



Solent

C E I L I N G F A N S

A breath of fresh air

Frequently Asked Questions

1. How do I find out the price of the fan I want?

- Select the ceiling fan range of your choice from the ["Home"](#) page and select the components to make up your ceiling fan.
- Add your order to cart and a **price per component** will appear in the pop up box.

2. What are the delivery/courier lead times?

- **Johannesburg** – 24 to 48 hours
- **Cape Town** – 48 – 72 hours
- **Outlying Areas** – 3 to 5 days

3. How can I return my fan or exchange it for another?

- View the [Solent Returns Policy](#) under the 'Support' tab.

4. How easy is the ceiling fan to install – is it something I can do myself or does it require a certified technician?

- We do recommend that the ceiling fan be installed by a **certified technician/electrician**. Take note that the **warranty becomes void** and does not apply if the fan is installed by someone that is not a certified technician/electrician.

5. Are the fans intended for outdoor use?

- Solent fans can be used on verandas and patios; however the fan must be **completely under cover**. Exposure to water spray or rain will cause the ceiling fans to **rust and damage** sooner as they are **not waterproof** and exposure to wind will cause the **fan to sway** as they are free hanging.

6. What speed regulators are supplied with the fans?

- High Breeze and Senorita models are supplied with a standard wall mounted **4 speed regulator complete with one light switch**.

- High Breeze 100, Brushed Aluminium and Whirlwind models are supplied with a standard wall mounted **4 speed regulator only NO light switch**. See diagram on next page.



7. Can I add more light switches and /or dimmer switches to the standard wall regulators?

- Yes, many **various options** are available. They need to be ordered separately and are made up according to customer requirements. Note, you will **NOT** be supplied or charged for the standard regulators when ordering a customer specific regulator.



8. Can I operate more than one fan from the standard wall regulators?

- **No, you cannot** operate more than one fan with the standard Reg1F wall regulator.
- However selections of multiple wall regulators are available for 2 fans, 3 fans and for 4 to 15 fans.
- You will **NOT** be supplied or charged for the standard wall regulators when ordering a multiple wall regulator.

9. Can all Solent ceiling fans be operated by a remote control?

- **Yes**, all Solent ceiling fans can be operated by **Solent remote controls**. Note, you will **NOT** be supplied or charged for the standard wall regulators when ordering a remote control.



10. Will a “non-Solent” wall regulator or remote control work on a Solent ceiling fan?

- Solent does not test other manufacturer's speed regulators with Solent ceiling fans.
- If customers do use a “non-Solent” wall regulator or remote control, they must have “**step up speeds**” (transformers or capacitors) and **NOT gradual/infinite** (electronic) controls which may cause humming and other noises and cause the fan to work improperly.
- Solent will not be held responsible for any hum or damage caused.

11. Why does my fan “hum” when I installed a gradual/infinite (electronic) regulator?

- Most quality ceiling fans are operated by transformers or capacitors. Certain electrical control systems called **transformers or capacitors** create distinct speed “steps” 1, 2, 3 & 4. Capacitors control the fan in a way that does not produce a hum.
- **Gradual/infinite** fan speed controls, which create a speed control “range” from low to high, are operated by solid state electronics. **Electronic controls** create a hum because they control the fan's speed in a different manner.

12. Which Solent ceiling fans are compatible with a light kit?

- The **High Breeze**, **High Breeze 100** and **Senorita** fan models are under light kit compatible.



13. Can the ceiling fan and the under-fan light kit be controlled from the same switch?

- **No**, the ceiling fan and the under-fan light kit **CANNOT** be controlled from the same switch. Normally a light switch only has two wires, a live and a load. The options here are:
 - To install a second load wire and use the **4 speed regulator complete with one light switch**.
 - Do not go to the expense of installing another load wire, use the Solent **Remote control with fan speed control with light on/off or dimmer** function.

