

Sticky Subject

Airstream travel trailer classic (riveted) window glass may adhere to the rubber gasket during the gasket's curing process.

CAUSE: EPDM rubber is a high quality weather seal and has been on the market for many years. It does not break down under severe Ultra Violet ray (UV) conditions and will remain soft and pliable for many years. EPDM rubber's formula must include a small amount of petroleum distillates needed for the extruding process. The amount of petroleum distillates are very slight, but when subjected to heat and intense UV, the oil in rubber seal "bleeds" as it continues to cure. The compressed bleeding seal and sun, generates a chemical reaction resulting in a "stuck window."

Forcing the window open may cause the window to shatter. Always follow the guidelines below for releasing a stuck window. To release a stuck window glass

- 1- Unlatch the window latches securing the windows on the interior.
- 2- Apply some 303 Aerospace Protectant to a nylon window tool.
- 3- Starting in the corner, tuck the end of the nylon tool under the glass and gently slide to opposite end. (As shown in Fig. 1)

CAUTION: Prying up or applying pressure to the window may cause the window to shatter resulting in personal injury or unit damage.

Once the window is released, wash the gasket with a mild soap and water solution, dry, and apply 303 Aerospace Protectant to the window gasket.

To apply: Spray/pour 303 Aerospace Protectant into a soft rag or sponge and apply a generous coating directly to the gasket. Remove any residue that comes in contact with the exterior aluminum skin.

303 Aerospace Protectant may be obtained from Airstream's parts department or store. **Airstream's part number is 44845WR.**

*Until the rubber fully cures, this preventative maintenance may need to be completed on a monthly basis depending on the environmental conditions surrounding the unit.

** Through testing, 303 Aerospace Protectant has shown to provide the most favorable results and is also recommended by Fantastic Vent to prevent the rubber from adhering to their vent lid.



