

Wave[®] Curtain Workroom Guide



Introduction to Wave

Wave is a neat and stylish curtain heading system by Silent Gliss. It is created through combining a specially designed heading tape and Wave glider-cord to get a soft and simple continuous wave effect.

The finished appearance is similar to that of eyelet curtains but fabric hangs directly below the track in a neat and uniform style.

Wave has some key advantages over traditional curtain heading systems:

- Minimised curtain stack
- Simple curtain dressing
- Form throughout the curtain drop
- Minimalist appearance
- Suits traditional and modern interiors
- Compatible with pelmets





Fabric Suitability

There is no standard test that will indicate whether a fabric is suitable for Wave. However, experience suggests it is normally suitable for:

- Voiles
- Lined cotton
- Interlined Silk
- Borders
- Blackout lining

The soft curves of Wave do not lend themselves to:

- Stiff fabrics
- Heavy embroidery
- Irregular vertical stripes
- Metallic threads

We recommend a simple test to indicate whether Wave will be suitable (see image right). Hold the top of the fabric in this way and see if the curtain follows a soft wave pattern without too much effort.

Even Wave curtains will require some dressing and training. The extent of this will depend on the flexibility of the weave of the fabric chosen.

Wave Track Options

You will be making your curtain on one of the following tracks.





Suitable fabric

Unsuitable fabric



Electric tracks: Systems Silent Gliss 5090/5200/5400



Metropole: Systems Silent Gliss 6120M/6130M/6100M/6140M/ 6160M/6150M



Hand operated curtain track: Systems Silent Gliss 3840W



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Cord operated track: Systems Silent Gliss 3840

The maximum weight that the standard Wave heading tape can carry is 2.5kg per metre of track. However, the individual track weight restrictions still apply, use the lower of the two numbers. Wave with roller glider cord 6098W has much higher weight limitations. If in any doubt please contact Silent Gliss.

Consult the catalogue to see individual system weight graphs.

Wave Workroom Accessories

When specified, Silent Gliss Wave tracks are supplied with the Wave glider already included (these tracks are all available with standard gliders). You will need to have the following workroom accessories available to make the curtain itself:





Wave Iron on Tape 6363



Curtain Hook 3582





Curtain Side Weight 10076 (optional)

Curtain Weight Cord 10075 (optional)

There are additional, optional Wave components that can further improve and enhance the appearance of your curtain.







With adjustable brake (front view)



With adjustable brake (rear view)

Without adjustable brake (front view)



6364/6365 Extension arm and Carrier

- Allows a single stack curtain to reach the end of the track endset.
- Will take the curtain over an intermediate pulley on corded system 3840
- Allows the curtain to return to the wall better.

2255 Adjustable Brake

- Prevents the leading edge of the curtain creeping inwards.

6366 Draw Rod Carrier

- Allows draw rod to be attached.

With adjustable brake (rear view)

Planning Your Curtain – Glider Spacing

There are two sizes of glider cord - 60mm or 80mm spacing between the gliders. They offer slightly different looks:

The 80mm offers a deeper wave with a larger distance from the front to the back. The 60mm wave is shallower and smaller front to back, which lends itself to smaller recesses but will have a slightly larger stack back.



80mm Wave (front view)





a = Stack depthb = Stack sizec = Min. distance



60mm Wave (front view)

80mm Wave (top view)

60mm Wave (top view)

| Glider-cord spacing | Curtain hook spacing | Approx. curtain fullness | Stack depth (a) | Stack width (b) | Min distance (c) |
|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 6 | 10 | 2.1 | 10 | 23 per metre of track + endpiece | 8 |
| 6 | 12 | 2.3 | 12 | 23 per metre of track + endpiece | 9 |
| 8 | 14 | 2.1 | 14 | 18 per metre of track + endpiece | 10 |
| 8 | 16 | 2.3 | 16 | 18 per metre of track + endpiece | 11 |

Wave standard with roller gliders

| Glider-cord spacing | Curtain hook spacing | Approx. curtain fullness | Stack depth (a) | Stack width (b) | Min distance (c) |
|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 8 | 14 | 2.1 | 14 | 21 per metre of track + endpiece | 10 |
| 8 | 16 | 2.3 | 16 | 21 per metre of track + endpiece | 11 |

(dimensions in cm)

Note: Minimum distance (c) includes a standard 4.5cm clearance (front and back).

Important: The curtain fullness indicated in the chart above and throughout this guide applies to finished curtain fabric. You will need to allow additional fabric for joins, hems and your usual workroom allowances.

