

Instructions for Replacing Salon Plexiglas Windows

- a. Remove the old window by first cutting around edge then slowly cutting or prying as window comes away from deck.
- b. Scrape or sand away all old adhesive/silicone on the deck's gel-coat, finish with 40 grit sand paper then wipe away all dust.
- c. Do a dry run by positioning the new window in place with the help of masking tape and trace a pencil line onto the brown paper of the inside of the window as it will be installed.
- d. Cut away the one inch or so protective paper on the perimeter of the inside edge.
(Note: maintain paper coating on outside and inside center to protect it from the silicone.)
- e. 2-direction sand the edge that will adhere to deck with 40 grit sandpaper. Remove all dust or debris for good adhesion. Apply masking tape to inside area and deck outside where the pressed out silicone will flare onto to shorten and ease clean up.
- f. Apply the Dow-Corning 795 to the inside recess of the deck's window area. Use a putty knife to smooth an even layer of the 795 that is about 3/16" thick on the flange area.
- g. Press new window into place and use either lead weights (25 to 30 lbs.) taped to 2 x 4's with a piece of cloth to protect window and the deck, (carpet can be used on deck, soft side down) in the fore and aft portions of window. ... or if possible by location, use flexible wood or plastic batten like material to "bow" between handrail and genoa track with a block or piece of wood with cloth protecting window by pulling batten back like a bow and inserting block between it and window. Position pressure points so that it gives the window the most even match or contour with the deck's natural curve while also supplying sufficient force to hold window fully in place. This may be approx. 1/4 to 1/3 in from each end and near the center-top to bottom of window.
- h. Decide whether you would rather wait two days for adhesive/sealant to cure and then trim off excess with a razor knife or scrape away excess while it is still wet and use alcohol carefully to not get much or little onto the window itself. (Note: generally it goes a little bit easier to squeegee away the majority of the excess silicone initially, although many times additional sealant may come out as the first few hours go by and some trimming later will still be required.)