Crusingator

2010 43QGP Allegro Bus

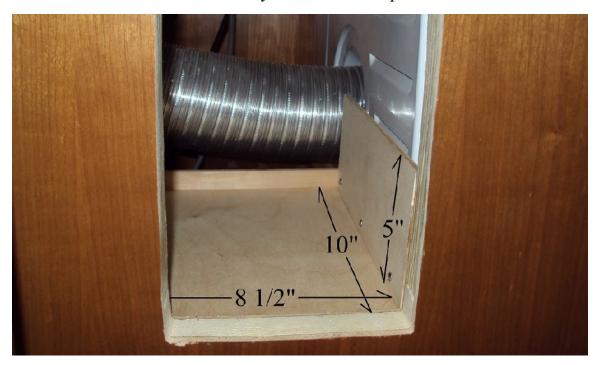
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EIGHTY-NINETH - coach modification – <u>SAFE PLACE</u>. During construction of modification 88 "Stacked Dryer Filter & Vent Cleaning", I stumbled across a location which fits the bill for a SAFE but hidden location to keep items you may not desire to leave accessible to anyone entering your coach.



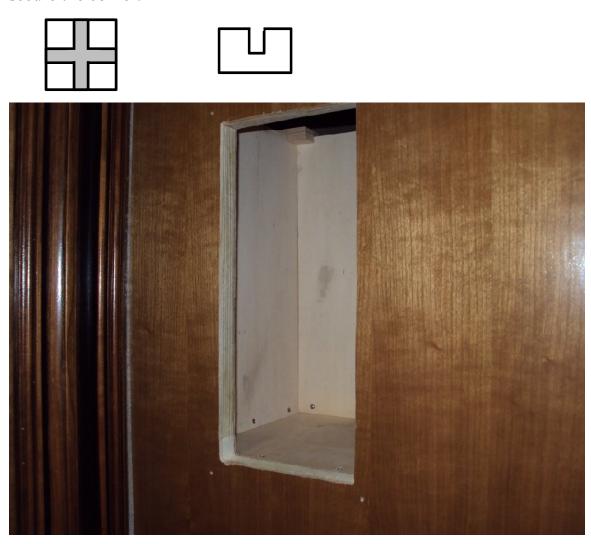
As seen in modification 87 after making this dryer vent access opening to allow checking on the dryers venting I found a nice hidden cavity for items I would not desire to leave laying around the coach. The depth of the cavity from the bedroom wall back to the metal dryer vent pipe is 10 ½ inches, the width between the dryer and the two vertical tank vent pipes was 9 inches and the height from the dryer floor to the ceiling was well over two feet, those measurements allowed more than a cubic foot of hidden storage space. I decide to frame in the cavity to provide safe keeping for any object I would hide in this location. To allow proper venting of the dryer none of the dryer's

air intake louvers were obstructed as seen in the below photo. A 5 inch high wall was installed between the dryer and the safe space.





The floor was constructed of ¾" plywood with 8 ½" x 10" sides and secured to the dryer cabinet's floor with two stainless steel screws. ¼" plywood was cut in 2 inches widths then installed as vertical lips and secured to three sides of the floor, the fourth side will meet with the bedroom's side wall. Looking into the cavity the right side wall was cut 10 " wide and 5" tall and secured with three stainless steel screws to the lip shown in the above photo. Next the left side wall was cut 10 " wide and 16" tall then secured to the lip with three stainless steel screws. The back was cut and installed last, it was cut 8 ½" wide and 16" tall and secured to the lip with three stainless steel screws. The last piece of the box was manufactured and installed to keep the top of the two tall sides of the box from separating. A 2" square block of ¾" plywood was cut then two ¼" wide grooves were cut 3/8" deep to form a "cross", the block was installed over the corners of the two tall sides to secure the corner.



If access to the vent is necessary the "cross" block can be removed then the back wall can be removed after removing the three screws on the lower lip.



So now I have a hidden cavity/box where items can be stored out of sight and accessible by closing a bedroom pocket door, removing four small Philips head screws securing the "Safe Place" cover.

Is it secure? The Safe Place cannot be accessed while the slide is closed.

