

TECH TIP

KEDER REPAIR FOR ALL "SLIDE-IN" TOPS

Preparation.

Survey the damaged area and fabric to determine the extent of repair. If the damage is larger than 3-4 feet, it is ideal to replace the entire keder edge.

NOTE: *This procedure is for replacing the exterior wrapper around the keder core rod.*

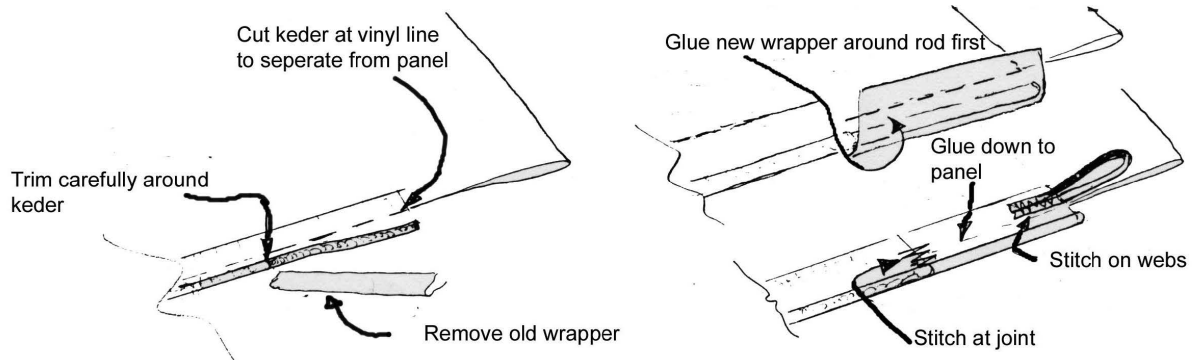
For rips and long tears, use masking tape on the opposite side of the area you are going to weld. This will help keep the rip or tear in place while you hot-air weld the seam or patch into place.

After the repair is completed, remove the tape and use #861 Spotter or Isopropyl (Rubbing) Alcohol to remove any tape residue.

Removing the Old Keder Wrapper.

1. Remove pull rings, webbing and/or loopens from keder flange area.
2. Trim the keder wrapper at the actual fabric edge until you are past the worn out or damaged point.
3. Working at a right angle, carefully cut around the keder rod, making sure not to score or cut in the keder rod.
4. Strip off old keder wrapper to the trim point.

HELPFUL HINT: *Using only scissors or a sharp knife, work carefully!*



Affixing New Keder Wrapper.

1. Cut new keder wrapper piece to length that covers the exposed area.
2. Hold around existing keder rod and check fit into the roof panel.
3. Glue new keder wrapper to rod, using HH-66 vinyl cement glue.
4. Wrap the core first, then close together at inside of core. Glue down flanges to existing roof panels.
5. Using a roller, squeeze down all flat area as tight as possible.

HELPFUL HINT: *Be sure to coat both parts first, let dry to a "tacky" surface.*

Finishing Touch.

- Now that your keder is restored, remove any excess glue and dust the area with talcum (baby) powder.
- Sew any pull rings, webbing or loops back into the same position as before.
- Panels are now ready for use!