

# **GUIDELINE FOR A TRACKING INSTALLATION**



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# TRACKING INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

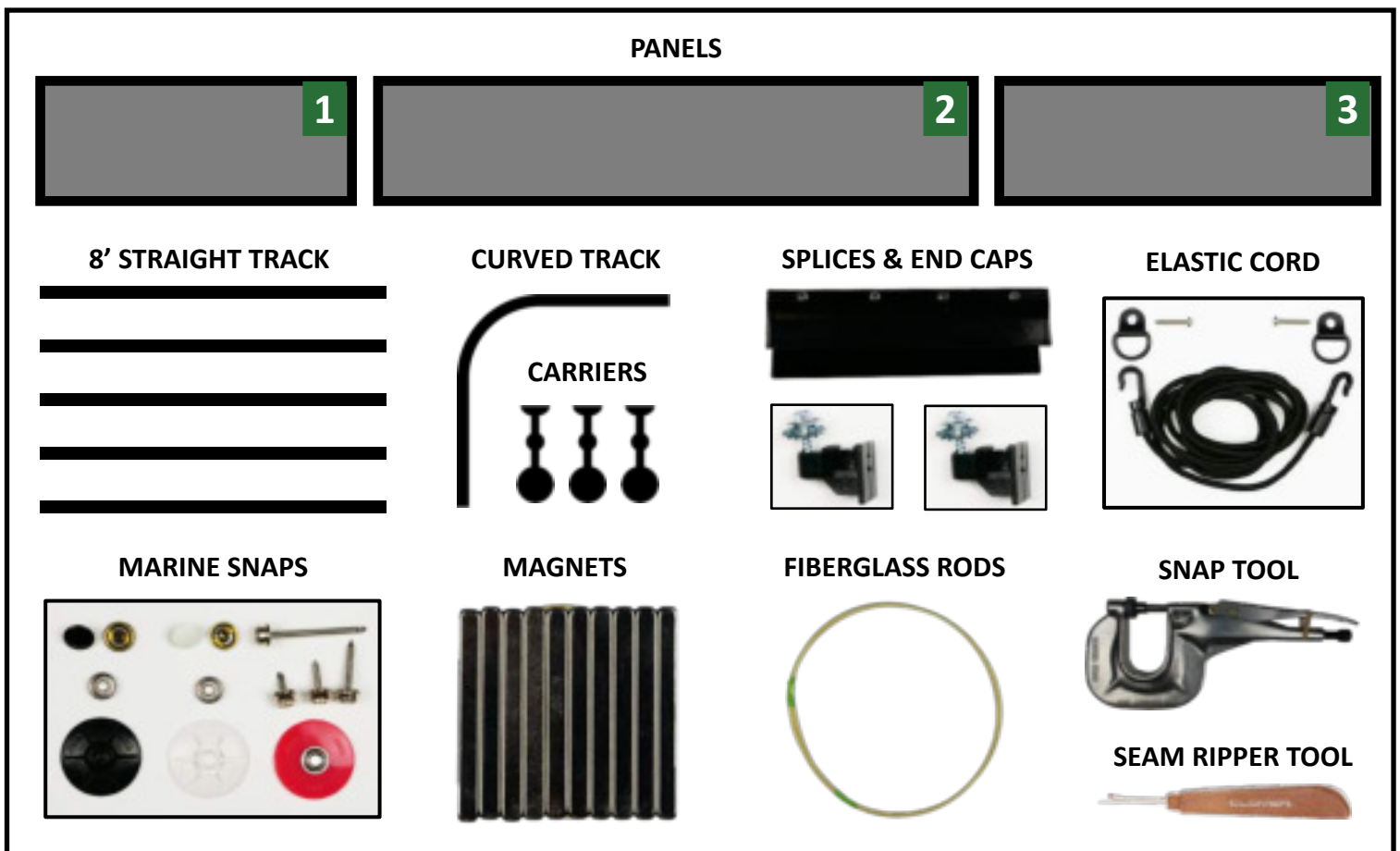
## INSPECT YOUR CURTAIN AND KIT

Thank you for your order! These instructions are a guideline for installation. Every application is different and you will have the flexibility to improvise for your particular conditions. With this guideline, dozens of video tutorials in place, and a team of planners available if you need them, you'll have your curtains installed in no time!

