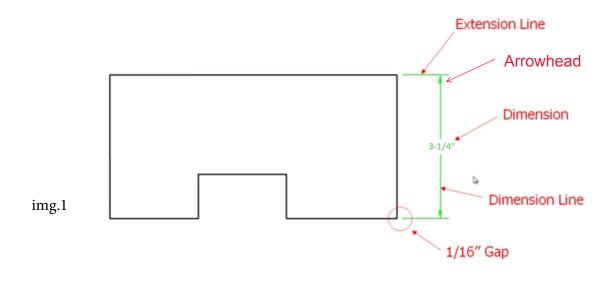
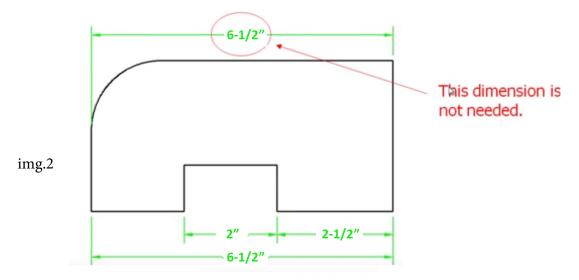
General rules for dimensioning multiview drawings

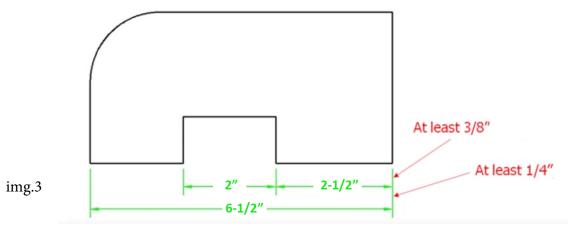
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- 1. Understand the parts: Extension line, dimension line and dimension (see img.1)
- 2. Use fractional dimensions (e.g. 1-1/4", not 1.25")
- 3. Dimensions should NOT be duplicated, or the same information be given in two different ways. (img. 2)
- 4. No unnecessary dimensions should be used only those needed to produce the part.
- 5. Dimensions should be placed at finished surfaces.
- 6. Dimensions should be placed so that it is not necessary for the observer to calculate, scale, or assume any measurement.
- 7. Dimensions should be attached to the view that best shows the shape of the feature to be dimensioned.
- 8. Avoid dimensioning to hidden lines.
- 9. Dimensions should not be placed on the object.
- 10. Overall dimensions should be placed the greatest distance away from the object so that intermediate dimension can nest closer to the object to avoid crossing extension lines.
- 11. A dimension should be attached to only one view (i.e., extension lines should not connect two views).
- 12. Never cross dimension lines.
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- 14. Dimension numbers should be centered between arrowheads.
- 15. In general, a circle is dimensioned by its diameter, an arc by its radius.
- 16. Extension lines start approximately 1/16" from the object and extend 1/8" past the last dimension.
- 17. The first dimension is approximately 1/2" from the object and spaced uniformly approximately 1/4" apart. (img. 3)
- 18. Always dimension the actual size of the object not the scaled size.





Dimensions that are not needed should not be given.



Dimension lines must be kept at least 3/8" from the object, and at least 1/4" from each other.