

Choosing the Right Blinds

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First of all you need to remember that in almost product on the market there is an element of compromise e.g You can't have clear vision out like a sheet of glass and privacy at the same time. When choosing a product it is normally the best choice of many compromises.

- Consider your need first. What do you want the blinds to do for you? Do you want them to allow light in? Do you want them to block light out? If this is the case, then you can find blinds that virtually blacken a room, perfect for those don't like light when they're sleeping. By allowing light into a room translucent fabrics help to open up a living area. This is especially useful for reducing the need for strong lighting in a room giving it a more natural and open feel.

- Do you want the blind on the inside or outside of the window? For heat protection an External Blind is always the best option because it stops the heat before it reaches your house. An Internal Blind is better for privacy and light control because it fits more tightly into the window frame.

- How much privacy do you need and want? There are several things to consider here. For example, translucent fabrics will allow in rays of sunlight but will effectively block out peoples view into your home. Block out fabrics give the best privacy but allow no light into the room. Sunscreen mesh fabrics allow light into the room and allow vision outside during the day time however in the night time people can see through the blind.

- What sort of style is best going to suit your room? Some people like to put the same blinds throughout their home. This does create a sense of harmony throughout a home but some rooms design elements do not suit every blind. For example, a bedroom may be best suited to a block out Roller Blind because it will darken the room, give insulation against heat and cold and provide maximum privacy. A dining room may be best suited to a Timber Venetian Blind because it allows the maximum control of light into the room allowing you to open the blind completely, angle the blades to reduce glare or shut the blind completely to darken the room.

- How do you want the blinds to fit? Do you want the blinds to extend over the window edge giving extra light block out and privacy? Do you want the blinds to fit within the window frame giving a neater appearance?

- How much does your budget cover? Some window covering cost more than others. Within each product type there are also expensive options and fabrics and more cost effective fabrics. Have an understanding of your budget is important as you choose the product for your home. Remember, quality window furnishings add value to your home, and the old adage is true - 'you get what you pay for'

Overall, the best way to choose the blind is by looking at a number of sources of information, the internet is useful for this, and having a local representative call on your home to advise you. Stan Bond Representatives are trained in a huge variety of window coverings so they'll be your best source of information. Feel free to call us for information or pricing on 1300 854 853