



2010 43QGP Allegro Bus

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4 – FYI – WINDOW AWNING MOUNTING. Every time I wash the coach a few of the pop rivets used to mount the window awning brackets would snag the cloth or sponge and tear a hole in it or pull it out of my hand requiring me to climb down to retrieve the item from the floor. Deciding enough was enough I got my battery powered drill out installed a small sanding drum in order to grind away any left over protruding pin left over from the pop rivet installation. In most cases any left over pin protruded about 1/8 inch in a few cases even 3/16 of an inch. Not all pop rivets left pins protruding but enough of them did to warrant the above action.



After sanding the pin flush with the pop rivet surface, a dab of clear silicone sealant was added over the pin hole for protection against any possible water entry around the pop rivets pin.



After sanding and sealing every pop rivet pin which needed sanding, attention was focused on applying silicone sealant over the head of every pop rivet.

I noticed a few of the pop rivets actually pulled the whole pin through the rivet without leaving a portion of the pin in the hole to plug the center hole. In those few cases that hole would be an entry point for water intrusion into the fiberglass wall panel. Again a small amount of clear silicone sealant was pumped into those open holes.