

getting to know your tape measure. On most modern tape measures you will have three types of measurements. One is called IMPERIAL or INCHES, and this you will find mainly on the top of the steel band, seen here, up to the number 7. Used in old school, and still, in my line of work the better of the two. Many customers do still like to use this, but is less accurate unless you start talking 16s , 32s and 64ths

(lets not go there).

For the majority, and probably the best for you to use is the bottom line of the measure. Known as METRIC. Mainly called Centre Meter (CM) this you see up to the number 18.8. Or Millimetre (MM). There is 10 MM to 1 CM so in MM we are seeing 188MM. This is the best measurement for you to get a more accurate size and to make the cover a better fit.

Now that's understood, lets move to the next stage.



Lets start with free - standing, Gas / Electric / Ceramic / Halogen.....!...!!...!!!.

These all come in all shapes and sizes, from single oven's to double Range, all singing all dancing cookers. I think in all the covers we have made for these oven's (And there have been 1 or 2) there has never been two alike. This is why we always like our customers to send us a picture of the top view, just in case we can see any possible flaws that will interfere with the design of our covers, and if needed, work our way around these with design alterations.

Examples below.



The measurements given to us, seemed straight forward to us for a normal free standing cooker, but on close inspection once we received their pictures, noticed the problem with the raised rear and venting.



We asked the owner to supply these measurements, and then made the cover accordingly.

Happy customer.

'The more information you can supply, the easier it will be for us'.



A great example of a cooker, screaming for a hob cover. With it's full glass top, one cup or jar dropped from the cupboard above, would be an expensive trip to the local electrical shop for a replacement. With a picture supplied by the customer, we asked them to measure where we placed the green lines.



Cooker and cover as one, not only does this look like this belongs to the oven, but now protects and keeps clean.

Happy customer



One of the many styles of Range cookers on the market. Owners wanted a 3/4 cover and a 1/4 cover.



With the picture they sent we recommended a 50 / 50 split, as there would not be enough room for the two to meet.

Covers were made and now in place.

For in built covers, measurements do not need to be as accurate. Our covers are designed to sit over the hob and rest on the work top. An average standard gas hob measures around 585mm x 510mm and stands about 50mm high. With this in mind, we produce a standard range of covers. One we call a standard A 600, this has 60cm / 600mm INTERNAL clearance, and the other we call a standard B 590. These are made with less inside tolerance with fitting the hob, this allows a smaller EXTERNAL width to fit in-between your overhead cupboards

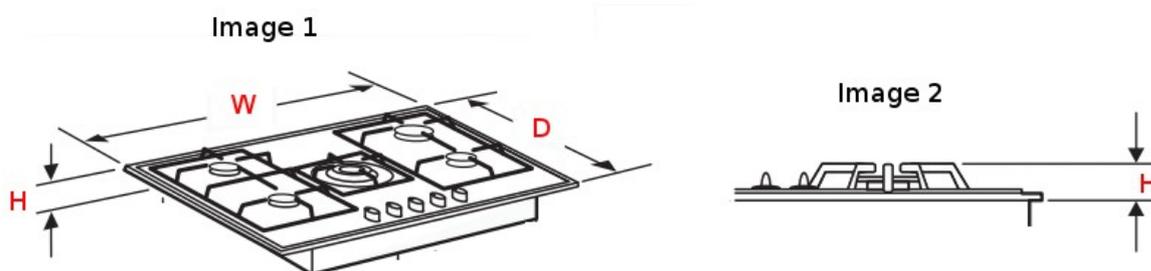


Most Kitchens now days will have an extractor above their hob, and if cupboards are then fixed either side, creates a gap no bigger than 600mm.

If you have this in your kitchen then you may need our standard B cover

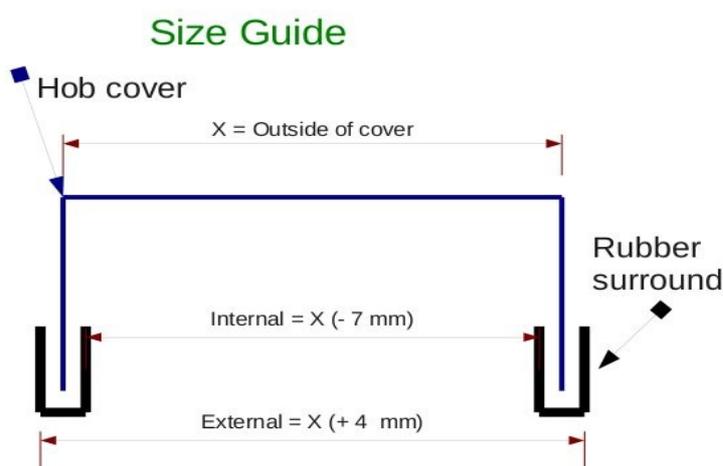
If your cupboards also have a skirt underneath, then will stop you from benefiting from the splash mode

With the majority of custom covers we make, the owners supply the actual size and we then add the clearance needed for the cover to fit snugly.



Take a look at the diagram above. This shows you the area you need to know before you choose which cover best suits your particular hob.

Image 1: From left to right highlighted with a **W** we call this the width and is measured from edge to edge and called the true size. **D** for depth is measured front to back edge to edge and again this is the true measurement. **H** or height, shown as a large scale on image 2. This is harder to measure, place a straight flat object on to like a ruler and measure to this. We will do the maths and add the clearance needed. If you feel confident to provide the clearance you require for your cover then please make it clear to us that your sizes are clearance sizes and not true sizes.



On the left is our size guide, it shows how much is gained or lost from the rubber trim.

you will need to take this into account when you order your custom cover.

Remember

- Know your measurements,
- Choose the correct style of cover to suit your hob.
- Have you an an extractor? Do you have clearance?
- Can you send a picture ? If so do.
- State : True measurements or Clearance measurements, when ordering custom sizes
- Allow for thickness of rubber this can make a BIG difference.

So, with all this taken into account, there is no reason for not giving it a go. Who needs to consult the experts?? follow these instructions and soon you will have a well designed cover custom made in place in your very own kitchen.

The last golden rule to remember. Told to me by my Grandad many, many years ago and never forgotten.....

' measure twice, cut once '