Tracking hardware and curtain panels arrive in separate packages, so do not be alarmed if they arrive on different days! Your tracking box commonly arrives a day or two before your curtains. Any items missing in this tracking kit will be shipped with your curtains.

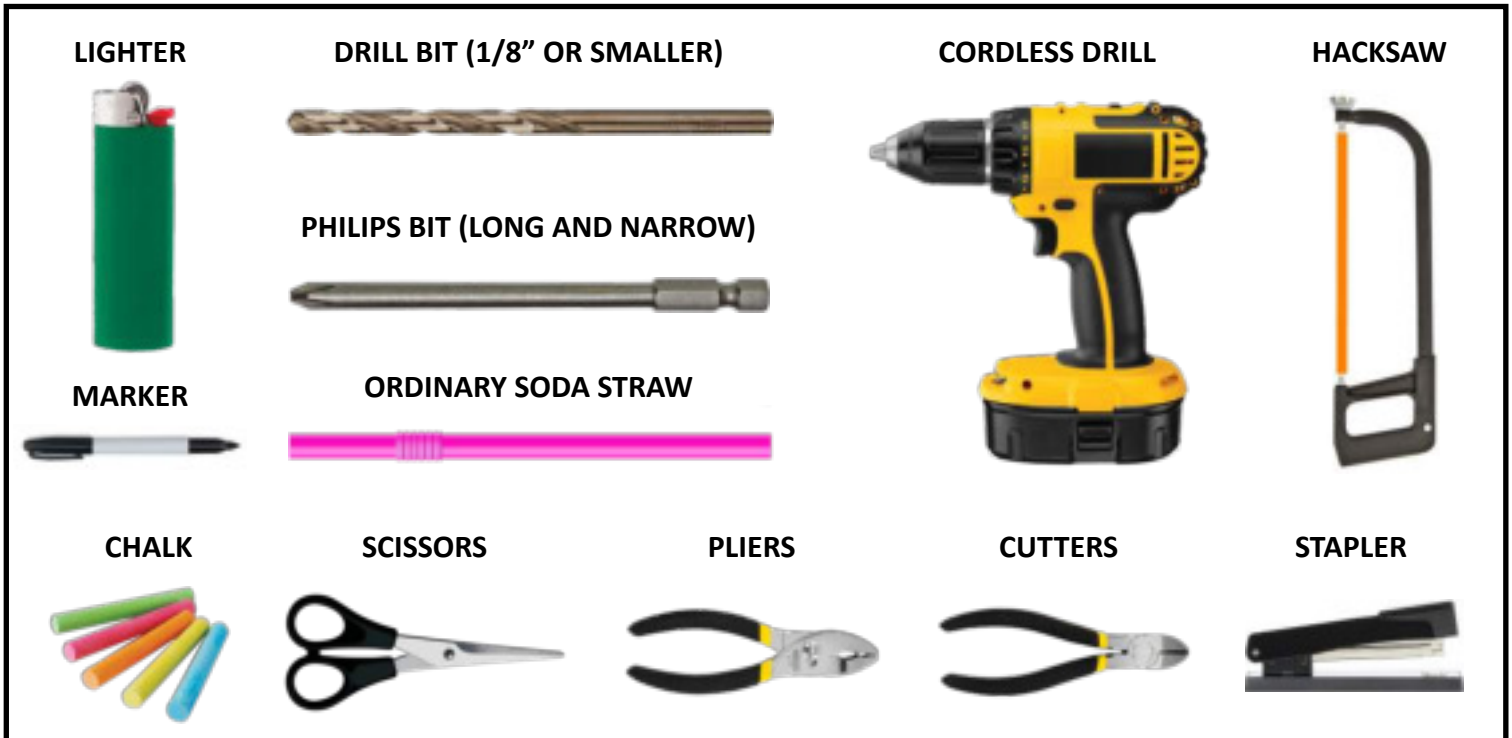
Most kits come with a panel diagram. When your curtain panels arrive, each panel is labeled on the curtain tag to reveal the layout of your panels for your application. When everything has arrived, ensure the your kit includes what you need for your installation.

This is a just a sampling of what may be included with your order, and will vary according to your project. In most cases, you will be set for the installation upon arrival, but in some instances, you will realize you need additional materials based on your specific situation. If you have any issues, call and we will help you. With tens of thousands of orders completed, we've been stumped only 3 times and we're as friendly as your grandmother.



