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Retrofit Blind Safety Device Instructions

Chain safety breakaway device



The correct position of the breakaway device is just below the chain drive, on the down side of the chain, when the blind is fully up. This ensures that the operating load on the chain breakaway device is the least possible because the weight of the blind is working with the breakaway device.

Should the chain breakaway device not be in the correct position, remove the chain drive end cap, reposition the chain and replace the end cap. The bottom of the chain must be no lower than 60cm from the floor. Shorten the chain if necessary.

Check the condition of the safety tensioning device if not used regularly and replace if necessary.

R Clip safety tensioning device



A chain without a breakaway device must be retained by a safety tensioning device, screwed to the wall.

You must ensure that the safety tensioning device is installed to the wall no lower than 1.5 metres from the floor, if necessary shorten the chain accordingly. The tensioning device shall be installed so that the chain is under constant tension. If the chain is too short for the full operation of the blind a continuous chain ring must be fitted. Available from Merrick & Day

Check the condition of the safety tensioning device if not used regularly and replace if necessary.

Orb, Sew on rear cord safety breakaway device



The rear cords or tape on the blind should be connected to the blind using a safety breakaway system.

The Orb safety breakaway system should be installed by sewing the Orb to the bottom fiberglass rod, using the ring attached to the Orb, thread the cord or tape through the Orb as shown in the picture. Adjust the cord or tape length by pressing the button and moving the Orb to the required position.

DO NOT knot or heat seal the cord or tape as it must pass through the Orb and give way when the cord or tape is under any undue load.

4 Cord breakaway device



Ensure that the cord connector used for up to four cords is the Merrick & Day 4 cord breakaway cord connector. For five cords or more a Merrick & Day normal cord connector may be used but the cord connector must be installed at a maximum 50mm from the headrail when the blind is fully down.

Please note that the 4 cord breakaway is designed as a safety breakaway. If the blind is heavy it may be necessary to install 5 cords, irrespective of the width, so that the standard cord connector may be used.

Check the condition of the safety accumulation device if not used regularly and replace if necessary.

Cleat accumulation device



The safety cleat must be installed no lower than 1.5 metres to the floor, as close to the headrail as possible and the cleat must be able to take all of the cord when the blind is fully up. If one cleat cannot take all of the cord install two cleats, one above the other, approximately 15cm apart or sufficiently apart to ensure that all of the cord can be accumulated on the cleats and no part of the cord or acorn is lower than 1.5 meters to the floor.

Check the condition of the safety accumulation device if not used regularly and replace if necessary.