

GASKETS—INSTALLATION

Why doesn't my new gasket seal perfectly?



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- Gaskets are often shipped in a 'coiled' or 'folded' manner, to help the customer save on shipping.
- See PHOTOS 'A' and 'B' above, as examples of gaskets ready to ship.

IMPORTANT:

DO NOT REMOVE THE OLD GASKET, UNTIL YOU HAVE 'RELAXED' THE NEW GASKET.

GASKETS ARE OFTEN SHIPPED COILED OR FOLDED.

YOU WILL NEED TO 'RELAX' THE GASKET BEFORE INSTALLING.



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THE BEST WAY TO 'RELAX' A GASKET?

LAY IT FLAT IN THE WARM SUN FOR 20 TO 30 MINUTES, WHEN THE TEMP IS ABOVE 75°.

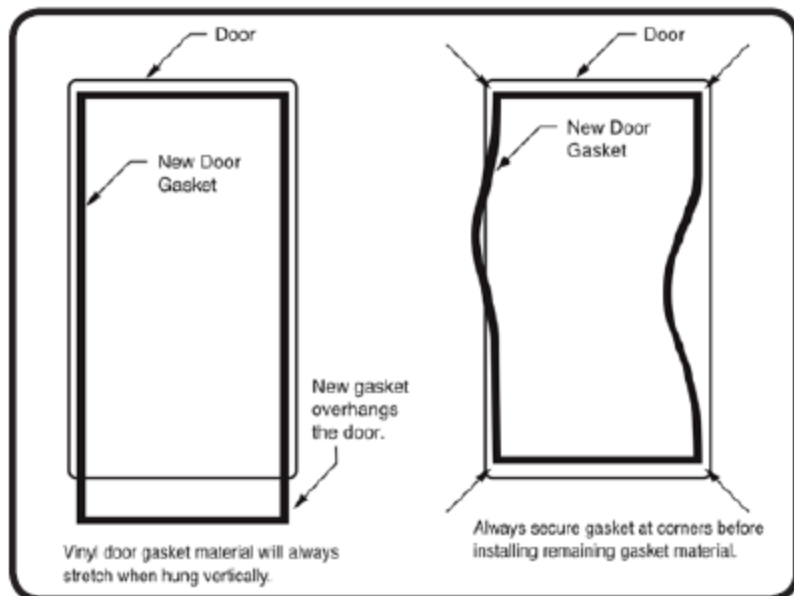
See PHOTO 'D' (left).

- To properly uncoil/unfold a gasket, remove any twist ties and begin separating the corners out to four different points. Once your square or rectangular shape is established, please note that the gasket might have some twisted or bent areas. This is because the vinyl has some degree of stiffness to it. See PHOTO 'C' above.
- If you attempt to install the gasket immediately after opening it up, you might experience some difficulty establishing nice, straight lines. This may cause the gasket to seal improperly.
- **Replacement gaskets must be 'relaxed' to achieve an optimum seal.**
- Place the gasket in warm sunlight, on an even surface, for 20 - 30 minutes. See PHOTO 'D' above.
- Once the gasket is relaxed, it is ready for installation. Install the corners onto the door first and then work toward the center. See illustration on next page.
- The more relaxed the gasket, the shorter the 'break-in period' for a replacement gasket to conform to an old door.

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Why is my new door gasket too long?

- A 'relaxed' gasket OR a gasket left to hang by the top corners can appear too long.
- It is important to install ALL FOUR corners of the gasket first and THEN work the remaining length/width of the gasket to the middle.
- If working with a sun-relaxed gasket, install immediately, because the material is easy to work with on all sides and corners, and is much more receptive to a good seal.
- Gaskets should be stored horizontally, and on a flat surface.



TIPS – ADDITIONAL METHODS TO RELAX A GASKET:

- The **BEST** and recommended method to 'relax' a gasket is to lay the gasket on a flat surface in direct, warm sunlight for 20 - 30 minutes, when the temperature is above 75°. However, if it is cold outside, please try these other methods...
- Place gasket in hot (but NOT boiling) water.
- Place gasket in a hot room (such as a furnace or boiler room, not over 110 degrees).
- Keep gasket AWAY from any open flame.
- Use hair dryer to warm up problem areas of gasket (use caution to avoid burning gasket).

CAUTION:

Never use harsh abrasive cleaners on vinyl door gaskets.
The use of chemical cleansers on door gaskets will cause the vinyl material to break down, and dramatically reduce the life of the product.