

ALUMINUM BAHAMA SHUTTERS

Selection

Impact-rated Bahama shutters have the advantage of always being in place, ready to go and

opening: they will prevent casement windows from opening.

Checking the Installation

Make sure that that all the locking parts fit together and that you are



The locking pins and standout bars are removed when the shutter is going to be closed.



Impact-rated bahamas offer several benefits. They provide shade, can be closed from inside the house and they add a tropical touch of a house.

they are a great way to cut down on sunlight. Bahamas are not suitable for casement windows, which swing out from the side of the

able to latch the Bahama closed. Have the installers set the Bahamas at the angle you want and make sure that they have lubricated the thumbscrews.

colonial shutters. The telescoping standout arms and thumbscrews are commonly made of aluminum and are prone to corrosion. The thumbscrews that hold the telescoping arms in position require lubrication to prevent them from seizing to the collar. You may be able to loosen a seized thumbscrew with pliers, but you are just as likely to break the thumbpad off.

If you want your bahamas to remain adjustable, routinely loosen the thumbscrews on the standout bars and move the shutter up or down. Painted standout bars are available, but they will get scratched if you adjust the angle of the shutter.

Keep an eye on the bahamas' paint and re-coat any scratches or corrosion.

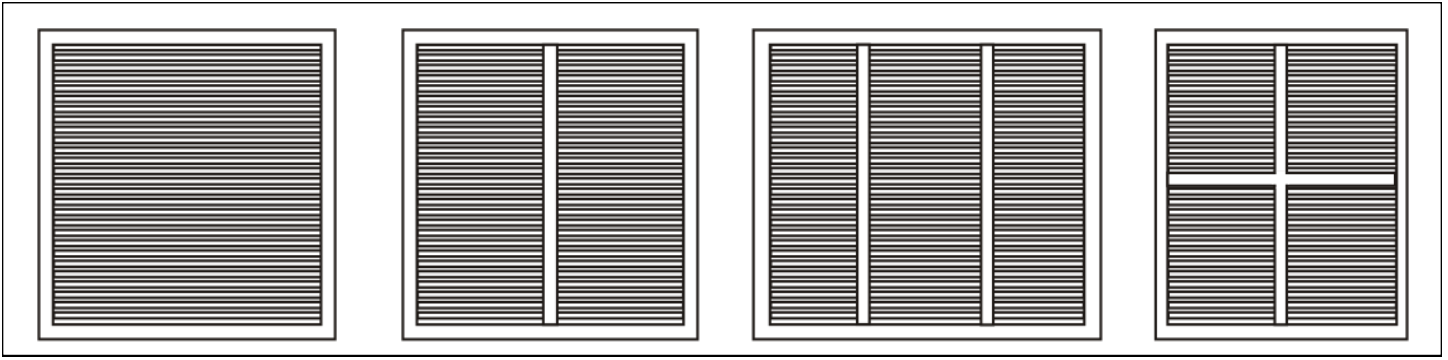
Maintenance

Other than the hardware, bahamas require the same maintenance as aluminum

The thumbscrew below is the number one trouble-maker when it comes time to close your bahamas. Make sure you keep them lubricated.



This triple window has three separate bahamas, each with a pair of stand-out arms. Note that the center bahamas' arms are attached higher than the two outsides sets. This is to allow inserting and removing the locking pins.



No mulls.

One vertical mull

Two vertical mulls

One vertical and one horizontal mull

Bahama shutters are usually custom made to fit the window(s) for which they are intended. Above are just a few of the variations available. Bahamas more than 40" wide are almost certainly going to require a vertical mull.