

# PICTURE HANGING RAIL SYSTEMS

## HOW TO CHOOSE WHICH SYSTEM TO USE AND HOW MANY PARTS TO ORDER



### 1 Introduction

We supply five contemporary picture hanging rail systems to hang your artwork professionally and safely.

MINI Rail System (20kg): A very thin and sleek rail, especially popular for private homes. Allows you to hang pictures up to 20kg. Supplied in 2m lengths, with a very slim 17mm x 11.5mm cross section



PRO Rail System (30kg): Our best selling rail system, installed in offices, businesses, galleries and homes. Allows you to hang pictures up to 30kg. Supplied in 2m lengths, with a slim 23mm x 12mm cross section



GALLERY Picture Hanging Rail System For Walls (50kg): Our strongest rail system, for use in galleries or where you need to hang very large/heavy pictures up to 50kg.



TOP Picture Hanging Rail System For Ceilings (20kg): The rail can be easily installed on a wooden or concrete ceiling, or used as window display system for shops, to hang pictures up to 20kg.



STRIP Picture Hanging Rail System For New Suspended Ceilings (20kg): Provides an "invisible" picture hanging system for use with suspended ceilings, or as a shop window display, to hang pictures up to 20kg.



Accessories: The rail systems come with vertical hangers and hooks to allow you to:

- safely hang your pictures
- change pictures with no holes in your walls
- easily make adjustments to ensure all picture are perfectly level/aligned, without new holes in the wall
- additional security hooks are available to deter theft of artwork in public spaces

## 2 How to work out how many rails to order?

The rails come in 2m lengths (except the STRIP rail which comes in a 3m length). All the rails can be easily cut to shorter lengths using a hacksaw.



There are a few ways to determine how many rails you need for your space.

You need to first decide if you want the rails to run along the full length of the wall/ceiling. For commercial, office and retail spaces, it is common to have the rails along the full length of the wall to give you maximum flexibility for hanging pictures and this also looks the best. There are two methods:

**Method 1:** Simply measure each wall in turn, in metres, add the measurements together, add 5-10% for off cuts, and this will give you the number of total metres required. Then order the number of 2m rails required.

**TIP:** We suggest you add about 5-10% to the total, otherwise on the last section of wall you are likely to be fixing a number of short off-cut rail lengths together.

**Method 2:** The preferred method is to treat each wall as a separate section. As you measure each wall in turn, make a note of the off-cut sizes (i.e. what's not used from the 2m lengths) so you can use it up where appropriate on other walls.

For example, say your first wall is 2.9m, you will need to order 2 whole 2m rail lengths, which will leave you with a 1.1m of off-cut. Then, say your next second wall measures say 5m, you will need to order 2 further whole 2m rail lengths, but you can use the 1.1m off-cut from wall 1.

**TIP:** If a wall is say 2.1m long, it is better to use 2 pieces cut to 1.05m each rather than a long 2m rail with a short 0.1m off-cut.

**TIP:** For MINI, PRO and GALLERY rails, order a "Corner Connector" to neatly join two rails fitted around a 90 degree corners

**TIP:** For MINI, PRO and GALLERY rails, if the end of the rail is visible, order an "End Cap" to provide a neat and professional finish

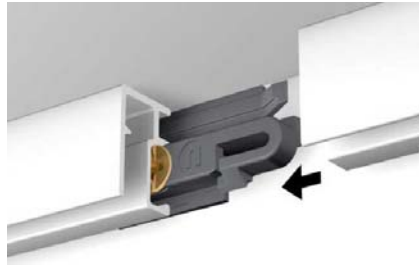


**Corner Connector and End Cap Accessories**

**Method 3:** For smaller spaces, such as walls in private homes, think about how many pictures you'd like to hang and the sizes of the pictures, and then choose the rail lengths accordingly.

For example, if you have a 3.5m wall, and you want to hang 1 picture which is about 1m wide, then having 1x2m rail centred on the wall will be sufficient. Or if you want to hang 4 pictures each about 60cm wide on the 3.5m wall, you will need rails along the full length of the rail to have space to hang the 4 pictures (so you will need to order 2x2m rail lengths, and cut 1 of the rails to 1.5m).

**TIP:** For MINI, PRO and GALLERY rails, the rails can be seamlessly joined together using the supplied rail clips.



Easy to join rails together

### 3 How to work out how many Vertical Hangers and Hooks to order?

We recommend using two Vertical Hangers and Hooks per picture (for better stability and levelling accuracy when hanging your picture). So simply work out the likely number of pictures you'll be displaying at any one time and multiply by two. For example, if you want to hang 4 pictures, then you will need to order 8 Vertical Hangers and 8 Hooks.

**TIP:** For smaller pictures, you can hang pictures of the same width one above the other using the same Vertical Hangers (in which case you will more order more hooks than Vertical Hangers)

### 4 Which Vertical Hangers to order?

The Vertical Hangers come in three lengths (150cm, 300cm and 500cm) with two finishes (clear translucent or silver steel).

For most situations the 150cm length will be more than sufficient. If you have installed the rail at the top of a high ceiling, you may need the 300cm lengths. Occasionally, tall commercially spaces may need the 500cm vertical hangers.



Clear Vertical Hangers



Steel Vertical Hangers

**TIP:** If the Vertical Hanger can be seen below the picture you are hanging, you can roll up any unused length and hide it behind the back of the picture (using some tape).

## 5 Which Hooks to order?

There are five different Hooks to choose from, based on the weight of pictures you wish to hang and the type of locking mechanism. The Security Hook (20kg) and Hook (20kg) both use a self locking mechanism (especially easy to make fine adjustments or if you are regularly changing pictures). The other 3 hooks use a manual thumbscrew to lock onto the vertical hangers.



Micro Hook  
(2kg)



Mini Hook  
(4kg)



Light Hook  
(5kg)



Hook  
(20kg)



Security Hook  
(20kg)



**TIP:** If you hang a picture using two vertical hangers (as recommended for better stability and levelling accuracy), with this you can double the permitted weight shown on the hooks. For example, a painting weighing 10kg can be hung using two Vertical Hangers and two Light Hooks 5kg (i.e one hook on each vertical hanger).

**TIP:** Vertical hangers and hooks are nearly always readily available in stock so you can easily order a few more if you need them in the future. Unlike some websites, we have no minimum order size or restrictions for picture hanging rail systems (e.g. that you have to buy, say, a pack of ten).

## 6 Complete Kits Available for MINI and PRO Hanging Systems

For convenience, don't forget you can order our handy kits for the MINI and PRO Hanging Systems, complete with everything you need to hang one picture on one 2m length of rail, comprising: 1 x MINI or PRO Rail (200cm) inc fittings, 2 x Clear Vertical Hangers (150cm), 2 x Hooks (20kg).

## 7 Visit our shop / gallery in London to view / buy picture hanging rail systems

All of our picture hanging rail systems products can be viewed at our shop / gallery space in Bethnal Green, in East London.

We also hold a good amount of stock for customers wanting to visit to pay for and collect the systems in person.

Please see our website - [www.picturedisplaysystems.co.uk](http://www.picturedisplaysystems.co.uk) - for our opening hours and address.