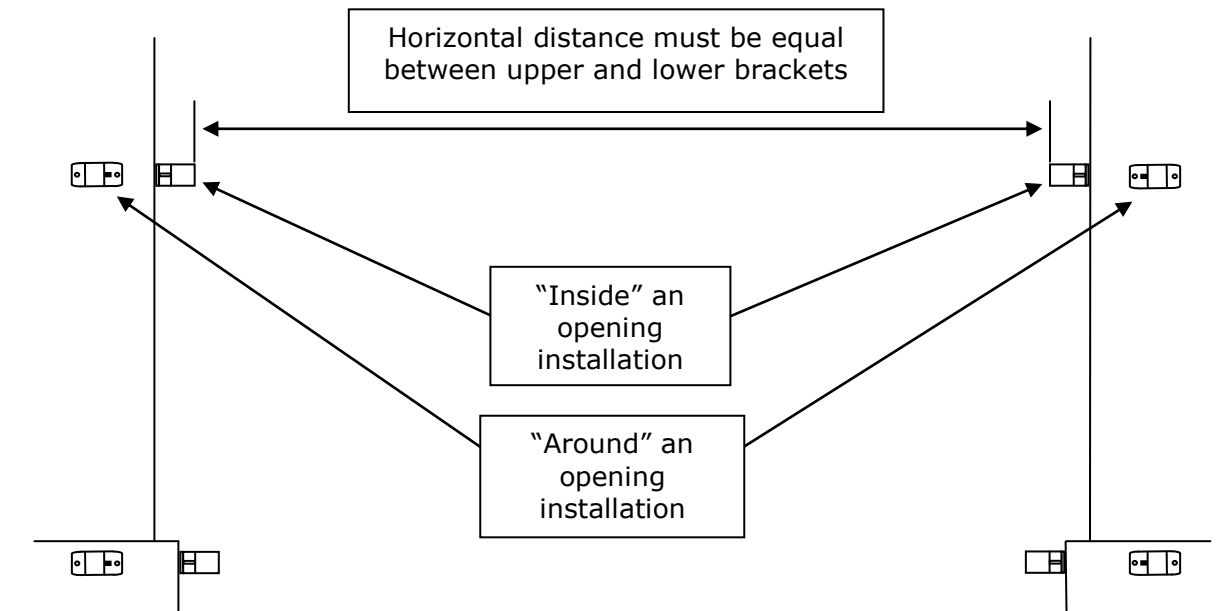


Retract-A-Gate® Wall Spacer & Baseboard Installation Guide by Smart Retract

Overview

Wall Spacers can be purchased from our website at www.SmartRetract.com

One of the key objectives to the installation of Retract-A-Gate is to ensure that the horizontal distance between the upper and lower brackets is equal. If this is not done, the top or bottom of the mesh may be loose. When installing the gate over a baseboard or quarter-round molding, wall spacers may be required to meet this objective.



From the illustration above, the upper brackets of the "Inside" installation will require spacers. Depending on the thickness of the baseboard, the upper brackets of the "Around" installation may or may not need spacers since they do not affect the horizontal distance. Generally, in this case, if the baseboard is less than 1/2" thick, spacers may not be needed because a slight angle of the gate towards the wall at the top will not appreciably affect operation.

On page 2 you will see 3 sketches. The first describes a common problem when trying to install Retract-A-Gate over a baseboard which may or may not use quarter-round molding as shown. Figures 2 and 3 explain the correct way to install Retract-A-Gate using wall spacers.

Please note that some homes, particularly older homes, have walls which are not plumb, or have settled, causing them to not be truly vertical or parallel with other walls. If Retract-A-Gate is to be mounted on these types of walls, slight adjustments to the thickness of the spacers may be necessary to compensate.

If you have any further questions, please be sure to visit our website and "Frequently Asked Questions" page.

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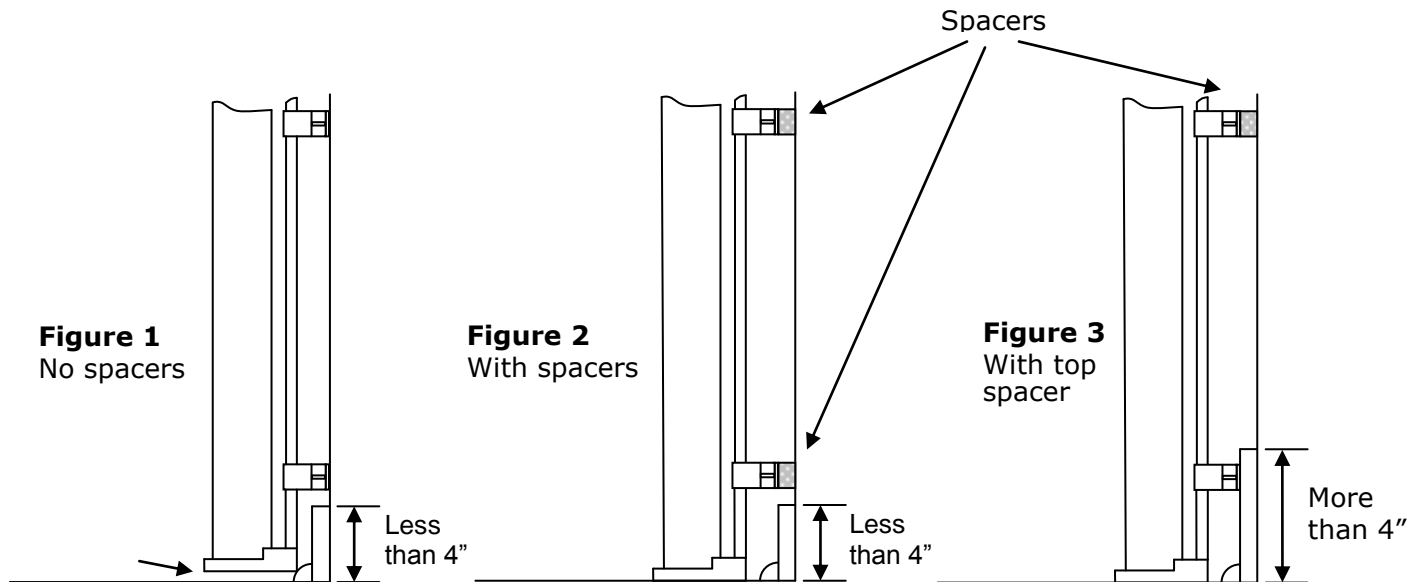


Figure 1: This sketch shows a baseboard which is less than 4" tall with quarter-round molding. If the baseboard is less than 4 inches, the bracket will usually need to mount above the baseboard. By not using a spacer under the brackets, the base of the gate may interfere with the quarter-round as shown. This interference prevents the gate from sitting flush on the floor. Note that the top part of the gate has been removed for clarity.

Figure 2: This sketch is the same as Figure 1 except there are spacers underneath the brackets. The thickness of the spacers is not critical as long as they are at least as thick as the baseboard, less than 1 inch thick, and both spacers should be equal thickness. By using spacers under the brackets, interference with the baseboard or quarter-round is avoided. The important point to note is that the gate and/or brackets need to be perfectly parallel with the wall to avoid the top or bottom of the fabric being loose when extended across the opening.

Figure 3: This sketch is similar to Figures 1 and 2 except the bottom bracket is mounted on top of the baseboard and the upper bracket is using a spacer equal in thickness to the baseboard. The thickness of the upper spacer **MUST** be equal to the thickness of the baseboard to avoid the fabric being loose on either the top or bottom. This keeps the gate and brackets perfectly parallel to the wall on both sides.