

2010 43QGP Allegro Bus

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FIFTH coach modification **INSTALL NEW CARPET ON INSIDE AND**

OUTSIDE STEPS. Our Coach Step exterior steps and interior steps did not have carpet covering either the metal outside and rubber covered interior steps. We found over our RVing years, our coach floors are easier to keep clean and to also keep shoe debris under control by installing carpeting on both sets of steps and on the ground under the steps.

Camping World sells step carpets for around \$ 20.00 per step however they are for the outside steps only. If installing on two outside steps the cost is about \$ 40.00. We found it is easier and more cost effective to make our own step carpets not just for the outside steps but for the interior steps as well. Lowes sells carpet material in runner form, 36 inches wide by as long as you want. We paid less than the cost of one Camping World step carpet for the material to make two outside carpet step covers plus enough material to cover the three interior steps and also have a carpet for the ground under the extended steps as well.



Each of the two step carpets were cut to a 26 inch wide by 25 inch high dimension. A 3/8 inch grommet hole punch was used to punch out 5 evenly spaced holes 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches from the top and bottom edge of the carpet. The outside holes were punched one inch from the left and right edges of the carpet. The 26 inch dimension minus one inch from each end left 6 inches between each punched hole.





Large heavy duty black cable ties were routed through the adjoining top and bottom holes, after all five ties had been installed, the carpet was centered on the step then the ties were tightened securing the carpet to the step. The excess length of the cable tie was cut off and discarded.



The three interior carpet pieces were each cut the width and depth of the interior step it was going to cover. 29 inches x 9 inches for the top step carpet, 29 inches x 9 1/2 inches for the second step carpet and 29 inches x 7 1/2 inches for the bottom step carpet.

The carpet material purchased for the five step carpets was a 36 inch by 84 inch piece of carpeted runner leaving a carpet piece 29 inches x 32 inches which can be used on the ground below the steps.

The carpet was purchased, cut and installed as shown in the above picture plus the ground carpet for under \$ 20.00.

If or when a piece of carpet wears out that one piece can be easily replaced.