## BATONS RESOURCE

## THINGS TO KNOW



**ADAPTER** This type of baton hangs in front of the drapery offering easy access to a guest in the room. Its construction utilizes a plastic stiffener and a connection with both the drapery and the master carrier, resulting in a reinforced draw.



**CLIP** This baton uses a small clip which attaches directly to the master carrier hanging behind the drape and therefore is often referred to as a hidden baton. Clip batons are not recommended for use with large treatments as they are not as stable as batons with adapters.



MATERIALS Batons come in three different types: Fiberglass, Acrylic, and Decorative. Fiberglass batons are sturdier than acrylic and come in five standard color options (white, black, silver, brown & gold) but may also be ordered in custom colors. Acrylic batons are clear and great for designs that limit detractors from the drapery. A fluted/textured option is available in Acrylic, while decorative batons are made in wood or metal and come in various shapes and sizes.



**SIZE** Batons come in various lengths (36", 48", 60", 72" & 84") but are always either 3/8" thick (fiberglass) or 1/2" thick (acrylic). Their length is determined by the mounting height of the drapery in a room and whether that room is ADA compliant. Typical batons are specified to hang 60" off the floor, while ADA batons should be no higher than 48" above the floor.



**ADA** Standards specify that the reach may not exceed 48" off the floor and treatments may be controlled without having to grasp, pinch or twist the wrist to operate. The most cost effective way to meet these standards is a baton with a looped end. Motorized drapery with a remote control is also an option to meet ADA standards.



**CORD DRAWN** Another alternative with tall and wide treatments. It is recommended that all operable treatments wider than 15' and taller than 12' utilize assistance to operate. Cord drawn hardware utilizes a unique pulley system allowing for treatments to be drawn via pull cords. This is not an ADA compliant option.



**MOTORIZED** Available in two different options: plug & play, or direct wired. Motorized drapery is more expensive, yet is a great alternative for large treatments or ADA compliance, and works in conjunction with building automation systems.

