

Corded Blind, Track and Pole British and European standards BSEN13120 incorporating BSEN16433 & BSEN16434 March 2014

These changes have been outlined for internal blinds. Corded Tracks and Poles are not covered by the BSEN13120 Standard.

However, when the Standard was presented to the CEN Committee for review it was agreed that they too presented a possible hazard. The Committee drafted the 2011-477 EU Decision to ensure that Corded Tracks and Poles were covered by the requirements.

The approach being taken by Trading Standards is that the EU Decision is the next applicable Standard therefore products not directly covered within the BSEN13120 Standard must comply with the EU Decision.

You must assume that the standard applies -
-If the installation is where children between 0-42 months are likely to be present. This applies to all public premises or domestic dwellings regardless of the current occupier.
-If you do not know the intended location of the products.



There is no recognised lead in for these changes to be implemented. Any injury or fatality as a result of an infringement of the rules can result in prosecution.

As a supplier our responsibility is to ensure that all products comply with the standards, this includes testing all products in accordance with the BSEN16433 - Test Methods (Functionality after installation) and BSEN16434 Requirements (suitability of device)

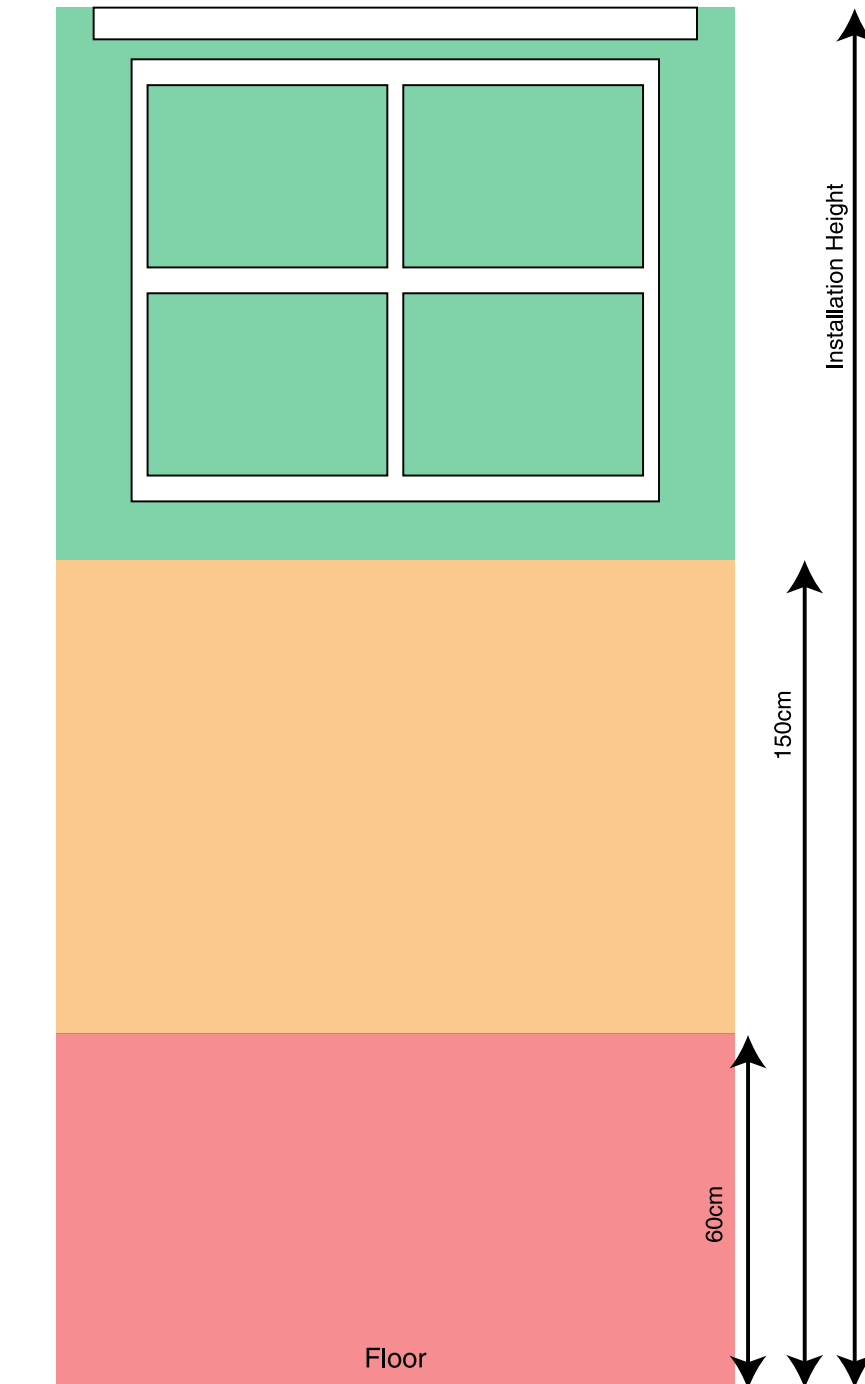
REMEMBER!

