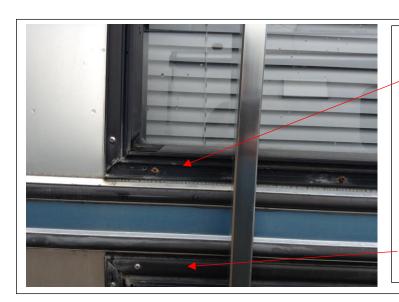
## (updated 6-29-20) AVION Flexible Screw Cover Rubber Molding (80's era Avions)



Missing Screw cover. Track with screws holding in window is visible.

Lower window, our old screw cover rubber molding is visible. This is old and will be replaced soon. But photo shows molding in place. But DO NOT put screws through your screw like this cover! See our install tips below.

Note: We have a 1987 Avion, 32S Model with Herr windows 4900 series(originals). We have seen where an Avion owner of a 1986 also used the same molding we reference in this article.

The screw cover molding is that rubber molding that sits on a outside edge of your windows (does not touch glass). Its function is to cover the screws that literally hold your Herr windows onto the window frame of the body of the trailer. This molding protects rainwater from potentially getting into the holes created by the frame screws.

## TIPS FOR INSTALLATION:

- 1. Do in warm weather so flexible rubber molding is soft and warm. We lay ours out on the blacktop driveway in the sun <u>if the air is cool</u> when we are working on this project or any rubber molding, e.g. glass bead project. That said, you do not want the rubber to be so warm that it stretches too much when you are doing your install. What will result from overstretching is that your trim will shrink back when cold and potentially fail and pop out of the radius corners and separate at the butted up seam.
- 2. Buy more than you think you need in case you mess up installing. Do not cut short!
- 3. We suggest doing the dry measurement for each window with a cloth measuring tape. This way you can loosely measure around the window track where the trim will lay. Always add a few inches since always better to be a little long. You will be pushing the trim back against itself and really butting the seam tightly.
- 4. Lay the rubber molding in beginning on the center lower edge, work clockwise or counter clock wise laying in the molding into the track. Tightly butt up the ends at that lower center spot, again, pushing back on itself to really force the ends to butt tight. We used a 3M Black silicone trim adhesive to seal the edges AND we also put it into the track edges on the radius corners with one of our fillable syringes to go over that butt seam to seal it.
- 5. Be sure to push back and really try to feed and seat as much molding especially in the radius corners as possible. This is where shrinkage from age, sun, etc. will show first and your corners will "pop" out.
- 6. We found using the flat end of our "bone tool" on our Link page did very well to flatten out the trim and really secure the hook edges to push them into into the metal track edges well.
- 7. Do not use screws on the outside of the molding to screw the molding in place. You are defeating the purpose of the molding and creating places for water to penetrate into your RV.
- 8. One Avion owner, Gary, who has done many of these jobs says spray your molding with Pam cooking spray to get it lubed up and it will slide into the groove easier. We found this to work well with both the screw cover and the glass bead trim which is the stuff that lays on the window surface itself.
- 9. Have you done this project and have other tips to share? Let us know! ThePewterPalace.com

## 3M Black Super Weatherstrip and Gasket Adhesive (purchased on Amazon), 5 oz (\$11.47)



(thanks Kirk Olmsted, 89 30P for this referral!)

**SOURCE FOR FLEXIBLE SCREW COVER MOLDING: UPDATED 6-29-20** 

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## BLACK RV Trailer Thick Vinyl 3/4" Insert Trim Mold Flexible Screw Cover furniturelady10 (30690) (Her name is Babette)

BLACK RV Trailer Thick Vinyl 3/4" Insert Trim Mold Flexible Screw Cover 100 Ft.

**Item price** \$72.95 (pricing as of June 2020)

Quantity 1

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Folks who have done 30 foot Avions have said that 100 feet should do the trick. We suggest 140-150 feet for a 32S. That should leave you enough to make a few mistakes along the way and some waste.

<u>Make sure when you are ordering your screw cover molding you are getting the FLEXIBLE kind.</u> There are several folks who sell the molding on Ebay. Some are a much stiffer, hard plastic. That will NOT work.

NOTE- we originally ordered the other trim which was not labeled as "thick" and we found it was too loose in the screw cover tracks of our 1987 Avion, 32S. Perhaps that thinner stuff works on other years of Avions, but not on our 87.

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