

Tiffin's Screen Door Glass Slider

I have not had any problems with my screen door glass sliding window however I have been reading many posts where it has been a problem for many other Tiffin coach owners. So I decided to spend a little time looking at the sliding glass window how it is installed and what can be done to remove or replace if it becomes necessary.

The below picture is the standard slider installed for many years on Tiffin coaches, I do not know if this slider is the only version Tiffin has installed or if Tiffin has made modifications previous to my 2007 Phaeton or since my coach was built in December 2006. The Tiffin newer wider door may have changes, if nothing else in the width of the glass panels.



In this above picture the slider is completely open, Tiffin installs a rubber block in the upper and lower left end of the glass track to prevent opening the slider all of the way to the left of the track. If the blocks are removed or fall out the slider can be slid to far to the left. It has been reported when the screw on the slider knob hits the stationary piece of glass it can and in some cases does cause the glass to shatter into many pieces.

I used a small bent piece of wire to hook the top white plastic slider spacer. Tiffin installs this spacer in both top and bottom of the two glass windows.



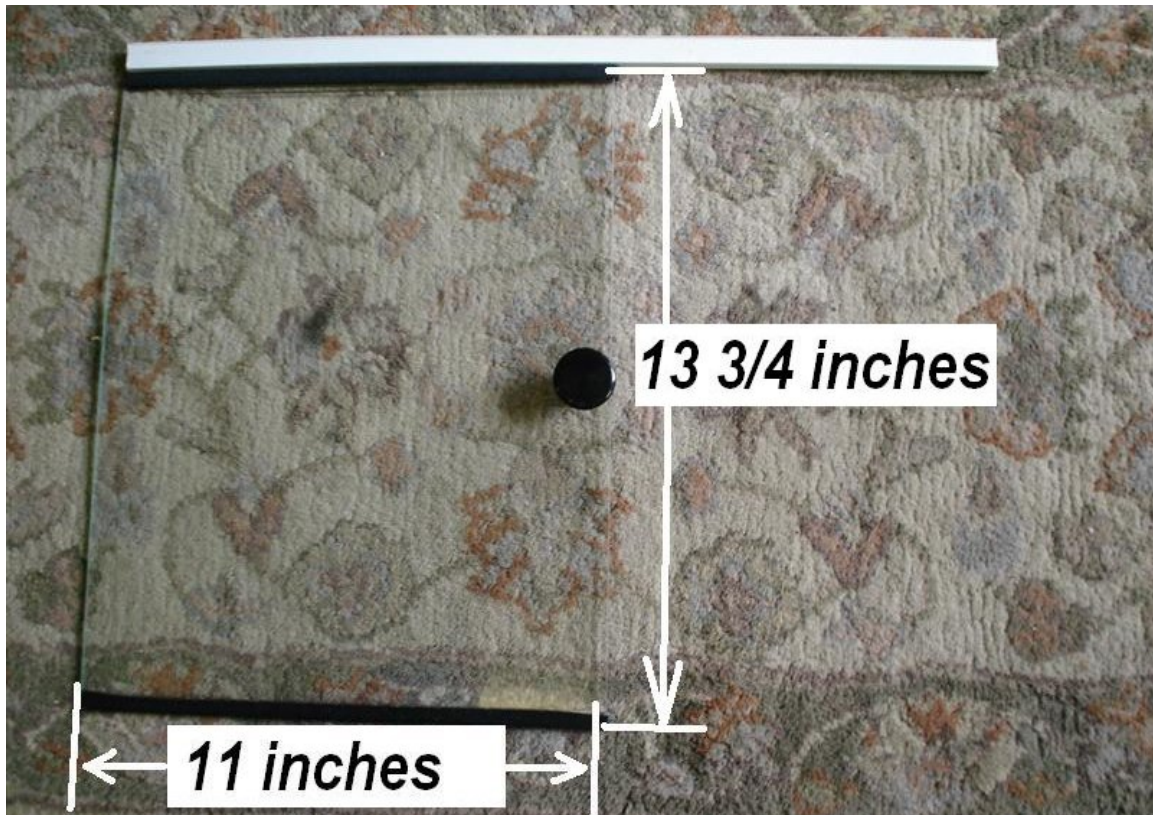
As you can see the white plastic spacer does not extend the full length of the upper or lower tracks. I hooked the spacer pulled it down and slid the spacer to the right until I could completely remove the spacer from the track. Looking at the following picture you can see how I slid the spacer between the screen door handle and the screen door metal frame to remove it. I did not want to exert too much bending pressure on the plastic to prevent damaging it.



After the spacer was removed I was then able to lift the glass upward move the bottom of the glass out of the bottom track and remove the glass from the metal frame.

The dimensions of the glass sliding glass are 11 inches wide by 13 3/4 inches tall.

I placed the removed top white plastic spacer at the top of the slider glass to demonstrate its relationship with the glass panel when installed in it frame.



To reassemble, just reverse the removal procedure. Place the top of the glass in the upper metal track, lift up on the glass until the bottom of the glass will slip into the bottom track. Slide the glass to the left carefully re-insert the white plastic block back into the upper track. Slide the plastic track all of the way to the left. That is all there is to removing and reinstalling the glass slider in the Tiffin screen door.

I do not know if one or both pieces of glass shatter then damaged? The dimensions of the slider are above. The dimensions of the fixed piece of glass are 10 1/4 inches wide by 13 3/4 inches tall. Both pieces of glass are 1/8 inch thick.

Good luck, I hope you will not need this information, but here it is if you do have the need for it.