

Choosing the Right Drawer Slides

Step 1: Understand Slide Types

There are two main slide/glide styles offered by CabinetNow — undermount and side-mount.

- **Undermount slides** are hidden beneath the drawer box, offering a clean, high-end appearance and soft-close motion.
 - Blum TANDEM plus BLUMOTION
 - Salice Futura Undermount
- **Side-mount slides** are visible when the drawer is open but are durable, affordable, and easy to install.
 - Salice Side-Mount



Step 2: Matching Your Slide to Your Drawer Box

Each slide type requires specific drawer box clearances, depths, and notching details. Your choice of drawer box construction — dovetail or doweled — also determines which slides are compatible and what adjustments to make when sizing.

Drawer Box Type	Compatible Slides	Mount Style	Appearance	Notch Required	Best Use
Dovetail Drawer Boxes (Maple, Aspen, Walnut, Birch)	- Blum TANDEM plus BLUMOTION - Salice Futura Undermount	Undermount (hidden)	Concealed, premium look	Yes — 1-3/8" back notch	Kitchens, bathrooms, luxury cabinetry
Doweled Drawer Boxes (White Melamine, Birch Doweled)	- Salice Side-Mount - Salice Futura Undermount	Side or Undermount	Visible for side-mount / Hidden for undermount	Side-mount: No Undermount: 1-3/8" notch	Utility drawers, office cabinets, laundry rooms



Step 3: Choose the Right Slide Length

Your slide length should be equal to or slightly shorter than the cabinet's internal depth. This ensures your drawer box extends fully without hitting the back of the cabinet.

UNDERMOUNT (BLUM TANDEM PLUS BLUMOTION, SALICE FUTURA)

Cabinet Interior Depth	Recommended Slide Length
13"–15"	12" slide
16"–18"	15" slide
19"–21"	18" slide
22"–24"	21" slide
24½"–26"	23-5/8" slide

 **Tip:** Always double-check that your cabinet has enough clearance for the slide length you select.

SIDE MOUNT (SALICE SIDE-MOUNT)

Cabinet Interior Depth	Recommended Slide Length
13"–14"	12"
15"–16"	14"
17"–18"	16"
19"–20"	18"
21"–22"	20"
23"–24"	22"
25"–26"	24"

Fine print: These guidelines are tuned to the glide models we offer (Blum TANDEM plus BLUMOTION, Salice Futura Undermount, Salice Side-Mount). Other brands or models may require different clearances—always verify with the manufacturer's installation instructions.



Step 4: Clearance Guidelines

Each slide type requires a different amount of space between the drawer box and the cabinet opening. Use the following chart to calculate your box width and height correctly.

Slide Type	Width Adjustment	Height Adjustment	Depth	Notch Required
Blum TANDEM plus BLUMOTION	Subtract 5/8" total (5/16" each side)	Subtract 13/16"	Same as slide length	1-3/8"
Salice Futura Undermount	Subtract 5/8" total (5/16" each side)	Subtract 1"	Same as slide length	1-3/8"
Salice Side-Mount	Subtract 1" total (1/2" each side)	Subtract 11/16"	Same as slide length	None

Need help calculating? Refer to our [Drawer Box Measuring Guide](#) for exact measuring instructions.

Step 5: Confirm Before You Order

When placing your order, always **enter the actual size of the drawer box you want built** — not the cabinet opening size.

If you need help determining your slide type or calculating box dimensions, our design team can help you verify everything before you order.



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Quick Summary

Goal	Best slide	Why
Premium, soft-close drawers	Blum TANDEM plus BLUMOTION	Hidden hardware, luxury performance
Affordable soft-close solution	Salice Futura Undermount	Great value, smooth motion
Budget-friendly, durable setup	Salice Side-Mount	Visible but strong, easy to install

Pro Tips

- Choose undermount slides for a premium, hidden look.
- Choose side-mount slides for easy installation and strength.
- Always match the slide length to your cabinet's internal depth.
- Contact us before ordering if you're unsure which slide to select.

