

How To Repair or Stop Rattling Windows

You never know your windows rattle until the wind blows. Unfortunately, the wind blows just about every day. If you want the rat-tat-tat, forget this recipe. If you want to get rid of it, read on.

Utensils

Ruler
Pencil
Shears
Small hammer

Ingredients

Pad of paper
Linoleum
Carpet tacks
Paraffin wax or silicone spray

Approximate Time: 30 To 45 Minutes

1. If your lower sash is rattling, raise sash as high as possible, and measure the distance from the bottom of sash to windowsill. Add 6" inches (Fig. 23A).
2. Note measurement on paper.
3. Now measure thickness of sash and subtract $\frac{1}{8}$ " inch (Fig. 23A).
4. Note this dimension on paper.
5. Cut strips of linoleum to the measurements taken. Two strips for each sash should be more than adequate.
6. If the upper sash is rattling, lower the window and measure the distance from the top of sash to top of window frame opening, and add 6" inches.
7. Note measurement on paper.
8. Measure thickness of sash and note measurement.
9. Cut strips as directed in step 5.
10. Starting at the right side of window, slip 6" inches of linoleum strip between window frame and top of sash as shown in Figure 23B, making sure bottom of strip is in contact with the sill.
11. If window has metal weather stripping, it will be necessary to slip linoleum underneath.

12. Nail linoleum into position with carpet tacks and hammer.
13. Repeat on other side and upper sash if necessary.
14. Rub linoleum with paraffin wax or silicone spray.
15. Run window up and down.
16. If window continues to rattle, repeat steps 10, 12, and 13 as necessary, adding linoleum strips as necessary.

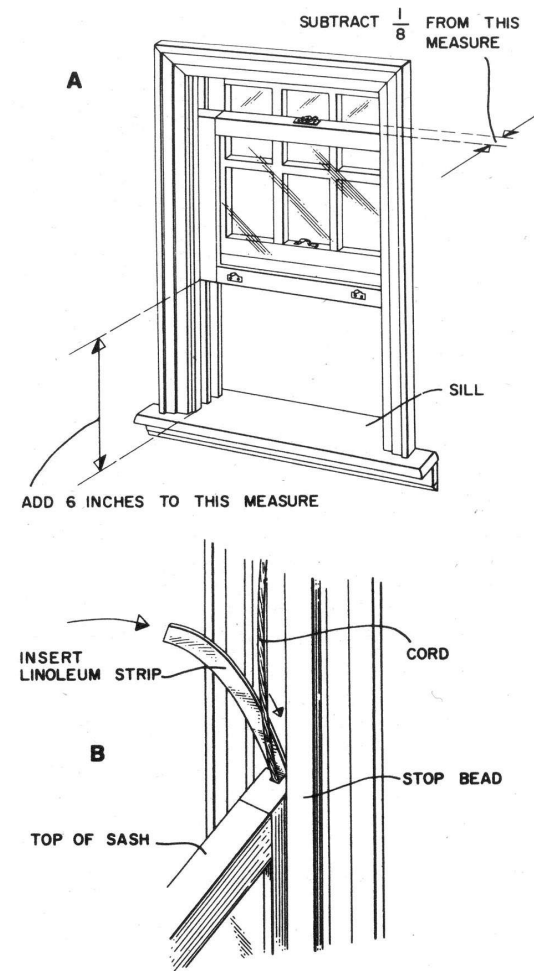


Figure 23.
How To Stop the Window Rattle