



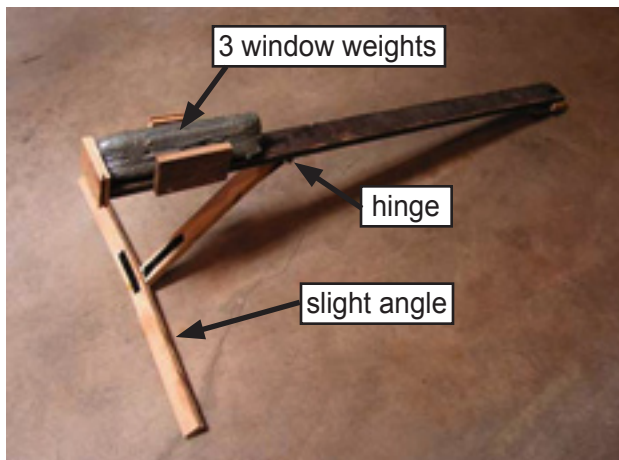
I had to let the CPES in the transom and plywood strips dry for two weeks at temperatures in the 25-50 degree F range to get most of the volatiles out of the wood strips.



I made a device to press the plywood strips into the transom while applying the L&L epoxy. It consisted of a weighted lever to keep the plywood strips from “floating” in the L&L epoxy and to keep the L&L epoxy thickness between the plywood strips consistent. The photo shows a slight angle on the contact arms so it would put the pressure on the center of the plywood strips rather than the edges, and also to minimize the amount of epoxy mess on the device.

I was able to apply the L&L into the transom dugout before each strip was installed with an extension attached to a disposable 1” brush. I hand painted the sides, ends, and the bottom of each strip with L&L before installing each one. I pounded each strip with a piece of wood or pried device

the strips down in the wings of the transom opening to seat in the L&L. I installed several layers then placed the device to gently squeeze the excess L&L from between the strips. I left it in place with the weight on it when I finished the last full length of strips in the transom.



I installed the plywood strips on a 50-degree day and had plenty of time to work with the L&L epoxy. The low temperature made the L&L plenty thick and sawdust was not needed. When most all the strips were installed, I ran out of L&L just short of the top of the transom. This was actually a good thing in that the height of the wood strips without the L&L epoxy was shorter than the height when L&L was added. I had neglected to account for the thickness of the L&L in between the strips. I discovered that the L&L amounted to about 1/2 inch per 16 wood strips. While waiting for more L&L, I adjusted the rest of the previously cut strips by reducing the thickness of one long section to make the rest fit. This plywood strips method of repair makes it possible to stop in the middle of the installation, as I needed to do.