

WINDOW CHANNEL FELT

We were recently asked to provide instructions for replacing the channel felt in a sliding window. Depending on your ability, you may be able to do this project yourself, with only a straight screwdriver, needle nose pliers, side cutter and patience. Be sure to see your dealer to order the correct size and style channel felt for your application.

To perform this repair, the window does not need to be removed from the coach. Use extreme care with metal tools against the edge of your window glass, as it is quite easily broken.

Installation Instructions

1. Remove outside rubber molding around glass to slider only.
2. Fully open the sliding windowpane with a straight screwdriver and needle nose pliers, pry and pull the window channel felt from the bottom window track. Use your side cutter to cut the channel felt as close as possible to the stationary window edge. The same procedure should be followed at the center top of the window. Remove the channel felt strip and thoroughly clean the channel.
3. Close window to remove the remaining channel felt. Thoroughly clean this channel.
4. To install new channel felt, start at the bottom center bar of the window. Use the screwdriver to push the new channel felt into the track, making sure the corners are tightly seated.
5. Cut out felt around the weep holes in the frame for water drainage. (Some window channels have pre-cut slots and this step will not be necessary.) Make sure corners are tucked in tight. Cut off with side cutters at the center bar and run a blunt object (handle on pliers) over the area to make sure it is down tight and the corners are filled in.
6. Push slider window to the other side. (Push slider over the new felt.)
7. Push felt under the slider glass and butt-up against the other piece. Install as per directions above.
8. Cut felt off where it will butt-up on the other end.
9. Reinstall the outside rubber molding. You may need to use a dab of silicone to hold in at corners and/or ends.

While these instructions are written based on a horizontal sliding window, the basic process would be the same on a vertical sliding window.

If a slider window becomes difficult to move in the track even though the channel felt appears in good condition, try spraying the felt with a silicone spray lube. Let it dry and test the window operation before replacing the channel felt.