

# FABRICUT®

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Valued Finished Product Customers,

Although the courts ruled in favor of the Window Covering Manufacturers Association regarding operational cords on Roman shades last fall, they have instituted new safety guidelines.

These new guidelines require the discontinuation of *all* cordlock controls on Roman shades. As a result of this decision, we are implementing changes to our Finished Product program.

The following changes are effective for any Finished Product orders shipping after May 3rd, 2024:

- The new default Roman shade control type will be *cordless*, with clutch controls available as a second option.
- Top-down/bottom-up shades will only be available with clutch/clutch controls on a 2.5" headrail.
  - There will be a 1" gap on each side of the shade to allow room for the cords to hang next to the shade. This will create large light gaps at the sides of inside mount blackout shades.
  - A new top-down/bottom-up (clutch/clutch) image will be available on our website soon.
- Turned headrails are being discontinued and will no longer be available.

Our Finished Product team has already begun contacting customers regarding orders affected by these changes. We will continue to do so, offering assistance in choosing a different control option and advising of any new regulations. Please note that any existing quotes that are converted to orders will also be subject to the changes above.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Finished Product team at (800) 777-5351.

We thank you for your understanding regarding these new regulations and your continued business.

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