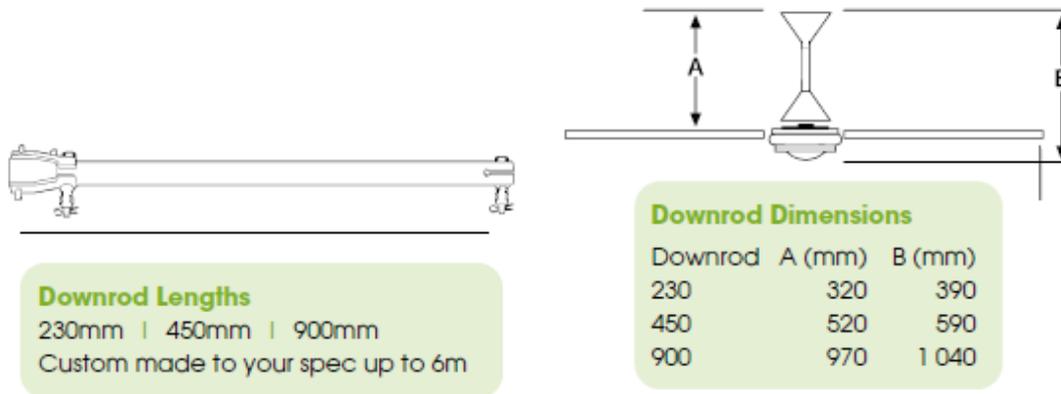


14. Is a down rod included with every Solent ceiling fan?

- **Yes**, a standard **230mm** down rod is included with every ceiling fan.

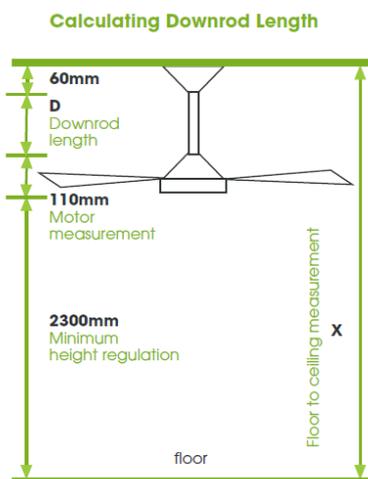
15. Can I have a longer down rod for an application with high ceiling or fixing point?

- **Yes**, you can purchase separately, longer down rods **up to 6 metres** long.



16. How do I calculate the length down rod required?

- For safety reasons the fan blades should **not be lower than 2300mm** above floor level. The fan blades can be higher than 2300mm.
- The general formula for calculating down rod length is: Floor to ceiling height – (2300mm (min blade height regulation from floor) + 110mm (dimension of the actual fan) + 60mm (hanging shackle) = Down rod length. See [Technical Specification – Downrod Length Calculation](#).
- If you require the fan to be higher than 2300mm above the floor substitute the 2300mm in the formula with the desired height: Floor to ceiling height – (3000mm(desired height from floor) + 110mm + 60mm) = Down Rod length. See *diagram on next page*.

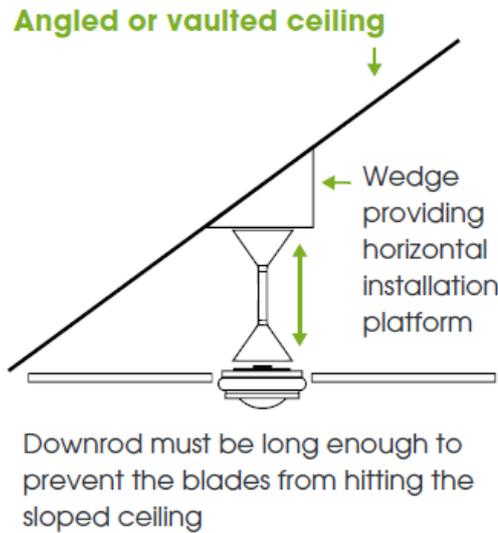


17. Will the fan be more prone to wobble if I use a longer down rod?

- **No** the fan will not be prone to wobble. Weight and length combined, create stability.

18. Can a Solent ceiling fan be mounted on angled or vaulted ceilings?

- **Yes**, install a wedge that provides a horizontal surface for attaching the downrod.
- Downrod must be long enough to prevent the blades from hitting the sloped ceiling.



19. What Minimum Downrod length **A must I use on a Pitched ceiling of **X** degree's and a fan with a **B** mm Sweep (half of the overall sweep)?**

- Go to <http://www.pagetutor.com/trigcalc/trig.html> and use the guide below to fill out the table on the website.

Right Triangle Trig Calculator

Fill in two values and press Calculate. The other two values will be filled in.
You may adjust the accuracy of your results.

Side A =	433.01	
Side B =	750	
Side C =	866.03	
Angle X =	30	degrees
Accuracy =	hundredths - .01	
Calculate	Clear values	

Side A = Minimum Downrod Length = **433mm** – Round length up (**450mm**).

