

Aria™ Metal Hardware

Fixed Length Pole Installation Instructions

Decorative Rods - 1 1/8"

Thank you for purchasing your new decorative rods. With proper installation and care, they will provide you with many years of beauty and trouble-free use. Clean with a soft cloth. Do not use harsh or abrasive cleaning supplies or polishes which may damage the finish.

Hardware Components Recommended for Pole purchased

- Suggested support brackets

| Rod Width | # of Brackets | Description |
|------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|
| 0 - 4 ft. | 2 | Two end brackets |
| 4 - 6 ft. | 3 | One center support, two end brackets |
| 6 - 8 ft. | 4 | Two center supports, two end brackets |
| 8 - 12 ft. | 4 | Two center supports, two end brackets |

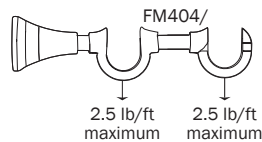
Maximum panel weight for support brackets

| Rod Width | # of Brackets | One Way Draw Panel Weight | Center Draw Panel Weight |
|------------|---------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 0 - 4 ft. | 2 | 4.0 lb/ft | 4.0 lb/ft |
| 4 - 6 ft. | 3 | 4.0 lb/ft | 4.0 lb/ft |
| 6 - 8 ft. | 4 | 4.0 lb/ft | 4.0 lb/ft |
| 8 - 12 ft. | 4 | 3.0 lb/ft | 4.0 lb/ft |

NOTE: 8 ft. rod width center draw can be supported with: One center support, two end brackets

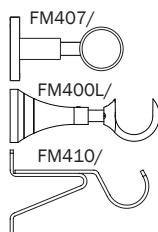
Double turned bracket:

- Maximum panel weight per cup is 2.5 lb/ft
- Pole length not to exceed 6 ft.



Orbital, Long Turned Bracket and V-Brackets:

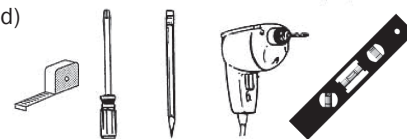
- Maximum panel weight:
 - 0 - 6 ft. pole is 3.0 lb/ft.
 - 6 - 12 ft. pole is 2.0 lb/ft.



- Screws and plastic anchors
- Finials (sold separately)

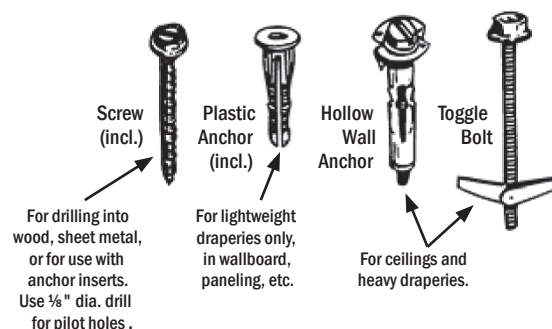
Tools Needed for Installation (not included):

- Tape Measure
- Phillips screwdriver
- Pencil
- Drill with 3/16" drill bit to pre-drill for plastic expansion anchors
- Level (recommended)



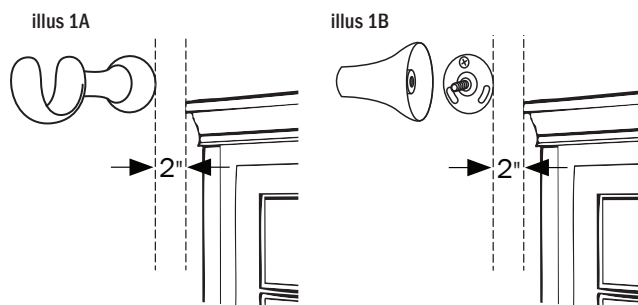
End Bracket Installation

- Locate all brackets and correct anchors for your wall type.



Begin with the two outside end brackets. Determine the desired height and width based on the drapery measurements. Be certain to make the appropriate allowance for the decorative hardware. It is recommended that the brackets be installed approximately 2" - 4" beyond the window frame (see illus 1A).

- Once the bracket position is determined, remove the round silver mounting base by unscrewing it from the back of the bracket and use it as a guide to mark the location on the wall for the anchors or screws (see illus 1B).



- If using plastic expansion anchors, pre-drill holes using 3/16" drill bit. If drilling directly into a stud or wood trim, pre-drill holes with 3/32" drill bit. Attach the bracket mounting base using the screws provided.
- Screw on the decorative portion of the bracket to the mounting base until it is tight and the open side of bracket faces up to the ceiling. If the cup does not end facing up, loosen the screw to adjust.

Tips for Successful Installation

Securely attach all brackets to the mounting surface. If you do not locate and install into wood studs, use the proper wall fasteners and / or plastic anchors designed for your particular mounting surface (screws and plastic anchors are included). When drilling into metal, use self-tapping screws (not included).