**Cord
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Corded Tracks and Poles

Installation height



Off the shelf corded tracks/poles (Installation height not known) -

In all instances off the shelf tracks and poles will have a cord/chain drop of 1mtr which must be tethered with the compliant safety device provided.

Made to Measure corded tracks/poles:

Where the installation height is not known the track/pole will be supplied with a 1mtr cord drop which must be tethered with the compliant safety device provided.

Where the installation height is known the cord drop will be calculated to be no less than 150cm off the floor.

Example: Installation height 4.50mtr - 1.5mtr = 3mtr cord drop.
The cord must be tethered with the compliant safety device provided.

No cords or chains are allowed less than 60cm up from the floor - under any circumstances.

Please be aware that when we take an order for a made to measure track product we will have to ask the installation height in order to calculate the cord drop. Without an installation height we are unable to provide a cord any longer than a 1mtr drop. **We will not deviate from this under any circumstances so please do not ask.**

If an installation height is given the cord will have to be more than 1.5mtr off the floor. This means that tension pulleys etc can no longer be fixed to the skirting board.

All installation heights provided will be printed on order confirmations and invoices. It is the fitters responsibility to ensure they are fitted at the correct height.

Chain Operated Blinds/Blind Systems

Off the shelf loop chain operated blinds/blind systems

(Installation height not known) -

Where the blind drop is 2.5mtr or less the chain drop will be 1mtr and must be tethered with the compliant safety device provided.

Where the blind drop is greater than 2.5mtr the cord drop will be the measurement of the drop of the blind less 1.5m (e.g. blind drop 3mtr - 1.5mtr = 1.5mtr cord drop) The cord must be tethered with the compliant safety device provided.

Chain lengths are predetermined on ready made products and cannot be specified by the customer.

Made to Measure loop chain operated blinds/blind systems:

Where the Installation height is known the cord drop will be calculated either 1.5mtr from the floor with a tethered safety device or 60cm from the floor with a compliant breakaway device.

Installation height not known:

Tethered chains:

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Where the blind drop is greater than 2.5mtr the cord drop will be the measurement of the drop of the blind less 1.5m (e.g. blind drop 3mtr - 1.5mtr = 1.5mtr cord drop) The cord must be tethered with the compliant safety device.

If the installation height is not known a breakaway can still be used providing the blind drop is available - we can calculate the chain drop to be 2/3 of the blind drop.

Example: 3mtr blind drop = 2mtr cord drop with breakaway.

If neither the installation height or blind drop can be provided the maximum cord drop we can supply is 1mtr.

