

Blower Replacement/Upgrade

The blower on my Epic 22 is located in the aft storage, starboard, on the hull. This is the view from inside the trunk, facing forward.



The original Attwood is LOUD and inefficient. To remove, cut the wireties top and bottom, separate the connector (yellow and black) Remove the two sheet metal screws from the hull plateholding the blower. The new blower footprint is identical.

Here is the replacement blower, a Rule model 140 3 in. West Marine p/n 1896919. Don't use the cheaper Attwood, Rule part is much better.



I cut the connectorized wires off the original blower and soldered and heat shrank the leads to the new blower. I hid the splice inside the blower.



To remount blower, insert a drill bit in the forward mounting hole. slide the blower mounting hole over the bit. Make sure the blower flow is going UP. Put the aft screw in first, then remove the bit and start the forward screw.



Connect the connector and secure the hose with the new ties provided with the blower. If you are missing any hull plugs, get them from the dealer. Test the blower, you should feel air coming out of the black transom plates on the stern.



It helps to have an "inside man" during this process! The trunk is amazingly large.



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