS BETWEEN WINDOWS REQUIRED WHEN COMBINING ARCHES**

