Instructions for Replacing Salon Plexiglass Windows

- a. Remove the window by first cutting around edge then slowly cutting and pulling window away from deck. Working slowly will prevent breaking window.
- b. Scrape or sand away all old silicone-adhesive off the recessed flange in the deck. Finish with 40 or 60 grit sandpaper to allow the new Dow 795 to get good adhesion.
- c. Do a dry run by positioning the new window in place with help or use masking tape and run a pencil line around the perimeter on the brown paper un the inside to mark how far to trim the paper off the contact surface edge.
- d. Peel away paper on edge but maintain paper on rest of indies and outside of window as it will protect the plexiglass from excess adhesive on install.
- e. Cross sand the edge of the plexi with 40 or 60 grit sandpaper. Remove all dust. Apply masking tape to both the inside and outside gel coat surfaces next to where the window will bond.
- f. Apply Dow Corning 795 (in black) to the flanged recess area. Use a putty knife or similar to smooth an even layer of about 3/16".
- g. Press new window into place and use either 25 to 30 lbs of weight on pieces of wood at a 45 degree angle. (Use carpet or heavy cloth to protect window.) Or find wood or plastic "battens" about 3/16" thick and about 2"" wide that can be placed against the genoa track and under the handrails. Pull them back like a bow to insert wood blocks (such as "2 x 4" curt-offs) placed between window and batten to put pressure on the window. This is usually about 1/3 of the way in from each end of the window. Adjust location to get an even contour to match the arc of the deck., being careful to not use too much pressure to push out all the 795 adhesive. Allow 36 hours or more for new sealant to set.
- h. Decide whether you prefer to wait until the excess 795 that should come out from both the inside and outside perimeter of the window to be fully cured to cut away with a razor, or to wipe it away with a piece of plastic. While it is still wet. (There is normally some post expansion after removing the bulk of the excess.) Generally it is easier to squeegee away the excess a few times in the first few minutes and hour than waiting two days before trimming.)

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