## ADDITIONAL TOOLS

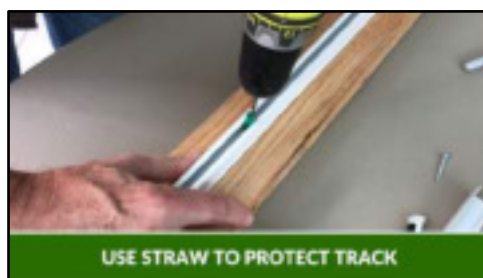
In addition to what comes in your kit, you may use a few other tools found commonly around the house. Having these on hand will make your installation much easier.



**WHEN YOU BEGIN YOUR INSTALLATION, VISIT  
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TUTORIALS OF EACH INSTALLATION CONCEPT**

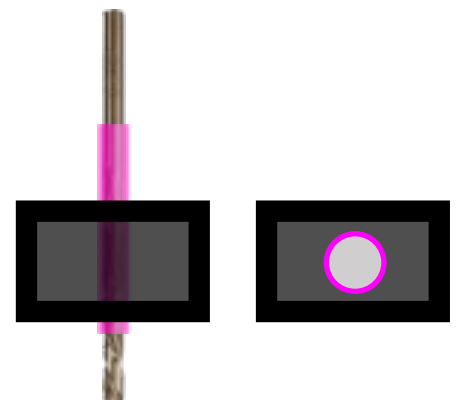
## MOUNTING YOUR TRACK

**STEP 1)** Pre-drill holes into the small center groove of your tracking for screws to go through. Score your track first to avoid drill bit dancing. Use a small piece of the soda straw to protect the edges of your track while drilling.



**SIDE VIEW**

**TOP VIEW**



For curved track, pre-drill one hole in the center of the curve.

For straight track, drill 3 holes. One in the center and one 6" in from each end.

If using clear vinyl winter panels, pre-drill for 5 screws to hold the additional weight added by the vinyl and fabric. Center additional screws between the others.

### TOP VIEW SCREW PLACEMENTS



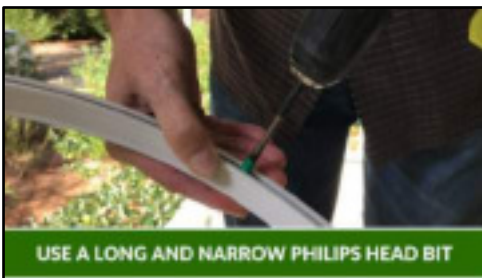
**STEP 2)** If you are using curved track, place your curved track pieces first.

Start by putting splices on each end of the curve before mounting. Lock down screws using the 1.5 mm Allen wrench provided.



Use a long, narrow Philips head bit to drive the screw. To avoid nicking the track, place the screw in a short piece of a soda straw.

When mounting, leave some play in the curve. This will enable you to pivot for correct alignment when you mount your pieces of straight track.

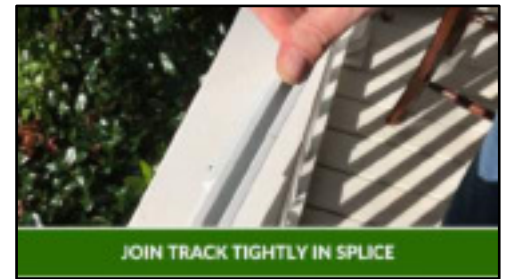


**STEP 3)** Place your straight track.

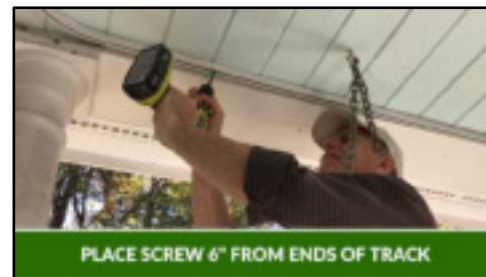
Straight track will stand alone or splice to curved track or other pieces of straight track.

If using curved track, begin by connecting straight track piece to curved track with splice.





