

Think Your Data's Safe? Think Again!

In today's world, where data is as valuable as gold, keeping your sensitive information safe is more important than ever. Whether you're working on spreadsheets at the office or juggling tasks at a coffee shop, there's always that nosy person who can't help but peek at your screen. That's where the privacy screen comes in—think of it as a bodyguard for your laptop.

Choosing the Right Privacy Screen for Your Needs and Style

How do you make sure your privacy screen isn't just an overpriced piece of plastic? Start by choosing the right type of privacy screen that fits your needs and style. 3M offers various types of privacy screens, each designed to meet different preferences and requirements. Once you've found the perfect type, the next step is to measure accurately for a perfect fit.

3M™ Privacy Products

Find the right 3M™ Privacy Screen Filter for your monitor or laptop.



3M™ Bright Screen Privacy Filters

Combines world-class privacy with 85% brightness transmission, 25% brighter than competing black privacy filters. Blocks visual hackers; virtually invisible to intended users.

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Versatile, durable and ready for most devices and screens.

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Choosing the right privacy screen starts with accurate measurements. Let's look at the five crucial steps to ensure a precision fit when measuring your screen for a privacy filter.

Step 1: Check your Display Settings:

Windows: Go to Settings > System > Display. Find the resolution (e.g., 1920 x 1080).

Mac: Go to Apple Menu > System Settings > Displays. The resolution will be shown there.

Step 2: Calculate the Aspect Ratio:

Privacy screens come in different shapes and sizes to fit various screens. To ensure your privacy screen covers your screen properly and looks clear, you need to match the aspect ratio.

Divide the width by the height from the resolution (e.g., $1920 \div 1080 = 1.78$, which is 16:9). Common aspect ratios are 16:9, 16:10, and 4:3

Step 3: Measure Diagonal

Measure the diagonal length of your screen accurately, **excluding the bezels**. This diagonal measurement is the critical reference point for selecting the appropriate privacy screen size.

Measure the diagonal of your screen to match the privacy filter size (e.g., 13-inch, 15-inch).

Match Aspect Ratio and Screen Size: Choose a privacy filter that fits both the aspect ratio (e.g., 16:9) and the screen size (e.g., 15 inches).

Step 4: Validate Measurements Before Purchase: Before you buy, double-check your measurements to make sure they match the privacy screen’s specifications. Manufacturers usually provide sizing guides, and some privacy screens can adjust to fit different screen sizes. Compare your measurements with these guides to avoid getting a screen that’s too small or too big for your device.

Best fit tip: Choose a filter that’s slightly smaller but closest to your measurements. If you’re buying a Framed Privacy Filter, pick one that’s slightly larger but closest to your measurements.

Step 5: Choose the Type of Privacy Screen: Decide whether you want an adhesive, clip-on, or magnetic privacy screen. Each type has its own benefits depending on your needs and how easy you want it to be to use, install, and remove.

Type	Pro's	Cons
Adhesive Film	Secure Attachment: Sticks firmly to the screen	Permanent: Difficult to remove without residue.
	Thin Profile: Minimal impact on screen appearance.	Limited Reusability: Less repositionable
	No Frame: Sleek option without additional bulk	Potential for Bubbles: Risk of air bubbles during installation
Clip-On	Easy to Install/Remove: Simple to attach and detach	Bulky: Adds some bulk to the monitor
	Adjustable: Fits different screen sizes.	Potential for Movement: Might shift or slide
	No sticky residue left on screen	Compatibility: May not fit all monitor shapes/sizes
Magnetic	Convenient: Easy attachment and removal	Magnetic Strength: Might not hold securely on all monitors
	Reusable: Can be repositioned multiple times	Limited Compatibility: Not all screens are magnetic
	No Residue or Clips: Keeps screen clean and sleek	Cost: Can be more expensive

Installing Your Privacy Screen: The Grand Finale

With your screen dimensions perfectly measured, it’s time for installation! Start by giving your screen a thorough cleaning—dust and fingerprints need to take a backseat. Whether your privacy screen is an adhesive film, clip-on filter, or magnetic screen, follow the manufacturer’s instructions to the letter. For adhesive screens, align carefully and smooth out any bubbles. Clip-ons and magnets should be snugly attached. A flawless install will keep prying eyes at bay and your screen looking pristine.

Still unsure about which privacy screen is right for you or need to outfit your entire office? AAA Business Supplies and Interiors has you covered! We’re here to help you choose the perfect product and offer quantity discounts to save you big when buying in bulk.