The final appearance of your Wave curtain will be influenced by the combination of your chosen glider cord and the curtain hook spacing. There are 4 possibilities:

Note: If your track is using 80mm glider cord you need to confirm if it is using standard or roller gliders.

Option 1

Glider Cord = 80mm Spacing (Part number 6346) Hook Spacing = 160mm Pocket Spacing between hooks (PF^*) = 7 Approx. Fabric Fullness = 2.3 Max. Depth of Wave (front to back) = 160mm

Option 2

Glider Cord = 80mm Spacing (Part number 6346) Hook Spacing = 140mm Pocket spacing between hooks (PF^*) = 6 Approx. Fabric Fullness = 2.1 Max. Depth of Wave (front to back) = 140mm

Option 3

Glider Cord = 60mm Spacing (Part number 6345) Hook Spacing = 120mm Pocket spacing between hooks (PF^*) = 5 Approx. Fabric Fullness = 2.3 Max. Depth of Wave (front to back) = 120mm

Option 4

Glider Cord = 60mm Spacing (Part number 6345) Hook Spacing = 100mm Pocket Spacing Between Hooks (PF^*) = 4 Approx. Fabric Fullness = 2.1 Max. Depth of Wave (front to back) = 100mm

* PF = Pocket Factor

Establish The Working Track Length

Silent Gliss offer a Wave calculator which will advise the number of gliders and Wave heading tape required. For ease of curtain make-up Silent Gliss strongly recommend that you use this free and simple tool detailed on the following page. Contact Silent Gliss.

However, if you do not have access to this calculator then you will have to do a manual calculation.

First, you need to know your working track length in mm. If you obtain this from your track supplier be sure to confirm it is the working track length (excluding finials and cording sets) and not the overall track length.

Use the table below to calculate your working track length.

Metropole finial deduction table

| System | Finial | Deduction per finial (x2) |
|--------|------------------|------------------------------|
| 6100 | Shard | 116mm |
| 6120 | Strata | 33mm |
| 6120 | Groove Ball | 95mm |
| 6120 | Design Endcap | 20mm |
| 6120 | Ball End | 70mm |
| 6130 | Design Endcap | 20mm |
| 6130 | Groove Ball | 85mm |
| 6130 | Groove Cylinder | 85mm |
| 6130 | Strata | 65mm |
| 6130 | Vega Cylinder | 80mm |
| 6130 | Vega Cube | 60mm |
| 6130 | Shard | 127mm |
| 6130 | Design Endcap | 20mm |
| 6130 | Ball End | 70mm |
| 6130 | Crystal Cube | 55mm |
| 6130 | Crystal Cylinder | 55mm |
| 6140 | Ball End | 125mm |
| 6140 | Strata | 65mm |
| 6140 | Groove Cylinder | 125mm |
| 6140 | Crystal Cube | 55mm |
| 6140 | Crystal Cylinder | 55mm |
| 6150 | Strata | 65mm |
| 6150 | Groove Cylinder | 125mm |
| 6150 | Crystal Cube | 55mm |
| 6160 | Strata | 33mm |

Track deducation table

| System | Operation | Deduction |
|----------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------|
| 6243 | Hand | None |
| 3840W | Hand | None |
| 3840 | Cord | 70mm |
| 5090 Autoglide | Electric | 128mm |
| 5200/5400 | Electric | 105mm |
| 6100 Metropole (Metroflat) | Hand | None |
| 6130 Metropole (30mm) | Hand | Finials (x2) |
| 6120 Metropole (30mm) | Cord | 80mm and then any Finials (x2) |
| 6140 Metropole (50mm) | Hand | Finials (x2) |
| 6160 Metropole (50mm) | Cord | 80mm and then any Finials (x2) |
| 6150 Metropole (50mm) | Electric | 105mm and then any Finials (x2) |

Calculate The Number of Gliders

Using your working track length, the next step is to calculate the number of gliders used per curtain. Once you know this, it will help in the following stages for the curtain make-up.

There are two ways to do this:

1. Use the Silent Gliss Wave Excel Calculator

This useful tool is available free of charge. You simply input a few pieces of key information and it automatically calculates the gliders used. Contact Silent Gliss Ltd. 01843 863571 or download from www.silentgliss.co.uk.

2. Use the Silent Gliss tables

The tables on the following pages state the number of gliders required per curtain. If your exact working track length is not listed use the next size up.

