

OEM Gasket Replacement Instructions

(To replace the gasket in our hatches or ports, you will need to open the lid as much as possible.)

1. Our gaskets are installed from the factory into a half round groove in the lid of the hatch or port. Examine the gasket, and find the seam which is typically along the back edge of the groove (closest to the hinge).
2. Insert a small slot screwdriver or fine file into the seam, and pry a 'tail' of the gasket from the groove. Grab onto this tail, and gently pull as you work your way around the frame prying with the screwdriver.
3. Once the old gasket is removed, examine the groove; we would like to see this free of loose material and approximately 80% clean as a general rule. If the gasket comes cleanly out of the groove, you can now install the new gasket. If the gasket is torn in bits and pieces out of the groove, you will need to take a small piece of sandpaper to the groove to remove all loose material.
4. With a clean groove, use a caulking gun to squeeze a very little bead of the supplied adhesive all the way around the groove. You are now ready to install the new gasket.
5. Trim each end of the gasket to ensure each end is square, do not trim too much or the gasket will be too short.
6. Start along the back edge of the lid, gently pressing the new OEM gasket into the groove. Take care not to pull tightly on the gasket, as this will cause it to stretch and possibly 'jump' out of the corners.
7. Once the gasket has been pressed all the way around the groove, you may be left with an inch or two in extra gasket material - this must be trimmed to fit. You want the two edges of the gasket to be snugged together, any gap here will result in a leak.
8. Close the lid of the hatch or port for up to 24 hours to allow the glue to set. To ensure you have created a watertight seal, use your wash down or a bucket of water to spray the hatches or ports (from the outside). Have somebody ready on the inside to let you know if you were successful.
9. Open the hatch, and enjoy the breeze!

If you run into any difficulties, remember we are only a phone call away!

Happy Boating from your professionals at Atkins & Hoyle Ltd.!