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## *Carolina Glide (Drawer Guide System)*

There are a lot of things to consider when adding a drawer to a bedroom design. After sizing the drawer to fit into its opening, the drawer also has to slide in and out smoothly. The drawer has to fit loose enough to slide easily, but not so loose that it racks when pulled out. The best sliding and most durable wood drawer slides are of course hardwood sliding on hardwood. Wooden slides are environmentally friendly, more suitable for fine furniture, and especially ideal for bedroom sets. All wood construction just looks more authentic, especially when used with French and English dovetailed drawers, and with great joinery throughout the case construction.

Since the drawer doesn't have a frame under it, it just makes sense to support the drawer from the bottom; a prime reason Carolina Furniture Works uses a center mounted guide track system. Also, a drawer is hard to build perfectly square and exactly the right size, so it's harder to build it to fit well in an opening. The all new Carolina glide system features a dual unit wood on wood center guided track that not only supports the weight of the drawer, it also provides a smoother glide track making the drawer easier to pull out, while the captive track prevents the drawer from racking side to side. In addition, drawer sides rest on front and rear parting rails, and plastic gliding buttons are placed on corners of the front parting rail that drawers slide on for a smoother glide.

The Carolina glide system also features a much wider solid hardwood guide support used beneath the drawer as well as additional wood support blocks that reinforce classic wood luan drawer bottoms. Well made wooden slides are more characteristic of fine furniture, and a durable well built classic hardwood center mount drawer slide is a long-lasting performer and will provide years of service.

The Carolina guide is a unique dovetail shape and makes use of a high-tech kiln drying method to eliminate warpage by reducing the amount of moisture in the guide. In addition to a custom fit, the guide itself is finished utilizing high quality sanding methods, and finished with waxed runners that ensure a proper fit and prevent sticking. As an added benefit, the Carolina glide is designed with a tension drawer stop. A drawer stop tab is placed on a precision cut track within the guide that works to slow down the drawer removal when it comes in contact with a special screw head on the front parting rail. While this is not intended as a positive drawer stop, it is designed to slow down the drawer being removed from the case and makes it less complicated and easier to remove the drawer when necessary.

The durable classic wood center mount drawer guide (Carolina glide) will be a long lasting performer and provide years of service. Always insist on Carolina Furniture Works for genuine bedroom wood products made in the USA by American craftsmen.