Calculate The Number of Gliders – 80mm Glider Cord

| | No. of Glider | ers per curtain No. of Gliders | | s per curtain | | No. of Glider | s per curtain | |
|-------|---------------|--------------------------------|-------|---------------|-------|---------------|---------------|-------|
| Track | Single | Pair | Track | Single | Pair | Track | Single | Pair |
| | Stack | Stack | | Slack | Slack | | Stack | Slack |
| 400 | 6 | | 5360 | 68 | 36 | 10320 | 130 | 66 |
| 560 | 8 | 6 | 5520 | 70 | 36 | 10490 | 132 | 68 |
| 720 | 10 | 6 | 5680 | 72 | 38 | 10650 | 134 | 68 |
| 880 | 12 | 8 | 5840 | 74 | 38 | 10810 | 136 | 70 |
| 1040 | 14 | 8 | 6000 | 76 | 40 | 10970 | 138 | 70 |
| 1200 | 16 | 10 | 6160 | 78 | 40 | 11130 | 140 | 72 |
| 1360 | 18 | 10 | 6320 | 80 | 42 | 11290 | 142 | 72 |
| 1520 | 20 | 12 | 6480 | 82 | 42 | 11450 | 144 | 74 |
| 1680 | 22 | 12 | 6640 | 84 | 44 | 11610 | 146 | 74 |
| 1840 | 24 | 14 | 6800 | 86 | 44 | 11770 | 148 | 76 |
| 2000 | 26 | 14 | 6960 | 88 | 46 | 11930 | 150 | 76 |
| 2160 | 28 | 16 | 7120 | 90 | 46 | 12090 | 152 | 78 |
| 2320 | 30 | 16 | 7280 | 92 | 48 | 12250 | 154 | 78 |
| 2480 | 32 | 18 | 7440 | 94 | 48 | 12410 | 156 | 80 |
| 2640 | 34 | 18 | 7600 | 96 | 50 | 12570 | 158 | 80 |
| 2800 | 36 | 20 | 7760 | 98 | 50 | 12730 | 160 | 82 |
| 2960 | 38 | 20 | 7920 | 100 | 52 | 12890 | 162 | 82 |
| 3120 | 40 | 22 | 8080 | 102 | 52 | 13050 | 164 | 84 |
| 3280 | 42 | 22 | 8240 | 104 | 54 | 13210 | 166 | 84 |
| 3440 | 44 | 24 | 8400 | 106 | 54 | 13370 | 168 | 86 |
| 3600 | 46 | 24 | 8560 | 108 | 56 | 13530 | 170 | 86 |
| 3760 | 48 | 26 | 8720 | 110 | 56 | 13690 | 172 | 88 |
| 3920 | 50 | 26 | 8880 | 112 | 58 | 13850 | 174 | 88 |
| 4080 | 52 | 28 | 9040 | 114 | 58 | 14010 | 176 | 90 |
| 4240 | 54 | 28 | 9200 | 116 | 60 | 14170 | 178 | 90 |
| 4400 | 56 | 30 | 9360 | 118 | 60 | 14330 | 180 | 92 |
| 4560 | 58 | 30 | 9520 | 120 | 62 | 14490 | 182 | 92 |
| 4720 | 60 | 32 | 9680 | 122 | 62 | 14650 | 184 | 94 |
| 4880 | 62 | 32 | 9840 | 124 | 64 | | | |
| 5040 | 64 | 34 | 10000 | 126 | 64 | | | |
| 5200 | 66 | 34 | 10160 | 128 | 66 | | | |

