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An idea worth warming up to for campers



Camping overnight in a van may be a chilling event for most unable to weather the elements. Space heaters? No way, especially for extended periods of time; these energy wasters are likely risky.

Then what? Heated flooring, a cost-effective and efficient means of traveling. It's a safer way to raise the vehicle's temperature, and a sustainable warmth.

But how? Installing heated flooring require skills and construction know-how! For those of us who simply do not possess such skills, here is a step-by-step approach to do so: The floor in the van must be removed before installing the heating.

Prep the Floor:

Remove nearly everything from the vehicle to get full access to the flooring. Strip the flooring material down to the bare metal. Repair imperfections like rust or uneven spots. Treat the metal with a coat of rust inhibitor.

The Insulation:

Add a layer of insulation to help retain warmth. This helps direct heat upward into the living space instead of letting it escape to the ground.

The Heating Elements:

Hot water tubing, or heating mats and cables are the two approaches suggested. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for installing either of these systems. Different zones can be designated to gather more heat than others if required.

Connect the System, Test:

Connect everything to a power source or heating system and conduct some tests, providing the van's power system has the capability to handle the extra loads. An update to the vehicle's battery setup may be required.

Installing the Subfloor:

Plywood is installed between the heating elements and main flooring material, which protects the heating elements, below and anchors the flooring material. It is important to focus on: securing the areas holding the heating elements. A surface should be toasty and comfortable with a heating element beneath it.

Installing the Floor:

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Remember, choose a lightweight surface thin enough to allow heat to permeate.

Wrap it up:

Place furniture and equipment in place. Be sure anchoring takes into account: the heating elements beneath the floor.



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