
How to: Driveway Gates



How to measure up for Driveway Gates

A Simple Guide

How to measure for your driveway gates

Our driveway gates can add both style and security to your garden or home. If you're considering investing in a pair of driveway gates, it's important to measure the opening accurately to ensure the gates fit correctly.

Measuring your gate opening

If you do not already have posts fitted, you will need to measure the overall opening width, including the space that will be taken up by the posts.

We recommend taking measurements at both the top and bottom of the opening, as the measurements can sometimes differ, particularly between walls, brick piers and other structures.

Always work from the **narrowest measurement**.

Where possible, we recommend installing the posts first and then taking your final gate measurements. If this isn't possible, you will need to deduct the width of the posts from your narrowest overall measurement.

Allowing for Gate Clearance

A 30mm total clearance must be allowed for all driveway gates to ensure they can open and close freely.



This allows for:

- 10mm clearance on the left
- 10mm clearance in the centre
- 10mm clearance on the right

Once you have your narrowest opening measurement and have allowed for the posts and 30mm clearance, divide the remaining measurement by two to calculate the finished width of each gate leaf.

Example:

If your narrowest overall opening is 3600mm and your posts are 175mm each:

$$3600\text{mmW} - 350\text{mmW (posts)} = 3250\text{mmW}$$

$$3250\text{mmW} - 30\text{mmW (clearance)} = 3220\text{mmW}$$

$$3220\text{mmW} \div 2 = 1610\text{mmW per gate}$$

For the most accurate fit, always double check your measurements before ordering your driveway gates.

The height of the gate is entirely up to you. Standard gates are normally 1.8mH. Just remember that the gap will need to be approx 20mm up from the gate to allow for clearance.