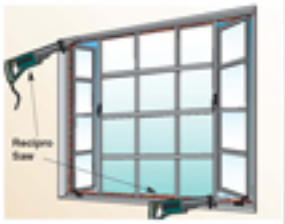
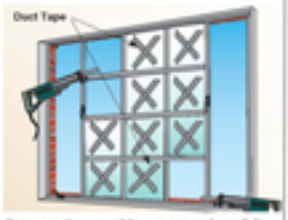
Remove those you can and drill out those you can't. Once the screws are removed, the whole window unit can be removed and the opening prepared with cupping and/or new blindstop of aluminum/vinyl or wood as described in "aluminum window removal."



Under frequent circumstances, however, old steel windows are too firmly embedded to be "removed" as described above. The first step, then, is to remove the window operating assemblies by unscrewing or cutting with recipro-saw or hacksaw.



Once operating assemblies are removed, carefully remove or tape-protect all glass in the fixed panels.

Using the recipro-saw or hacksaw, cut all remaining stantion and bottom metal frame leaving sides and top intact to serve as outside blindstops.

There are a couple of ways to create 'the blindstop' to mount the new window against. First is to leave the old frame intact. Using coil stock, shape a "cap" to fit over the old steel frame remaining in the opening. The "U" shaped cap (app. 1"x1"x1") will cover the frame and hide the old exterior putty or concrete embodiment. Once caulked, the exterior will be neat, finished, and weathertight.

Various Openings Can be Created When Old Windows are Removed

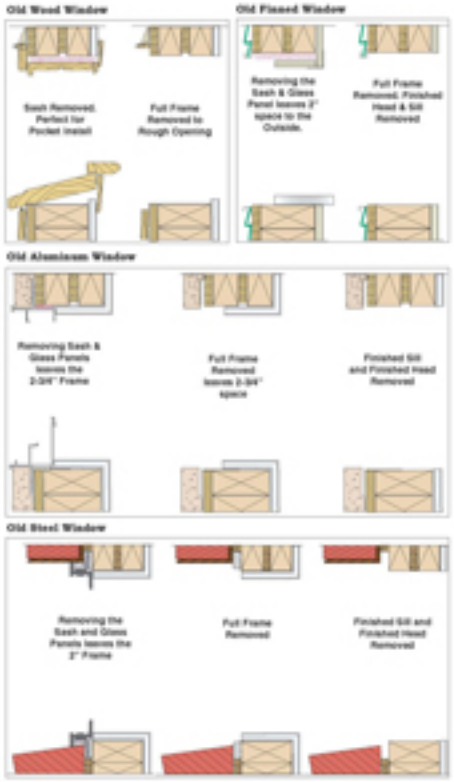
Old Wood Window – Removing the old sash and parting stops or aluminum track leaves a perfect opening for a "pocket Install" from inside or out.

Finned Window – Common mount for residential windows of wood or pvc. When removed, and the interior wall board and sill remain, then the new window will need to fit to the old trim or mount on top of the sill and beneath the header and filled accordingly.

Old Aluminum Window – New windows can be mounted on top of the old frame if left intact, or butted to the interior finish if removed. Removing the interior trim will allow all options for install.

Old Steel Window – Most common in brick veneer buildings or other masonry applications. Leaving the old frame in, the new window needs to mount butting the frame or on top.

Totally removing the frame requires some work to patch, but allows most any type of new window to be installed.



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g Old PVC Pocket Window



Step 1: Score any sealant around the Interior Trim.

Remove the Interior Trim at Jambs and Header.

If the Sill has been sealed with Caulk, score it to break the bond.

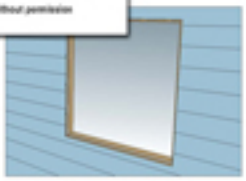


Step 2: Engage the Tilt Latches and free the bottom sash from the balances on each side.

Remove the bottom sash.









Step 4: Unscrew the balances from each jamb and put them aside.

Be careful if the balance is still in tension. Use screwdriver to turn the balance shoe lock to release it from the track.

Using an oscillating tool cut the jambs through on each side.

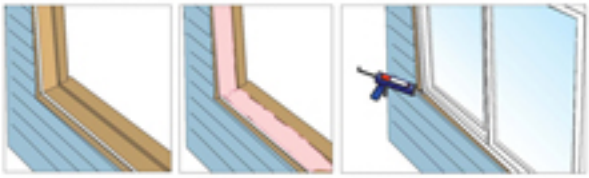
Score anywhere there is sealant to break the bond.

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Take care to cover the gap and use slow expansion foam sealing tape and/or insulation to cover the gap before setting the new window in against the old framing members along the inside jambs, sill and header.

Seal the new window along the outside, taking care to leave weep gaps in the sealant along the sill before setting new molding against the new window frame to fill out the space out to the siding.

Carefully seal the outside to divert water away from the window rather than letting it get in behind the trim.



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