



## 2010 43QGP Allegro Bus

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### **67 – FYI – REMOVING THE POWERGLIDE 43QGP ALLEGRO BUS ENGINE ACCESS COVER.**

Removing the engine access cover in the bathroom floor of our coach could have been harder than it was for me, we were fortunate the cover had been removed previous to my need to remove it.

The removal was still a heavy weight job as the cover is not light in weight.



Our coach had three screws located and hidden in the carpet some coaches have five or even six screws. The trick is to locate all of them before you attempt to lift the cover.



To make the floor removal easier two 4 inch gate handles were installed using the 1/2 inch screws packaged with the handles.



After the handles were installed it is easier to straddle the access cover, grab the two handles and pull back on them as you are lifting. You need to pull toward you to clear the lower closet trim as the cover is lifted. The forward lip of the cover has a metal lip which slides under the floor to prevent the front of the cover from lifting.



When it is time to re-install the cover the reverse operation works the best. Tuck the metal lip under the floor pull the cover toward you as the cover is

being lowered into place. As noted in the photo larger stainless steel screws with large washers were installed to make future access easier.



The five wood screws were screwed back in place to hold the closet trim in place then the five wood buttons were inserted in their holes with a touch of wood glue to hold them in place.

Our coach had a larger crack between the engine cover and the floor tile then is present on newer later model coaches. As an experiment the engine access cover crack was surface caulked (caulk was not used to fill the complete depth of the crack) with an off-white caulk. I may experiment further with different caulk colors that may be less visually obvious, or instead we may just lay a rug over the engine cover.