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WIX Cleans the Air for NASCAR Drivers, Fans

Does driving around town make you feel like you've just gone 500 miles at Daytona? It might not only be the traffic that's causing your temples to throb.

Six years ago WIX Filters, the #1 Filter in NASCAR, worked closely with Joe Gibbs Racing to design a unique cabin air filtration system that protects drivers' respiratory systems from particulate matter like dust, soot and rubber, noxious fumes, gas and oil vapors. Exclusively benefiting Joe Gibbs Racing drivers at its inception, the

NASCAR-approved system is now widely used in the NASCAR Sprint Cup, Nationwide and Camping World Truck Series. But, NASCAR racers are not the only drivers who benefit from WIX's cabin air filtration knowledge.

Studies have shown that the air inside your own vehicle compartment has significantly higher concentrations of exhaust gases than the outside air. These gases can cause a variety of problems, ranging from headaches and nausea to severe allergic reactions.

Designed to capture contaminants like



soot and dirt, as well as dangerous gases and odors, cabin air filters are your first line of defense against damaging airborne toxins that enter a vehicle while it's moving.

"Many people don't realize that the majority of cars manufactured since 2000 have a cabin air filter, whose job is two-fold," said Paul Bendoly, manager of technical services at WIX Filters. "Not only do cabin air filters clean the air before it enters the vehicle's HVAC system, protecting vital system

components from damage, but they also filter the air breathed by occupants in the vehicle, making car travel more enjoyable."

WIX Cabin Air Filters with **BioShield 75** provide additional protection through an invisible microbistatic coating that becomes part of the filter fiber, polymerizing and standing up like spikes—1,000 spikes of protection per the width of a hair

—to effectively inhibit the growth of mold, mildew, algae and bacteria.

Using advanced filter media innovations,

WIX offers a full line of high-efficiency cabin air filters for passenger cars, light trucks, heavy trucks and buses, and off-highway vehicles. Vehicle recommendations may vary, but the general guideline for replacing cabin air filters is every 12,000 to 15,000 miles—or at least once a year.

WIX Filters, part of Altria Group's family of brands, has been on the cutting edge of filtration engineering since 1939. As the world's top manufacturer of quality filtration products for the automotive, diesel, agricultural, industrial and specialty markets, WIX understands the importance of clean air in achieving optimum performance and driver safety. To find your filter, visit www.wixfilters.com.



Fest Folks Share Customizing Tips

Shade in the Cockpit

Have a nifty tip to share with your fellow Grady owners? Get in touch with us at anchorline@gradywhite.com or write Attn.: Anchorline, Grady-White Boats, P.O. Box 1527, Greenville, NC 27835.



ELMER AND DAN ELKINS constructed a full aft cockpit system with mesh screening that blocks out 95% of UV rays.

Grady Fest 2009 topics included helpful hints for getting the most enjoyment out of boating life, some shared during an open forum session facilitated by Cat Cox and others featured on display boards that Cat had put together with the help of fellow Turpoast Coast Grady-White Club members. Using bar sink strainers in drains; about dinghies and their transport; seasickness prevention; tift up techniques—there's a wide body of customer knowledge out there!

You can depend on Floridians to be wise in ways to create shade for sun protection aboard their Gradys. Cher and Dan Clark, *Express 338 Lady Gailber*, constructed a full aft cockpit system. The material is marine grade waterproof canvas, with mesh screening that blocks out 95% of UV rays. The main shade is strengthened with collapsible tent poles, two along the sides and one down the middle. The Clarks had aluminum poles made to fit into the rod holders at the stern,

and the back of the shade clips to these poles. The front attaches to the hardtop roof with six Velcro® straps. The sides also have Velcro to attach to the screening. Cher vented the top to keep it from billowing in the wind. The rig takes just minutes to put up or take down, and when the boat is not in use the canvas without the poles is hinged to the transom to work as a sunscreen.

Fred and Judy Buchas' *Express 338 Another Top*, and the *Gulfstream 232* owned by Jerry and Linda Mroczkowski, also have shades made by local custom canvas shops. The rear support poles are quickly removable for fishing, etc. The Buchas' shade supports itself without the poles when the boat is trolling in calm waters.



JUDY AND FRED BUCHAS' CUSTOM SHADE

Customer Tips

Here are recent suggestions for and from Grady-White owners. Like to share your ideas? E-mail us at anchorline@gradywhite.com or write to Anchorline, P.O. Box 1527, Greenville, NC 27835.

Keep Your Caulking Clean

Do you ever look at the caulk around access lids, the gas tank lid or the gunwales on your Grady and wonder how to keep it looking new? The key to clean caulk is cleaning it often so the mildew and mold cannot get a foothold. Almost all caulks contain additives that inhibit growth of mildew. However, mildew and mold will still appear. The only way to keep mildew at bay is to clean your caulk on a regular basis. If mildew gets well established, it becomes very difficult to remove.

Clean the caulk with non-chlorine mildew removers and cleaners. Do not allow mildew to get established. How often you will need to clean the caulk depends on your local conditions. You can use stronger cleaners that contain chlorine bleach (such as Tilex®) if needed, but these cleaners can damage your gelcoat and other surfaces if not used carefully. Read and follow the label with any cleaning product.

To clean your caulk, first test the cleaner in an inconspicuous area and make sure the cleaner won't damage or discolor surrounding surfaces. After applying the cleaner, allow it to soak on the area. Some areas may need to be scrubbed with a brush or cloth. Stubborn areas

may need to be cleaned more than once. Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water.

There are products that are designed to act as barriers to mold and mildew. One of these products is Bioshield® 75. Some of us here at Grady-White have been using this product on our personal boats and we have seen some good results. Bioshield is applied to a clean surface and allowed to dry. The surface will still need to be cleaned, but the formation of mold and mildew is inhibited between cleanings. Bioshield can be used on other mildew-prone surfaces such as canvas and cushions. The product should be reapplied about every 90 days. Here's a link with product information:

<http://www.boat.com/boatworld/boatworld.htm>

Some mold and mildew problems may be so bad that the only solution is to replace the caulk. Remember that after removing the old caulk, you must completely remove all mold and mildew from the area prior to re-caulking! Your Grady-White dealer can assist you with this job.

Remember, the key to keeping the caulk on your Grady-White looking great is to prevent mold and mildew from gaining a foothold by regular preventative cleaning.



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WIX CABIN AIR FILTERS with BIOSHIELD 75

The air inside your vehicle has significantly higher concentrations of pollutants such as soot, dirt and pollen than the outside air, which can cause problems ranging from foul odors, to headaches and allergic reactions. If these symptoms sound familiar, it may be time to change your cabin air filter. Look for the new WIX Cabin Air Filter with BioShield 75 packaging, which shows how you can keep the nasties - allergens, dust, toxic fumes and smells - from entering your vehicle.

For more information,
visit www.wixfilters.com

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