

Cautionary Tales

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RV AC Silencer

Anyone who has spent time in an RV during the warm months is familiar with one drawback of RV air conditions; the noise they produce.

Several months ago I read about the RV AC Silencer developed by WhackO Products. Basic information can be found at: <https://wackoproducts.com/product/dometic-rv-a-c-silencer/>

The silencer consists of a replacement for the factory air return cover. The factory original air cover extended about $\frac{3}{4}$ inch from the ceiling compared to about 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches for the RV AC Silencer cover (shown in photo below). There are separate kits for the Dometic and Coleman air conditioners.



Using a decibel-meter app on my tablet the measured sound level with the OEM cover installed was about 62 DB. The measured sound level after installing the RV AC Silencer was about 58 DB; a 4 DB difference. For comparison, a 6 db loss is approximately halving the noise.

The kits are expensive; north of \$200 per kit. I installed the silencer kit on both air conditions in February and have been satisfied with the results.

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