

HOW TO INSTALL A RV WINDOW

ITEMS NEEDED: WINDOW, TRIM RING (AKA INTERIOR, CLAMP RING), MOUNTING/PUTTY TAPE, #8 X 3/4 S-HWH SMS HRD STL ZNC SCREWS.

Step 1. Prepare the window opening / remove existing window. If you are installing a replacement window, you will obviously have to remove the existing window. The most typical installation is a clamp-in style window. To remove the old window, first remove the screws on the trim ring on the inside of the vehicle. Once the screws are removed, the window is pushed out of the opening by applying force from the inside. It is often necessary to release the sealant from under the window flange on the outside of the vehicle. Often this can be accomplished by working around the outside flange of the vehicle with a very thin putty knife. Select a corner of the window, work the flange loose, and push the corner of the window out of the hole. Once the window is out of the hole, you will have to carefully remove any residual sealant that is stuck to the outside wall.

OR

Step 1. Create window opening / make hole cutout. Take window, put up against vehicle and trace as shown (a.). Then measure an additional 1/8" around the tracing. This will be the cut out size. Take some tape and place it around the outline, as shown (b.). Take a jigsaw and cut out hole.



Step 2. Dry fit the new window in the exposed opening. It is a good idea to try inserting the window in the opening to verify the fit. This process works best with 2 people working together. Make sure that the exterior window flange overlaps the opening sufficiently to make a good seal. Determine if shims will be required to center the window in the opening.

Remove the window in preparation for the permanent installation.

Step 3. Window installation. With the window lying face down on a soft surface, apply the seal tape on the flange starting at the middle of the bottom of the window and overlapping the 2 ends by approximately 1/2 inch. Pull the backing off of the tape. When window is fully installed you will then trim the excess putty. Make sure the weepholes, located on the bottom of the outside frame are positioned correctly. They should always be at the bottom of the window, to allow drainage for accumulated water.



Useful tips:

- Use a spray water bottle and mist the perimeter of the opening on the outside of the vehicle. This is done to prevent the tape from sticking to the outside wall before you are satisfied with the final position of the window.
- It is often easier to handle a window if the sliding glass is in the open position.
- Remove the window screen during installation to prevent it from being damaged and to make it easier to handle the window.
- Make certain to use the screws mentioned above. Use of longer screws can puncture the window frame and be a source for a potential leak.

You are now ready to insert the window into the opening. This is normally a 2-person task. When you are satisfied with the final position of the window, have one person hold it in place while the second person centers the clamp ring on the inside of the window and installs the screws. The screws will drill into a groove (see below) located on the hole cut out edge.



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