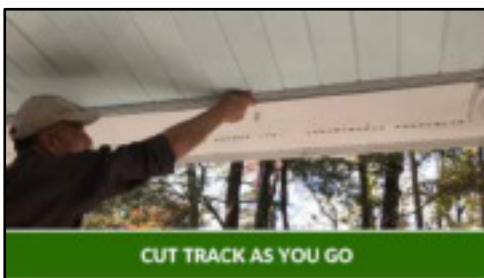
After connecting the straight track to the curved track, it helps to position the straight track where you want it, then place a screw loosely in your pre-drilled hole in the middle to hold it in place. Then place your screws in the pre-drilled holes 6 inches from the outer edges.



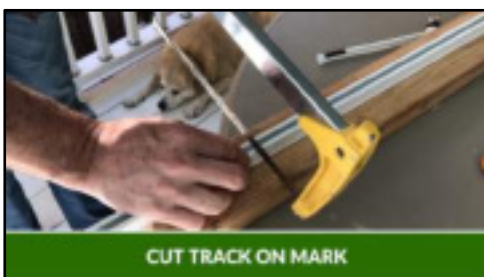
If not using curved track, begin by mounting 8' track at one side then working your way around. Think in advance of where you will insert your carriers to mount the curtain. There must be a gap on one end of the track in order to insert the carriers.

**STEP 4)** Cut and install track pieces under 8'. Ensure there are no gaps between splices.

Cut track pieces under 8' as you go by holding up a piece of track and marking it for a cut. When marking the track, make sure you leave a 2" gap for corners using the right angle method. It is important to have a gap on at least one side to insert the carriers.

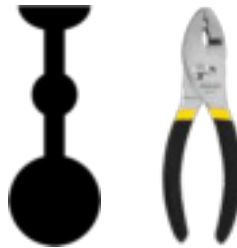


Cut the last straight track per side using a hacksaw. When installing, use our factory cut to splice tracks together. The end that you cut will receive an end cap.



## PREPARE YOUR CURTAINS

**STEP 1)** Place snap carriers on top of curtain panels. Pliers are helpful when snapping carriers into place.



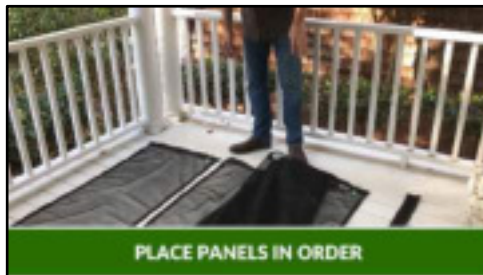
SNAP CARRIERS ONTO TOP OF CURTAIN PANELS

**STEP 2)** Prepare your magnetic doorways. It is easiest to prepare magnetic doorways with panels on the ground. 5 magnets is a good number to use for applications under 8 feet tall. You can use more magnets as necessary depending on your wind conditions.

Begin by placing panels in order and making marks where you will place your magnets. Kids chalk works well for this and wipes away easily. Ensure magnets are equally spaced.



EASIER TO PREPARE DOORWAYS ON GROUND



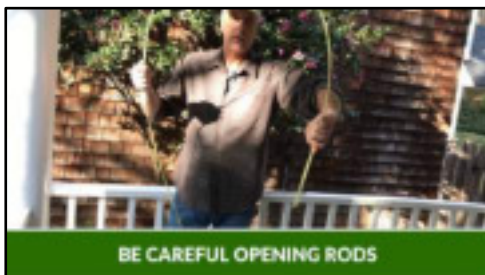
PLACE PANELS IN ORDER



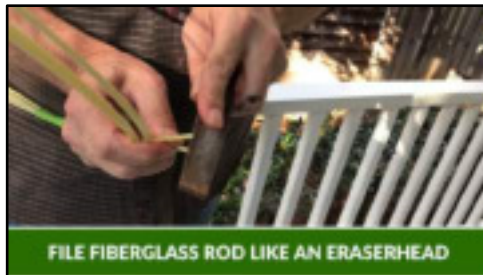
KID'S CHALK

5 MARKS EQUALLY SPACED

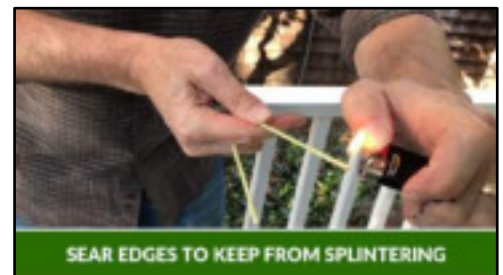
The “Ramrod Method” can be used to install your magnets in your curtain panels. First, prepare your rod to slide in fabric. **Be careful opening rods, as they are coiled under tension.** File fiberglass rod like an eraser head of a pencil. Then, briefly light the edge with a lighter to melt fiberglass and blow out. This will keep the fiberglass from splintering.