Calculate The Number of Gliders – 60mm Glider Cord

| | No. of Glider | s per curtain | | No. of Gliders per curtain | | | No. of Glider | s per curtain |
|--------------------|-----------------|---------------|--------------------|----------------------------|---------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Track length mm | Single Stack | Pair Stack | Track length mm | Single Stack | Pair Stack | Track length mm | Single Stack | Pair Stack |
| 300 | 6 | | 4020 | 68 | 36 | 7740 | 130 | 66 |
| 420 | 8 | | 4140 | 70 | 36 | 7860 | 132 | 68 |
| 540 | 10 | 6 | 4260 | 72 | 38 | 7980 | 134 | 68 |
| 660 | 12 | 8 | 4380 | 74 | 38 | 8100 | 136 | 70 |
| 780 | 14 | 8 | 4500 | 76 | 40 | 8220 | 138 | 70 |
| 900 | 16 | 10 | 4620 | 78 | 40 | 8340 | 140 | 72 |
| 1020 | 18 | 10 | 4740 | 80 | 42 | 8460 | 142 | 72 |
| 1140 | 20 | 12 | 4860 | 82 | 42 | 8580 | 144 | 74 |
| 1260 | 22 | 12 | 4980 | 84 | 44 | 8700 | 146 | 74 |
| 1380 | 24 | 14 | 5100 | 86 | 44 | 8820 | 148 | 76 |
| 1500 | 26 | 14 | 5220 | 88 | 46 | 8940 | 150 | 76 |
| 1620 | 28 | 16 | 5340 | 90 | 46 | 9060 | 152 | 78 |
| 1740 | 30 | 16 | 5460 | 92 | 48 | 9180 | 154 | 78 |
| 1860 | 32 | 18 | 5580 | 94 | 48 | 9300 | 156 | 80 |
| 1980 | 34 | 18 | 5700 | 96 | 50 | 9420 | 158 | 80 |
| 2100 | 36 | 20 | 5820 | 98 | 50 | 9540 | 160 | 82 |
| 2220 | 38 | 20 | 5940 | 100 | 52 | 9660 | 162 | 82 |
| 2340 | 40 | 22 | 6060 | 102 | 52 | 9780 | 164 | 84 |
| 2460 | 42 | 22 | 6180 | 104 | 54 | 9900 | 166 | 84 |
| 2580 | 44 | 24 | 6300 | 106 | 54 | 10020 | 168 | 86 |
| 2700 | 46 | 24 | 6420 | 108 | 56 | 10140 | 170 | 86 |
| 2820 | 48 | 26 | 6540 | 110 | 56 | 10260 | 172 | 88 |
| 2940 | 50 | 26 | 6660 | 112 | 58 | 10380 | 174 | 88 |
| 3060 | 52 | 28 | 6780 | 114 | 58 | 10500 | 176 | 90 |
| 3180 | 54 | 28 | 6900 | 116 | 60 | 10620 | 178 | 90 |
| 3300 | 56 | 30 | 7020 | 118 | 60 | 10740 | 180 | 92 |
| 3420 | 58 | 30 | 7140 | 120 | 62 | 10860 | 182 | 92 |
| 3540 | 60 | 32 | 7260 | 122 | 62 | 10980 | 184 | 94 |
| 3660 | 62 | 32 | 7380 | 124 | 64 | | | |
| 3780 | 64 | 34 | 7500 | 126 | 64 | | | |
| 3900 | 66 | 34 | 7620 | 128 | 66 | | | |

Calculate The Length of the Heading Tape

Next, use the number of gliders calculated from the previous stage to determine the length of your heading tape. We strongly advise that you do not cut your fabric until you have confirmed the length of the heading tape

Again, there are two ways to calculate how much heading tape you require.

1. Use the Silent Gliss Wave Excel Calculator

This useful tool is available free of charge. You simply input a few pieces of key information and it automatically calculates the heading tape required. Contact Silent Gliss Ltd. 01843 863571 or download from www.silentgliss.co.uk.

Note: There is a tolerance on the Wave tape and the number of pockets over any length may vary slightly. It is important to always count the pockets themselves rather than calculating the tape length.

2. Manual Calculation

To calculate the length of the tape follow these steps:

Step 1: Take the number of gliders for the previous chart

Step 2: Subtract 1

Step 3: Multiply this number by your PF (Pocket Factor) see chart below

Step 4: Add back on the total amount of glider from Step 1

Step 5: Add on a further 8 pockets

Working example based on a System 3840, 1500mm wide with a pair stack. Using 60mm glider cord with 100mm hook spacing:

Step 1: 14 Step 2: 14 - 1 = 13 Step 3: 13 x 4 = 52 Step 4: 52 + 14 = 66 Step 5: 66 + 8 = 74 pockets Therefore your tape length will be equal to 74 pockets. Do not cut your fabric yet!

| Glider-cord spacing | Curtain hook spacing | Pocket factor |
|---------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| 60mm | 100mm | 4 |
| 60mm | 120mm | 5 |
| | 140mm | 6 |
| 80mm | 160mm | 7 |

For Electric Tracks please see the following page.

When using electric tracks

When using electric tracks, additional pockets are required in order to allow the curtain to wrap around the motor.

