

San Diego member Jin Craig sent me the following letter.

"If you do order new windshields from the supplier I note below, be sure to inspect the glass prior to receiving and signing the delivery papers from the trucker. I made the mistake and didn't look at it till I got it home and it was broken in a million pieces. I had a hell of a time getting 1/2 of my money back. Just insist that they crate it properly."

ULTRAS all years:

Windshield part numbers,

left side: W576 right side: W575

Cost:

Plain \$450.00 right side only  
Tinted \$450.00 left side only

plus crating (\$25.00?) and shipping  
to west coast \$45/60.00

Supplier:

LOCAN GLASS INTERNATIONAL  
693 McGrath Highway  
Somerville, Mass. 02145

(617) 396-9595

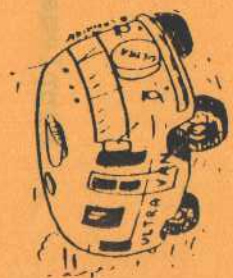
Attention: Mr. Alan Tankel

We'll be needing a new Sec/Treasurer. If you would like to help, please call or write me. W.C.B.

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## FORCED AIR HEATER INSTALLATION

.. Supplement to Section4, page 15 of RYERSON'S ULTRA MANUAL...

I had the stock wall furnace space heater. I got tired of a hot ceiling, cold floor, freezing at nite (because the pilot blew out), etc. So I took it out. I installed a Suburban "dyna-trail" model number NT-30. This is a 12 volt D.C., 30,000 BTU/Hr. forced air heater. They also have a 24,000 BTU/Hr. heater. It "just fits" in the old heater space and provides another seat, still allowing the door to swing through into the kitchen area.

The 12 volt power was tapped off the line that runs behind the heater, to the front. It's a number 12 size wire (I believe). I fused it in the closet area and mounted the thermostat on the wall just above the heater on the formica that forms the closet. Running the thermostat wires up the wall on the closet side where they are hidden from view.

The only problem I ran into was making extensions out the back of the heater for the exhaust and fresh combustion air. It is designed for a flush wall mount to the outside wall. In our Vans that is not possible because of the curve from the bottom to the top (Which gives the vehicle some of its strength). But a trip to a muffler shop got me the correct extension size and length.

A plywood cover was easy to make. A piece on the top and a piece on the front and the side facing foward. Formica or rug material will cover the plywood to match your decor. Round furnace outlets were purchased at the local R.V. store.

A solid state ignition system (no pilot to blow out), low amperage draw electric motor. This heater warms up your van FAST in cold weather. Because it heats fast, less amperage is used, as the motor runs less. I parked in a campground in Steamboat Springs, Colorado one winter. Temperatures were in the teen's every nite and the heater was the only source of heat. A 10 gallon propane tank (8 gallons usable) lasted about 6 days, including hot water heater and the refrigerator. By the way, there were no open dump stations there. they were all frozen over and covered with snow. I was the only one that could empty a holding tank because of the overboard pump we have.

Air intake for the heater is through the closet. So the door must be left open a bit to get the proper amount of air to the heater. Also a heater outlet can be placed in the bed area. There is a heater outlet on the closet side. Cut a hole in the closet at this point. Use a Corvair standard 4 inch heater hose and duct the heat to the rear through the 4 inch hole cut in the back side of the closet formica. This is nice at night. The heater is available at most R.V. stores and is manufactured by Suburban, Box 399 Dayton Tennessee 37321.

If you have items you want to share with others, send it along to:  
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