BE CAREFUL OPENING RODS

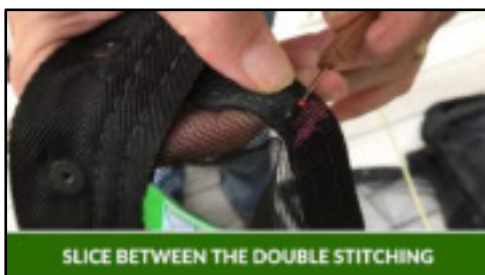


FILE FIBERGLASS ROD LIKE AN ERASERHEAD



SEAR EDGES TO KEEP FROM SPLINTERING

Use the seam ripper tool provided to make a small slit **between the double stitching**. Insert a magnet into the slit and push down using the fiberglass rod. Having someone hold the other end will make the process much easier when inserting. Repeat for all magnets.



SLICE BETWEEN THE DOUBLE STITCHING



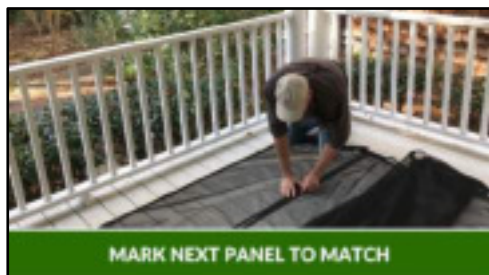
INSERT MAGNET BETWEEN DOUBLE STITCHING



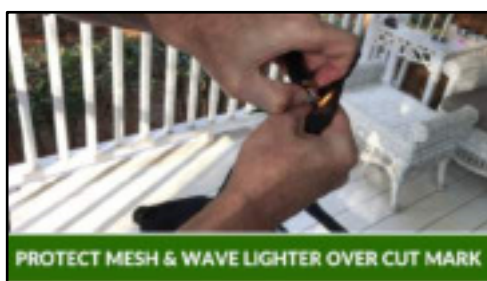
PUSH MAGNET DOWN TO MARKS USING ROD



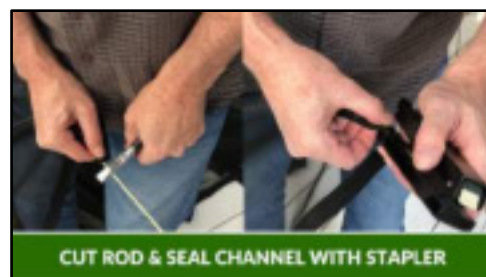
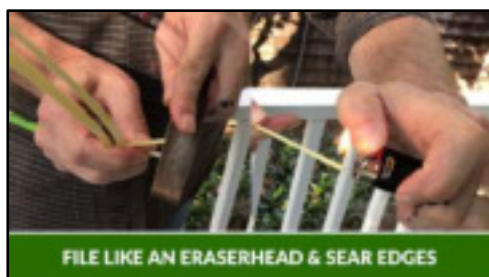
Use Kid's chalk to mark the magnet locations on the adjacent panel. Place magnets into position on the first panel and mark the top with a marker. Starting with the bottom magnet on the next panel, place the magnets in sharpie side up. Repeat on all magnets.



When finished with a panel, protect the mesh and wave a lighter over the slice mark to seal the opening. Finally, test your magnetic connection to ensure magnets are aligned. If they are not aligned, you will find that you can roll them in the fabric to correct the polarity.



**STEP 3)** Insert fiberglass rods. First, prepare your rod to slide in fabric by filing like an eraser head and searing edges. The rod is inserted in a small pocket outside of the double stitching on the edge of the panel. Insert the rod into the small hole at the bottom of the panel. Cut off excess rod and slide up about 2" up into the rod pocket. Our favorite method to seal the channel is with an ordinary stapler. This way, you can easily remove the rods when you take your curtains down.