Add the following pockets to the total calculated above depending on your glider cord and hook spacing combination:

| Glider cord | Hook spacing | Additional pocket |
|-------------|--------------|-------------------|
| 60mm | 100mm | 5 |
| 60mm | 120mm | 4 |
| 80mm | 140mm | 3 |
| 80mm | 160mm | 2 |

Cutting The Heading Tape

You now need to cut your heading tape according to the exact amount of pockets calculated above.

For larger curtains you may find the cutting guide template included at the back of this booklet useful. It allows you to count 10 pockets at a time. A 20 pocket template is available free of charge on request from Silent Gliss.

Pocket cutting template: Not to scale, see back of this booklet for actual guide.

The calculated pockets included 4 for turning (2 at each end). Therefore fold 2 pockets under each side.

This is the finished width of your curtain. You can use this dimension to cut your fabric. Add on any usual allowances you make for your preferred make up method.

Making The Curtain

Hemming Tape

We recommend you use the Wave Hemming Tape (part no. 6363) to avoid fabric puckering. It gives a professional finish to the top of the hem. This applies to all fabrics, including lined curtains.

Wave without the iron-on Wave Hemming Tape

Wave with the iron-on Wave Hemming Tape

For Unlined Curtains

With standard Wave glider cord measure to 75mm and then iron the hem into position. If using 6098W roller gliders increase the hem depth to 95mm. Lift the hem back and lay on the iron-on tape. Iron the hem so that the tape melts and sticks the 2 parts of the curtain together.

For Lined Curtains

For 6098 Roller Gliders

For lined curtains the iron-on tape is positioned between the front curtain fabric and the lining as pictured.

When using glider cord measure the hem to **95mm** and then use **two** rows of iron-on tape to cover the whole depth of the hem.

Above: Wave tape positioning with standard glider cord

Above: Wave tape positioning with roller glider cord

Standard Gliders

If you are using standard Wave glider cord then sew the heading tape to the top of the curtain.

Roller Gliders

If you are using glider cord sew the tape **22mm** from the top of the curtain.

In both situations, the tape has been designed to give the correct hook drop when sewn in the correct position.

Curtain Hook Placement

Standard Wave Components

The first hook always goes into the 3rd pocket from the leading edge and then hooks are inserted as required according to the relevant pocket factor (see chart below).

E.g. pocket factor = 5 then insert a hook every 6^{th} pocket (5 pockets are left empty).

Standard Wave components for electric tracks

On motor side curtain, the last pocket spacing will be increased to 9 pockets to allow the curtain to wrap around the motor. This was allowed for in the original pocket calculation. So for the last hook your pocket factor will be as per the table right.

Remember, your last hook will always be the 3rd pocket in from the end.

| Glider cord | Hook spacing | Additional pocket | New Pocket factor |
|----------------|-----------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 60mm | 100mm | 5 | 9 |
| 60mm | 120mm | 4 | 9 |
| 80mm | 140mm | 3 | 9 |
| 80mm | 160mm | 2 | 9 |

Wave With Optional Extension Arm/Carrier

When using this option the glider calculation remains the same. The carrier simply replaces the first/last hook. No additional pockets are required.

Insert the first hook of the carrier of the extension arm into the 3^{rd} pocket of the tape (this will mean the 2^{nd} hook will attach in the 5^{th} pocket).

The next hook will be your pocket factor less 1. e.g. if you're pocket factor would normally be 7 then only leave 6 from the end of the carrier. Thereafter insert curtain hooks as per the pocket factor in the table above.

When you reach the end of the curtain the last hook is replaced by another carrier, therefore your last pocket factor will be one less.

Positioning the carrier

Attaching the extension carrier to the arm

Standard Wave Components for Electric Tracks (with Extension)

On the motor side curtain, you will only have the extension carrier on the leading edge. The motor side will be as per the picture below. The last pocket spacing will be increased to 9 pockets to allow the curtain to wrap around the motor. This was allowed for in the original pocket calculation. So for the last hook your pocket factor will be as per the table below.

Remember, your last hook will always be the $3^{\mbox{\scriptsize rd}}$ pocket in from the end.

| Glider cord | Hook spacing | Additional pocket | New Pocket factor |
|----------------|-----------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 60mm | 100mm | 5 | 9 |
| 60mm | 120mm | 4 | 9 |
| 80mm | 140mm | 3 | 9 |
| 80mm | 160mm | 2 | 9 |

Front

Reverse

Dressing The Curtain

One of the many advantages of Wave is that it is comparativly simple to dress. When hanging the curtain pull the first fold towards you and push the second backwards. Continue to the end of the curtain.

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