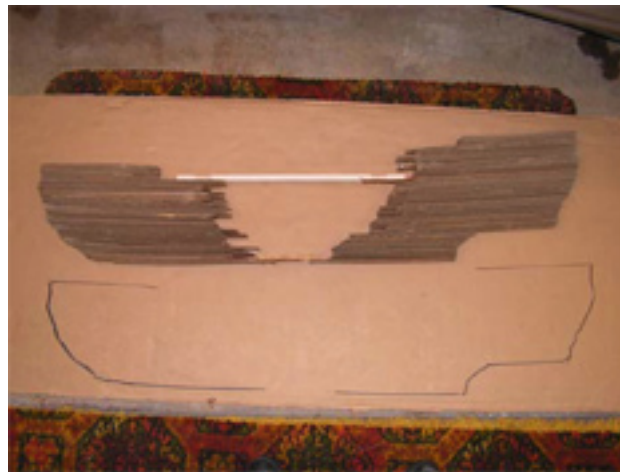




Ready to remove the halves



Traced outline was used to fit the plywood strips

I used fir marine plywood for maximum strength. I cut the plywood into 1½ inch wide strips so they would just fit in the transom opening width. I then cut them to match the contour and length of the traced shape. I made the longer strips in two pieces to allow them to be installed. I staggered the joints of the strips so that they all were near the sides of the transom opening and not in the middle where most of the bending load is. I inserted a nylon strap loop into the opening before fitting the wood strips to make it easy to remove them. It is not necessary to be totally accurate cutting the end contour of the strips, but the length is critical for maximum strength. I left as little a gap between the ends plywood strips as possible.



Staggered wood strip joint

I removed the strips one layer at a time by pulling on the nylon strap. As I remove them, I marked each strip with information that would allow me to replace them in the right order. A pencil is suggested for marking the wood as it will not run or disappear when the CPES is applied.