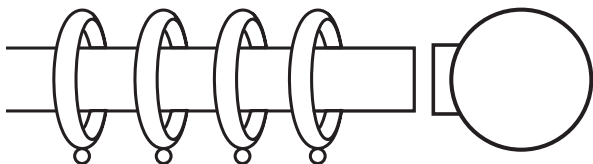
Make certain all brackets line up evenly by measuring their placement.

Center Bracket Installation

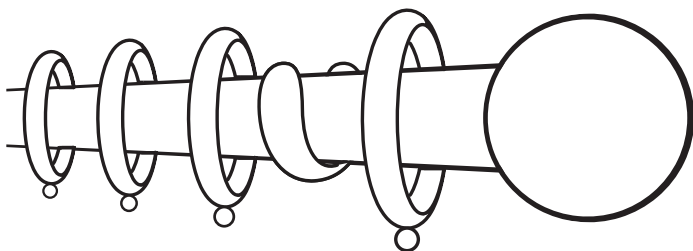
- When center supports are required, be certain to install the center brackets level with the outside brackets. Follow the same instructions as end brackets above.
- When using one center support, place it at the center of the window between the two end brackets. When using two center supports, install them an equal distance apart between the two end brackets. If using two center supports, the draperies will not be functional. Rings or grommets cannot pass through or over support brackets.

Finials, Rings and Pole Attachment:

- If using rings, slide the appropriate number onto the pole, or slide the drapery treatment directly onto the pole.



- Attach the finials to the pole and tighten the set screws with the Allen Wrench provided on the finial base by hand to complete the finial installation. **NOTE:** Some finials may have an inset screw in order to tighten it to the pole. For those designs, use the Allen Wrench provided with those finials.
- Place the pole onto the mounting brackets. The pole should extend 1" - 2" past each end bracket. The last ring or grommet should be placed on the outside end of the end brackets.



- Tighten the set screws on the brackets with the Allen Wrench provided to lock the pole into place. **NOTE:** The mounting brackets can be adjusted to provide a 3 1/2" to 5 1/2" projection from the wall to allow for the appropriate size drapery return. Hang the draperies onto the pole / rings as required by the style ordered.

Dressing Your Draperies

- Once the draperies are hanging, draw the panel across the pole, towards the stack side, one ring at a time to create folds to either the front or the back according to the drapery style. Pleated styles are generally pulled forward while the spaces between the pleats are pushed to the rear.
- Working down the panel follow the fabric folds from the top to the bottom of the curtain, using the fabric design or seams as a guide.
- With the draperies stacked, loop a paper band or strip of fabric around the panel near the center and another one near the bottom to hold the pleats in place. Leave the bands on for a couple of days to train the panel to fold properly.

Steaming Your Draperies

- Not all fabric responds well to steaming to remove wrinkles. Some, particularly delicate fabrics like silk, run the risk of shrinking and water stains or other damage. Commercial relaxing sprays can also be used instead of steaming but they can cause spotting. Use sprays sparingly and test on a small less noticeable area first.

Following are guidelines for steaming draperies.

If in doubt, do not steam a fabric.

- Linen** - Wrinkling is an inherent characteristic of linen which is part of the natural beauty. Do not steam! Steaming causes shrinkage or lengthening.
- Cotton** - It is generally safe to steam cotton lightly. Heavy steam may shrink fabric.
- Polyester / Cotton** - Usually responds well to steam but you should not steam textured polyester / cotton fabrics.
- Silk** - Steaming can spot or mark fabric. Gentle steaming may be applied to the reverse side of fabric but it is safer not to steam at all.
- Velvet and Chenille** - Should not be steamed with a standard hand steamer because it can leave marks on the fabric. Use an "iron shoe" attachment available for irons to help protect the fabric when steam is applied.
- Sheers** - Some sheers respond well to steam at low temperatures. Apply light steam to sheer voiles. Do not steam textured sheers as it may change the texture of the fabric.

TIPS

- Steam fabrics as carefully as possible by keeping some distance between the steamer head and the fabric.
- It's always best to steam fabrics from the backside.
- Use the minimum amount of steam necessary focusing on the wrinkled areas of the curtain.
- Use distilled water. Tap and bottled water contain minerals and impurities that may mark or spot the fabric.
- Wear an oven mitt on your free hand and place it behind the curtain to offer support to the fabric while steaming.
- When ironing delicate fabrics, place a soft cloth between the iron and the curtain fabric for added protection.

Cleaning - Draperies will provide you with years of beauty with minimal care and cleaning.

- Vacuum using a brush or dust head attachment.
- Dust lightly with a soft, clean cloth.
- Dry clean your draperies for a more thorough cleaning.
- Do not immerse your treatments in water or liquid chemicals of any kind.