

Motorization versus Integration



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Motorization FAQ

1. *I have heard both 'motorized' and 'integrated' terms used when talking about window coverings. What is the difference between these two terms?*

Motorized control refers to adding a motor to a window covering so it does not need to be manually raised, lowered, tilted or drawn. The motor is operated by a person pushing a switch or a button on a remote control – it requires human interaction to operate. Integrated control means that each shade is connected to a computer interface that controls multiple systems in the home. For instance, your shades are hooked up to a touch panel that can control your air conditioning, window shades, and radio. In many instances this is referred to as a Home Automation System. You might be familiar with the numerous companies in the market that can automate (Lutron, Crestron, Control4, Litetouch, etc.) Total Window has motors and interfaces to work with ALL automation systems!

2. *If I am using a Home Automation Company to integrate my shades, are there any special motors or devices to make my shades work properly?*

Yes, there are many types of automation systems out there, and many methods of integrating your shades. Please get us in touch with your Automation Company as soon as possible to coordinate all the devices you will need to make installation and use as easy as possible. Please note that Total Window is not responsible for integrating the shades to work with the Automation System. That is the responsibility of the Integrator. We will do our best to work with your Integrator to get him or her all the parts necessary to properly program your shades.

3. *What is the difference between battery-operated and hardwired systems?*

Typically, battery-operated systems can only operate smaller blinds and the blind headrail must be accessible in order to change the batteries. Hardwired systems can accommodate larger blinds and the motors are quieter.

4. *What types of window coverings can be motorized?*

Almost any window treatment can be motorized, including fabric draperies, wood blinds, cellular shades, roller shades, roman shades, Silhouettes, Luminettes, room darkening shades, top-down shades, and skylight shades. Depending on the type of window covering and the motorization system used, the motor can be used to raise, lower, tilt, or draw the window covering. In all of these instances, the motors can then be integrated into an Automation System.

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5. *I have an existing window covering, can I motorize it?*

Yes, but the type of control system depends on what kind of window covering you have, and if you are planning on adding any automation to your home. Our experts can find a solution that will work for you.

6. *I have an existing home automation system, can I add motorized blinds?*

Yes, when we install the blinds, we will provide your automator with the proper interface that communicates to your Home Automation System. It is important, however, for us all to work together to make sure the process is as simple as possible. Please get us in touch with your automation company as soon as possible.

7. *I am building a new home, when do I need to consider motorized window coverings?*

The earlier in the project the better; we need to talk with you, your electrical contractor, and your automation company to determine the correct type of wiring required.

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