

Voice control of blinds with Amazon Alexa



What is the difference between the commands "Raise the blind" and "Open the blind"?

The voice assistant interprets this command as follows:

- "Raise" corresponds to a blind opening of 10%.
- "Open" corresponds to 100% opening of the blind.

Why does the % position of the blind not always work properly?

Amazon Alexa voice assistant does not differentiate between "Open the blind by 25%" and "Close the blind by 25%". In both cases, the % value will be applied to the opening command. On the other hand, the command "Close or lower the blind by 15%" will be clearly differentiated from the command "Open or raise the blind by 15%".

How to control the intermediate position of the blind (e.g. "Closes the blind by 50%)?"

The travel time must be set on the receiver. Contact your installer if necessary.

When controlling the blind or shutter, only the light is controlled. Is Alexa able to interpret the command?

The key words "Open" and "Close" are also interpreted for the lights. Amazon Alexa manages priorities according to the equipment in a room. If there is a blind or a shutter and lighting in the office room, then the "Open Office" command will switch on the light and the blind or shutter will remain in the same state. If there is a thermostat in the office room in addition to the 2 previous items of equipment, Alexa will not be able to interpret the command linked to the name of the room.

How do I open or close all the blinds?

Amazon Alexa is not familiar with the term "Shutter". Therefore, the commands "Open the shutters" and "Close the shutters" cannot be executed.

There is a workaround: create 2 scenarios in Tydom, one for opening and the second for closing respectively named "Open the blinds" and "Close the blinds". You can then simply say "Alexa, open the blinds" to open all your shutters or blinds or "Alexa, close the blinds" to close all your shutters or blinds.

What is the purpose of a routine?

Used by Amazon Alexa, the routine is an alternative to get around the limits of interpretation. A routine created with the Alexa application controls devices and/or scenes discovered by Alexa. Each routine is triggered by a phrase predefined by the user. It is therefore possible to create a routine triggered by the phrase "Alexa, open the blinds" which positions all the blinds at 100% open.

The routine allows you to go even further to customize the command. For example, "Alexa, I'm awake": this routine can then execute your blind opening scenario, put your heating in comfort mode, announce the weather forecast and launch your favourite radio station!