

## Tips for resealing windows

If suspected wood rotten around window on interior, or visible water leak

This requires window removal.

Remove screw cover strips, then all screws around window.

Carefully pry window away from fiberglass body with putty knife or screwdriver. Do not bend/damage window frame during this process.

Pull out window.

Scrape excess butyl tape from window & fiberglass body. Clean with acetone.

Check wood framing for water damage. If damaged, replace with 3/4" plywood or similar material. Carefully peel Ensolite from the wood using putty knife to 'help' removal.

Re-Install:

Put new butyl tape around window opening or window frame. Note where screw holes are, so as to utilize same holes for re-attachment. Press into place, or have someone hold window for you.

Inside: Have someone place & hold new framing in place around window. Using power screwdriver from outside, insert 1<sup>st</sup> screws, while inside helper presses sufficiently until these first screws are seated, and holding tightly. Repeat around window until complete. Trim excess butyl tape around window with putty knife. Replace cover strips.

Inside: Apply contact cement around new framing and back of ensolite that was peeled back.

Tape Ensolite away from window to avoid contact with framing. Once contacted, it becomes impossible to remove/relocate. Follow instruction on can regarding wait time to press Ensolite to framing.

Outside: Using **Acrylic Sealer (Not Silicon)**: Apply a bead all the way around window/fiberglass body. Make sure there are no voids in this process. Acrylic sealer can be purchased at most hardware stores, Home Depot, etc. Follow direction on tube regarding temperature and time before possible rainy weather.

If interior wood seems to be OK: Reseal just the outside with Acrylic Sealer around the window frame. First, scrape old sealer off fiberglass/window edge; and then clean with acetone to remove all dirt around window edges. Be careful not to damage gelcoat when scraping!

When clean, reseal with Acrylic Sealer as above.

## Tips for resealing aluminum center seam

Carefully scrape old sealer off fiberglass and top aluminum edge with putty knife. Be careful not to damage gelcoat when scraping! Clean with acetone to remove all dirt.

Using **Acrylic Sealer (Not Silicon)**: Apply a bead all the way around aluminum top edge/fiberglass. Make sure there are no voids in this process. Acrylic sealer can be purchased at most hardware stores, Home Depot, etc. Follow direction on tube regarding temperature and time before possible rainy weather. The aluminum molding is hollow. If water gets in anywhere, it can travel to other areas of the trailer until it finds a way out/down inside.