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150cm

60cm

Floor

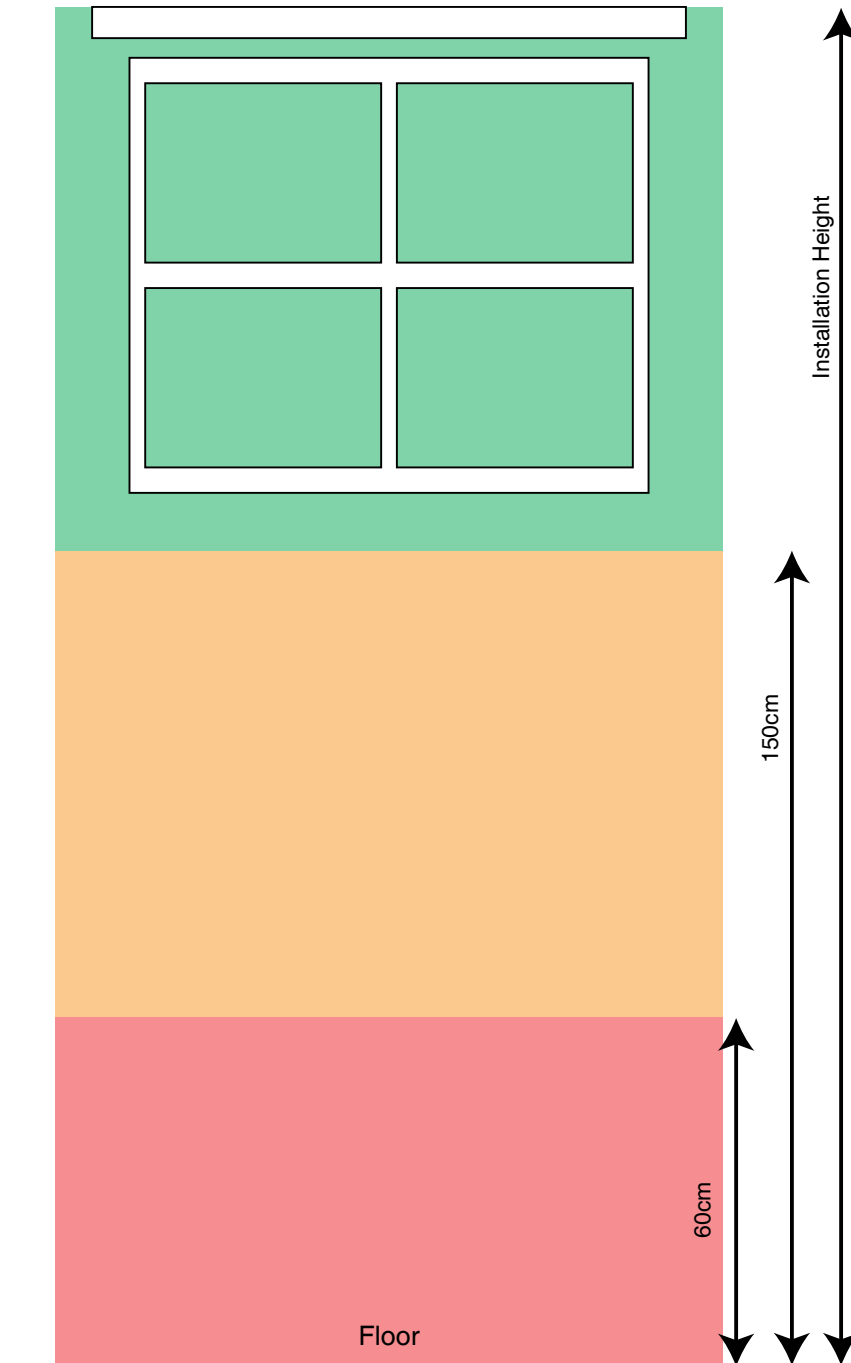
For made to measure products please expect to be asked your installation height and blind drop. We will calculate the cord drop from this information. We will not be able to supply a cord drop longer than 1mtr if the information is not provided.

Anyone wishing to make up there own blind system will be responsible for their own testing to ensure compliance.

Silent Gliss headrail products will have optional blind make up component kits so that customers can ensure an entire blind will comply to the regulations. **All components holding cords at the back of the roman/austrian blind must break free if a weight of more than 6kg is applied.**

Cord Operated Blinds/Blind Systems

Installation height



Off the shelf cord operated blinds (Installation height not known) -

The cord shall be 1mtr for blinds with a drop of 2.5mtr or less. If the blind drop is more than 2.5mtr the cord can be the drop of the blind - 1.5mtr.

Example: a 3mtr drop = 1.5mtr cord drop

These cord drops will be predetermined by the blind manufacturer.

Made to Measure cord operated blinds:

Where the installation height is known the cord drop can be no less than 1.5mtr from the floor.

Example - Installation height 4mtr - 1.5mtr = cord drop 2.5mtr

Where the installation height is not provided the cord shall 1mtr for blinds with a drop of 2.5mtr or less. If the blind drop is more than 2.5mtr the cord can be the drop of the blind - 1.5mtr.

Example: a 3mtr drop = 1.5mtr cord drop.

In both instances the operating cords will be manufactured with the necessary breakaway systems where applicable. A compliant cleat will be provided that can hold the blind cords securely when the blind is fully retracted. The cleat must be fitted as close to the headrail as possible and in all instances at least 1.5mtr from the floor.

All inner cords considered accessible by the standard will have either cord stops or breakaway devices where required.

No cords or chains are allowed less than 60cm up from the floor - under any circumstances.

For all Silent Gliss blind products you will be required to give an Installation height.
We will not be able to supply a cord drop longer than 1mtr if the information is not provided.

All components holding cords at the back of the roman/austrian blind must break free if a weight of more than 6kg is applied. Breakaway devices and anti tangle toggles may also be required for the operation of the blind.

**More information on these standards can be obtained from BBSA -
www.bbsa.org.uk**