Side B = Sweep/2 = 1500mm/2 = **750mm**

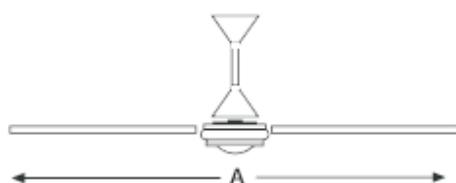
Angle X = Pitch = **30°**

Thus minimum Downrod Length = 450mm

20. What is the blade sweep of a fan?

- The blade sweep of a fan is generally the **circular area that is covered by the fan's blades** whilst in rotation. The diameter of a fan's blade sweep is measured by

taking the distance from the edge of one blade to the edge of the opposite blade. See *diagram on next page*.



Blade Sweep Dimensions

Blades	A (mm)
BA90	900
BA120	1 200
BA140	1 400

Blade Sweep Selection

For Rooms Up To	Blade Sweep
9 sq metres (3m x 3m)	900 mm
16 sq metres (4m x 4m)	1200 mm
25 sq metres (5m x 5m)	1400 mm

21. What is the difference between a three, four and five blade fan?

- The difference is mainly **aesthetics**.



22. Does the number of blades affect the volume of air moved?

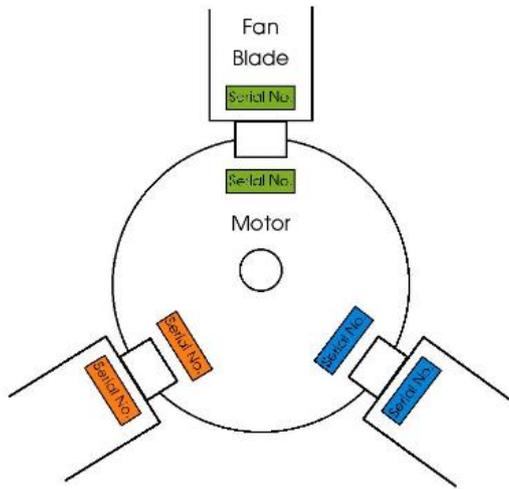
- More blades do not necessarily mean more air delivery.** More blades put additional drag on the motor, slowing down the RPM of the blades which decreases the air flow. All Solent ceiling fans are designed for optimal air delivery.

23. Which blade provides maximum air movement?

- Both aluminium and wooden blades are designed for optimal air delivery, however the **different blade materials affect the amount of air delivered** by each type of blade. Aluminium blades are aerodynamically shaped, ensuring that they cut through air much more effectively. Wooden blades are heavier because of the material they are made from which results in more drag on the motor, causing the blades to spin at a slower speed.

26. What is the proper way to install wooden blades?

- It is recommended that you mount the ceiling fan motor to the fixing point before attaching the blades.
 - Each motor is paired with its own set of wooden blades, be careful not to mix up the sets if you have purchased more than one set of wooden blades.
 - Match the serial number on the blades with the serial number on the motor to ensure that you have paired the correct sets together.
 - Match the colour on the blades with the colour on the motor.
- See *diagram on next page*



27. How should I clean the blades on my fan?

- Dust them regularly **with a feather duster or soft dusting brush**. Because of their coating and durability blades can also be cleaned with a damp cloth.

28. What is the RPM (revolutions per minute) for my fan?

- The **RPM varies greatly**, depending on the blade size and material (aluminium or wood). Smaller blades as well as blades of lighter material increase the RPM rate.

29. How do I know what size fan to purchase?

- You need to choose the right size fan for a room to get optimum comfort.
- **Solent recommends the following rule of thumb:**

For Rooms Up To:	Fan Blade Sweep:
9 sq metres	900 mm
16 sq metres	1200 mm
25 sq metres	1400 mm

- You need to choose the right size fan for a room to ensure safety.
- Solent recommends that it should be taken into account that the fan:
 - Will clear open cupboard doors
 - Point of installation is safe and secure
 - Is not within reach from bunk beds
 - Blades do not cross over any lighting which causes flickering.

