

Installation of Front Door Vent Window Gaskets

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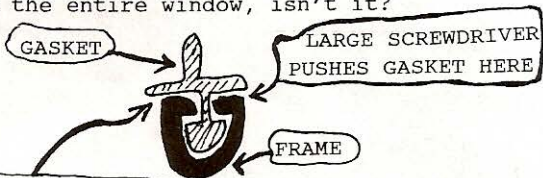
Several months ago the Club added front door vent rubber seals to the "Club Store". They can be ordered for \$80.00 a pair. They have been sorely needed for many years by many Airflow owners.

I bought a set of the vent rubber seals and have installed them. I want others to know how everything went. They look good and fit very well. One early caution - at the bottom of the vent frame, on the outside, there is a small piece of metal used to aid in closing the vent. No notch was molded for this feature. It is necessary to carefully make a notch with a single-edged razor blade.

My door panels were off so I removed the vent windows from the bottom of the door. After removing the entire vent window assembly, you may remove the vent window from the main frame by opening the vent window and removing the two small screws at the bottom. Using a Stanley #299 cutting tool - the type store clerks open cardboard cartons with - cut off all the old rubber you can and pry out what is left in the grooves with a suitable screwdriver. When all the rubber residue is cleaned off, paint the groove with a good grade of black enamel. Besides stopping rust, it makes the new gasket slide into place much easier.

Place a small amount of liquid detergent in a small container of water and using a small paint brush to lubricate the grooves. At this point you'll need to decide whether to remove the small piece the two small screws went into to hold the vent window in place or to cut the gasket. I removed the pivot shaft, marking which way it pointed toward the front, so I would not have to cut the gasket. Observe how far the shaft goes through the pivot mechanism so when you reassemble it - it will fit.

I used a large screw driver to push the vent rubber into the frame. Be sure the blade is not sharp - file it blunt, if needed. Starting in the upper corner, apply the detergent and push the rubber into the frame using the screwdriver in very small steps. As you move ahead, keep the rubber aligned. Replace the pivot mechanism and drive back with very light taps. Incidentally, while doing this project I finally got to see how the entire system worked. It is amazing to see the vent open separately or descend with the entire window, isn't it?



PUSH GASKET INTO PLACE ON THIS
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