

Title: Skinning. Tell me why I should or shouldn't please.

Post by: wdtjawshwdt

I was fortunate enough to get a deal on .09 aluminum sheet. They are 5x10 sheets and I have four of them. This is for the MC9. Now the predicament is....I have the options to do 8 windows and just use the sheets as they are no cutting or 10 windows with waste. I don't really care how many windows I have. I have 5 large RV windows that will be going in this project. I need swaying one way or the other.

Diagram time that may not make sense:
XX=1 window
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8 window option is a 4 sheet option
each side would lose these windows driver/passenger

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10 window option is cutting it down to 10 sheets

Blocking out all the middle windows leaving the front and rears on both sides

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Well, my buses turned out pretty good for typing them out...took me way to long to do this guys.

Post by: Barn Owl

I like light and I feel it gives conversions a more open feel vs. a dark cave. So I am for option one. On old classic buses I like all of the windows left in it even if they are blocked internally. Vintage, classic, cool....

Post by: wdtjawshwdt

I became jaded on the windows...because right now I have spent the past 2 weekends welding structure back into place. Sooo I am a little bitter and getting rid of some of them...they are leaky [^$$#!] I tell ya.

Post by: bevans6

If I were going to skin the sides on an MC-9 it would be an all or nothing deal. No OEM windows left at all, just RV windows. So I would buy another sheet of aluminum and do it all, then install my RV windows with appropriate framing where I wanted them. 090" is a great choice, and you can cut it easily on a regular table saw with a wood blade, just have a helper, ear protection and a face mask, not just goggles.

Post by: Scott & Heather

if you're ever considering living in it full-time, you'll hate yourself for keeping the old glass. It's single pane, leaky, and hot in the summer, cold and condensation in the winter. Our coach is purpose-built to withstand temperature extremes and it does this well. We've seen -18 this past winter with wind chills well below that, and the coach has seen 105 two summers ago. We have one rooftop a/c, three space heaters inside...she's good.

Post by: TomC

Commercial trailers typically use .030 aluminum skin. With that in mind, I had my truck skinned in .060. .090 is really thick-do you want to be carrying that extra weight all the time?

Post by: wdtjawshwdt

I feel like I want to keep two windows one front and one back to get stuff in and out. :-p But you guys are getting me to lean towards getting two more sheets $95 a piece isn't bad just didn't expect to spend that much on the outside. I am rebuilding walls with bed frame and pallet racking now. So take larger sheets and cover the windows. So I shouldn't bother cutting the large sheets into 5x3 sections and covering each window individually?

Post by: TomC

To fill in the windows, I cut two 3/4" plywood to fill in the window, glued together, which brought the level of the plywood even with the outside skin of the bus.