30. How do ceiling fans cool the room – do they actual lower the temperature?

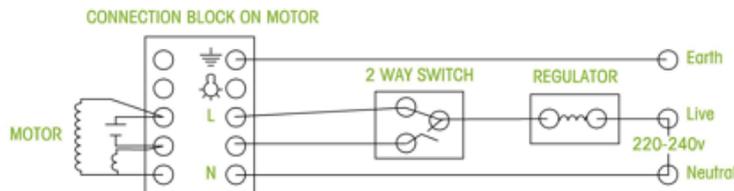
- A ceiling fan **doesn't cool a home, it cools people**. It does so without changing indoor temperature one degree! How? By moving air. A ceiling fan creates a '**wind chill effect**'. It does not decrease the room temperature but the wind chill effect makes you feel cooler by accelerating the **evaporation of perspiration** on your skin.

31. Can I reverse the direction of the Solent ceiling fans with my handheld remote control or wall regulator?

- **Yes you can.** The **High Breeze**, **High Breeze100** and **Senorita** fan models have the reverse option.

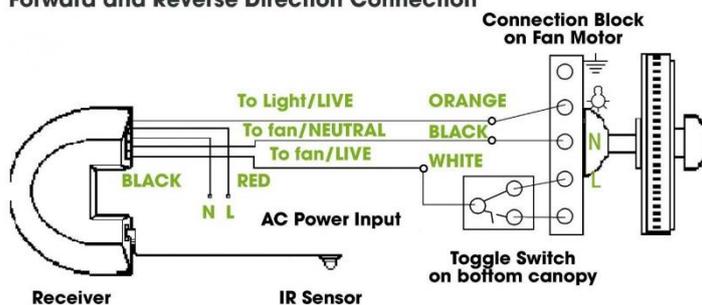
WALL REGULATOR

Forward and Reverse Direction Connection (upward airflow)



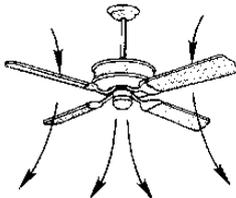
Remote

Forward and Reverse Direction Connection



32. Can the ceiling fan be used in winter for any beneficial purposes?

- A ceiling fan can help **lower energy consumption** in the winter and help gently re-circulate the warm air without creating a cooling wind chill effect.
- The temperature in a heated room varies in layers; the air near the ceiling is warmer than the air near the floor, because warm air rises. A ceiling fan can help **push the warm air that is trapped near the ceiling back down into the room.**
- As a result, the warm air is circulated where it is needed, and the heating system does not overwork to warm the room, to do this the ceiling fan must have the forward/reverse option installed.
- Additional wiring and switch options will have to be used for this function.

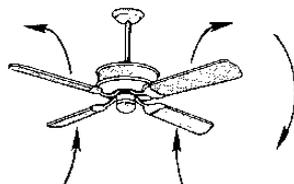


Forward

For cooling effect during the summer your fan should run in the forward direction (counter-clockwise). This will force the room air down on you giving you the wind chill effect that makes you feel cooler.

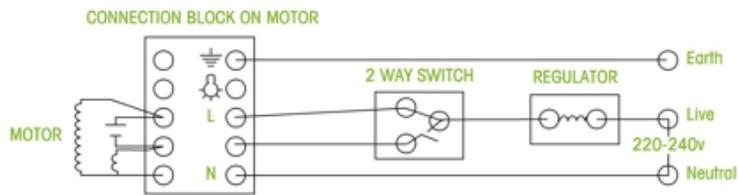
Reverse

During the winter your fan should run in reverse (clockwise) at a low speed. This will gently draw the room air up towards the ceiling and force the warm air down and out towards the walls avoiding giving you the wind chill effect.



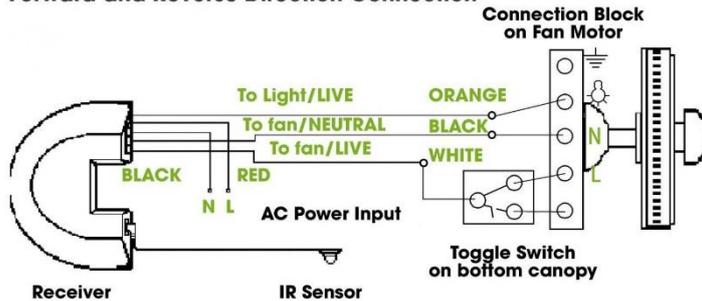
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Remote

Forward and Reverse Direction Connection



33. Do ceiling fans help repel mosquitoes and insects?

- Mosquitoes and most flying insects are **poor flyers** and studies have found that **wind is an effective method to deter mosquitoes** and other airborne pests.
- However their poor flying skills is not the only reason why a ceiling fan keeps them away, a ceiling fan **dilutes and disperses the carbon dioxide** you exhale. Carbon dioxide is one of the major chemicals that attracts mosquitoes.
- The wind from a fan also **cools your body reducing the sweat created** by the body, reducing the lactic acid and body heat generated, which all attract mosquitoes.

