

Heater Core Replacement w/o removal of box

Unlike how all the Dodge Truck manuals indicate, you can remove the heater core without removing the complete heater box.

The manuals state that on air conditioned or non-air-conditioned trucks, the heater box must be removed to replace the heater core.

All you need to do is remove all the screws around the front half of the box and the front should come right off without having to remove the entire box. The left end of the heater box will come loose. The right end of the front half of the heater box, next to the kick plate, will still be attached.

There are two black plastic plugs, approximately one inch in diameter that cover the two holes, see **Figure 1, below**. When you look in the holes, you will see two 5/16' screws; see **Figure 2, below**. If you remove those plugs and subsequently those 2 screws, the front half of the heater box will then come off without having to remove the entire heater box. The gaskets on the right end of the heater and damper doors will probably be deteriorated and new gaskets should be installed.

You can get heater box seal gaskets kits from Detroit Muscle Technologies for either A/C or non-A/C units. Or you can fabricate new gaskets yourself. Here is the link to Detroit Muscle Technologies:

<https://www.detroitmuscletechnologies.com/72-80/>



Figure (1)

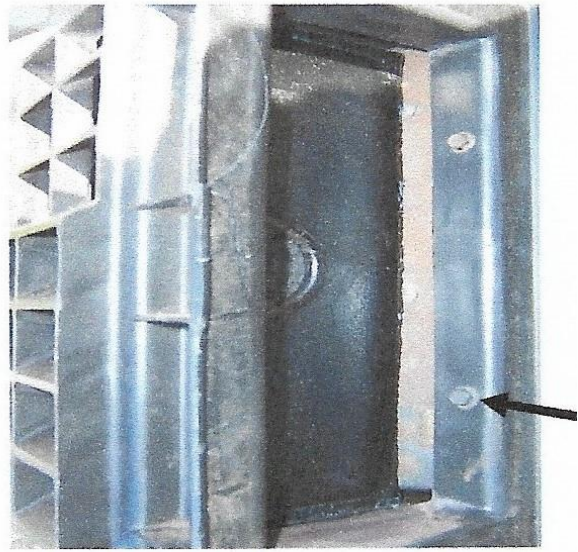


Figure (2)