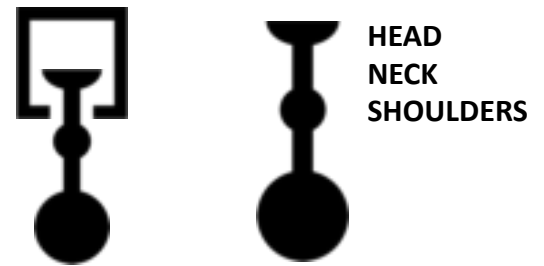


**STEP 4)** Prepare Stucco Strips. You will use the same processes as above, but these can be a bit more stubborn because of the thick fabric. If it is tight, inch-worm the fabric down a few inches at a time. Twist the panel to remove any spiraling. Push against something hard to finish. These tricks will help!



## MOUNTING YOUR CURTAINS

**STEP 1)** Slide snap carriers into track. There is a head, neck, and shoulders to the carrier. Ensure only the head is inserted onto the track. Repeat for all necessary carriers.

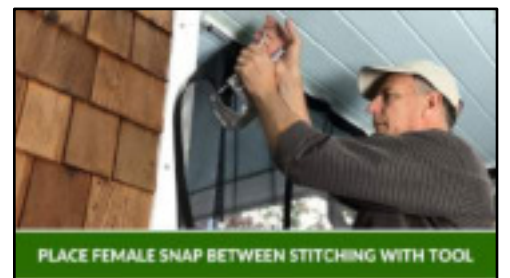
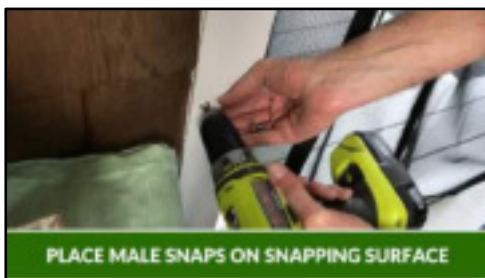


**STEP 2)** Attach the sides of your curtain panels with marine snaps. Begin by sealing all magnetic doorways. Pull panels to edges and decide how much overlap you want on your sealing surfaces. The edge of the panel will extend slightly beyond the end of the track.

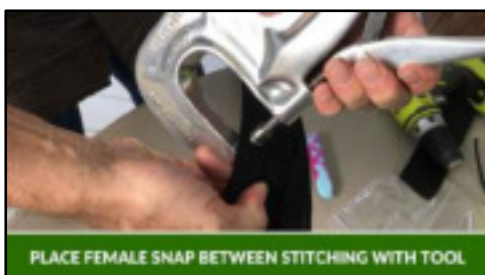


Now you will place your marine snaps. If you are using the industrial marine snap tool, you can place the male snap first and then female snap or vice versa. Both options work because the snap tool can place snaps in mid-air. If you are not using the industrial snap tool, it is best to place the female snaps while the panels are on the ground, then place male snaps on your surface to match the female snaps (Option 2).

**OPTION 1:** Place male snaps first. Place male snaps on surface. Use chalk to mark snap and place chalk mark on panel. Place female snap between the double stitching on panel.



**OPTION 2:** Place female snaps first. Place female snaps on panel. Use chalk to mark snap and place chalk mark on surface. Place male snap in chalk mark on surface.





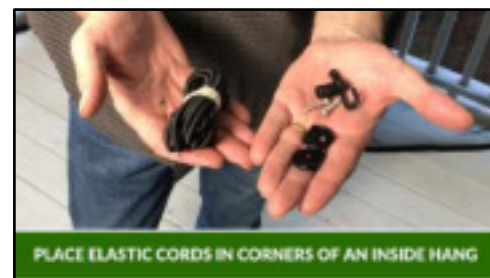
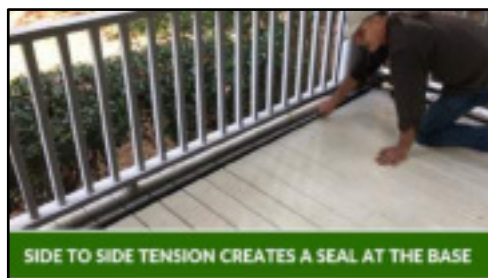
Like magnetic doorways, 5 is a good number of marine snaps to place for applications under 8' tall. You will want to place snaps every 12-18" along the length of the sides depending on your wind conditions. Equally space snaps top to bottom. Snap each snap into place from the top and pull down to create vertical tension as you go. This vertical tension makes the webbing lay flat and create a nice seal against the surface.