34. Can spare parts be purchased for Solent fans?

- **Yes**, Solent ceiling fans are **sold in modular form** therefore **all parts are readily available** and can be purchased separately.



Regulator Modules
4 speed



Fan Motor
Capacitors



Remote Receiver
Control Units



Under light Glass
Shades

35. How much electricity will a Solent ceiling fan use?

- A Solent ceiling fan running on high speed will consume **less power than a 100-watt bulb**.

Motor Models	Number of Blades	Reverse Option	Light Kit Option	Colour Finishes	Power Input	Current Amps
Whirlwind	3	No	No	Standard only	60w	0,30
High Breeze	3, 4 & 5	Yes	Yes	Standard, Antique & Trend	80w	0,33
High Breeze 100	3 & 4	Yes	Yes	Standard, Antique & Trend	100w	0,50
Senorita	3	Yes	Yes	Standard, Antique & Trend	80w	0,33
Brushed Aluminium	3 & 4	Yes	No	Standard & Trend	80w	0,33

36. Can a fan be used in conjunction with an air conditioner?

- **Yes**, when a ceiling fan is used in conjunction with an air conditioner, it can **lower energy costs** because you can now set the thermostat of your air conditioner at a higher temperature and run it for a shorter period of time.

37. Are Solent ceiling fans available in a 110-volt version for international use?

- There are certain fans and finishes that are available with a 110-volt motor. [Contact Us](#) for further information.

Troubleshooting Tips

1. How to fix noises related to the motor.

- The **bottom canopy** could possibly be sitting directly on top of the Motor, this will **cause a scraping sound**, ensure that there is an **8mm gap** between the motor and of the canopy.
- If the fan has a light kit, it is possible that the **base of the light kit could be bent** on one side and this would touch the bottom of the motor casing some noise. Using both hands, with a gentle pulling and pushing motion up and down, **bend the light kit back to its correct position**.

2. Possible reasons for a ticking sound.

- The blade fastening **screws have not been tightened enough**, tighten the screws and the noise should stop.
- If you have a fan without a light kit, **remove the brown/blue wires that are in the shaft**, at the bottom end shield of the motor.

3. The glass shade is vibrating.

- The **rubber gasket** supplied with the light kit has not been used. To fix this problem, **ensure that the gasket supplied is used** in between the fixing nut and glass shade.

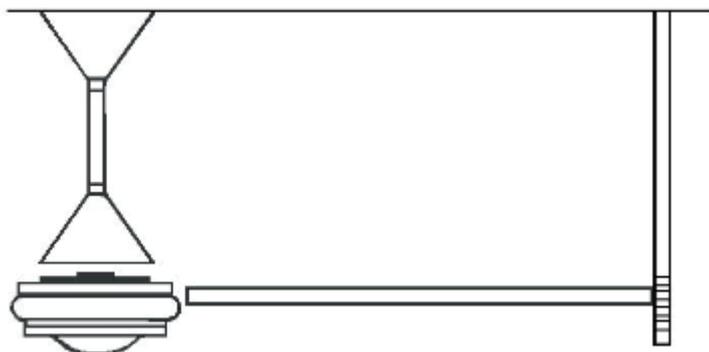
4. I hear a scraping sound.

- Check that the **capacitor is fixed** on the motor shaft and not hanging out of its housing onto the motor.

5. How to fix an unbalanced fan.

- Ensure that all the **blades are in equal distance** from the Ceiling.

- To do this, use a tape measure to measure the **distance between each blade and the ceiling**, once you have the distance of the first blade (Eg. 300mm) move the next blade to that point to ascertain if the distance is the same.
- If it's not, then **bend the shank** (the bracket that fixes the blades to the motor) up or down to achieve the correct distance. Ensure that this process is done for all blades.



6. Remote control systems.

- Ensure that the **receiver** of the remote control is **installed inside the top canopy** (cup).
- Use **1.5 mm** house wire and extend the cable from the receiver, through the down rod to the motor.
- Ensure that the **sensor eye jack** is pushed completely into the receiver input. The eye must be fitted **into the hole in the canopy**. If there is no hole then used the double sided tape that is at the base of the eye to mount this eye onto the canopy.