



# Gasket Kit #3441

## Installation Instructions

### For All Vermont Castings Top-loading Stoves

(Also fits Dauntless door seals)

Vermont Castings' stoves use a steel-reinforced gasket to seal between the griddle and the top of the stove. With use, this gasket can become compressed and begin to lose its effectiveness. It should then be replaced.

#### Contents

4' of steel reinforced griddle gasket

#### Tools Required:

- Utility knife
- Rubber mallet, or hammer and block of wood
- Wire brush
- Flat-blade screwdriver

#### Installation Precautions

Wait until the fire is out and the stove has cooled before replacing the gasket, and be sure to follow the standard safety procedure for working with dusty materials: Wear safety goggles and a dust mask.

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The procedure for replacing the gaskets is the same, regardless of stove type. Remove the griddle, place it face down on a work surface, and follow these eight steps.

1. Remove the existing gasket by grasping an end and pulling firmly.
2. Use a wire brush or the tip of a screwdriver to clean the channel of any remaining cement or bits of gasket. Remove stubborn deposits of cement with a cold chisel if necessary.
3. Determine the correct length of the appropriately-sized gasket by laying it out in the channel. Allow an extra 1-2" (25-50 mm), and mark the spot to be cut.

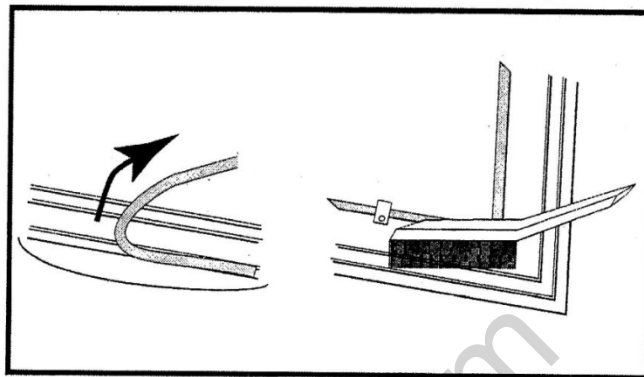


Fig. 1 Remove gasket then clean channel with wire brush.

4. Remove the gasket from the channel, place it on a wood cutting surface. Cut it at the marked spot with a utility knife. Twist the ends slightly to discourage the gasket from unraveling.
5. Apply the cement in the channel. Before you cut the tip of the cement tube, however, knead the tube thoroughly to help mix back into the cement any water that may have separated during storage. Practice applying the cement on a piece of newspaper before you actually place it in the channel. Once you are familiar with the technique, lay a thin, unbroken 1/8" (3 mm) bead of cement in the channel. Avoid saturating the gasket with the cement. If saturated, the gasket will lose its resiliency.
6. Starting at one end, press the gasket into the channel. Ensure a good joint where the gasket ends meet before trimming any excess. Do not overlap the gasket ends or leave ends with ragged edges.

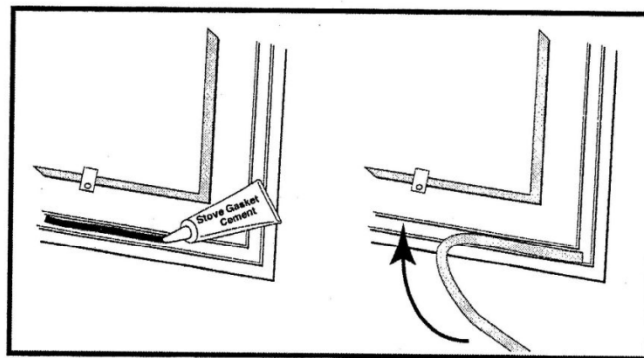


Fig. 2 Lay a bead of gasket cement then press gasket in place.

7. Press the griddle firmly against the stove top to seat the gasket evenly in its channel. Tap it with the rubber mallet (or hammer/block of wood) to help seat it properly. Never hit cast iron directly with a metal hammer.

8. Clean any excess cement from around the channel; extra cement left on painted iron will leave a white residue. Extra cement will attack and dull an enameled finish, so remove it immediately with a damp rag. Then, let the cement that holds the new gasket dry for at least 24 hours.

If a problem persists after this procedure, place a level or a straight-edge on the griddle to verify the griddle is not warped.

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