

Cockpit Coaming tip...

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Many times in the past I have tried to put a coaming around an open cockpit using split insulation from electrical wire. I can tell you that it was a real struggle with the vinyl being too stiff, coming off, and the glue making quite a mess. Well, I finally beat the little bugger. After removing the copper core from a piece of automotive hookup wire of the appropriate size, I split it down one side. (So far nothing new!) I opened it up, but it would spring right back. Putting a piece of tape on a small dowel rod, I attached the vinyl such that it could be wound up with the side that was next to the copper ending up on the outside of the roll. Now for the easy and quick part. Place the vinyl next to the cockpit opening and unroll the vinyl around the opening. When you get back to the start, trim the ends. As the vinyl unwinds it resumes its round shape and the split side firmly grips the edge of the cockpit. I then secured it with thin CyA.