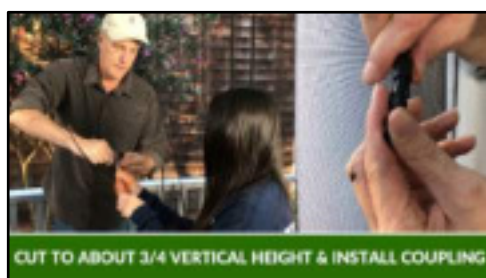
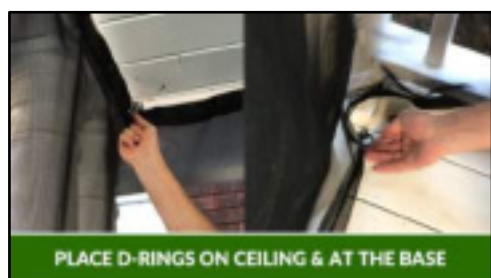
## SEALING THE BASE

**STEP 1)** Do nothing. It is good to give your curtain a day to see how it performs under normal conditions. After watching it for a while, you can begin to make small adjustments to make your curtains fit just right.

**STEP 2)** Strategically place marine snaps. To seal the base of your curtain, you will create side to side tension at the base. The two main methods for sealing the base are strategically placing marine snaps in the bottom corners and placing elastic cords in free corners of an inside hang. Begin by placing marine snaps in the corners to create tension.

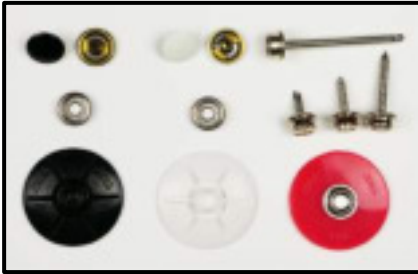


**STEP 3)** If you are using an inside hang, place elastic cords in free corners. Begin by placing D-Rings on the ceiling and at the base. Cut the cord to about 3/4 of the height and install the 2<sup>nd</sup> coupling. Attach hooks to top and bottom D-Ring. Your curtain now has something to go around. This helps to create the side to side tension we are looking for.



## FINAL NOTES AND TIPS

**PINCH AN INCH:** If you find that your curtain is a bit too wide, one handy trick is to pinch an inch at a corner. This can be done at the top or bottom of the curtain. Simply pinch an inch and add marine snaps on either side, and you have just removed 2" in total width from your curtain.



**MARINE SNAPS:** Depending on your application, you may be using a special type of male snap to go into/onto stucco, brick, metal, vinyl, or other material. The concepts all still apply, you will just be using a different type of male snap for your application.

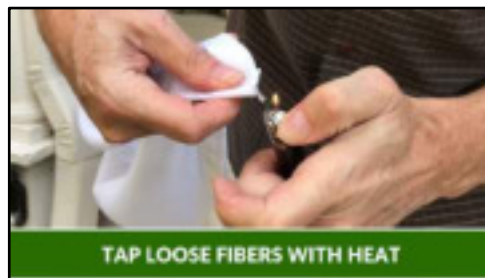
**GOING INTO MASONRY:** If you are going into concrete, you will need a masonry drill bit and concrete anchors to install your male snaps.



**MARINE SNAP TOOL IS FULLY REFUNDABLE:** If you ordered this tool, you can ship it back to us for a full refund. If you didn't and wish you had, give us a call and we'll be happy to get one out to you as soon as possible.

## CARING FOR YOUR CURTAIN

Caring for your curtains is simple and easy. Taking them down is simple. Just unsnap and slide the carriers out. From there, remove fiberglass rods and leave the magnets in. If you see loose fibers, just tap them with heat and they will shrink up. You can machine wash the panels or soak them in a bathtub for cleaning. Store in a cool dry place for use next season. We have applications that have been up for over ten years now. These are built to last. They will last a long time and take care of you if you take care of them.



## WE ARE HERE TO HELP

If you need assistance, or have any issues whatsoever, we are here to help. Just give us a call at **866-622-0916**. Thank you, and have a great time installing your curtains!