

Reducing Width on Lifestyle Screens Frame Horizontals

To reduce the width of an existing Lifestyle Screen horizontal frame member you will need the following tools:

1. Chop Saw with non-ferrous metal blade.
2. Drill motor with 5/16" drill bit.
3. Tape measure.
4. Automatic Snap punch.
5. Sharpie marker.
6. Safety Glasses.



In this example, we will use a 16' Lifestyle for our cut-down. We will be cutting the upper and lower frame horizontals to make a 9' wide Lifestyle.

1. Begin by determining the desired length of the upper and lower frame horizontal. To reduce the 16' horizontals down to a 9' horizontal we will need to remove 7' of frame material. Divide the amount of frame material to be removed by 2. This will be the amount we will need to take off each end of the horizontals. $16' - 9' = 7'$. $7'$ divided by $2 = 3' 6''$.

2. From each end of each horizontal, measure 3'6" and place a sharpie mark. Using a miter saw set at 0 degrees, cut the horizontal at the sharpie mark on both ends. After completing the cuts, you will have a 9' horizontal.

3. You will now need to redrill the two (2) 5/16" holes on both ends of your frame horizontals.

4. From the end of your cut-down horizontal, place a sharpie mark at 1" and at 3" dead center of the 2" horizontal. (Using a snap punch on your sharpie mark will keep your drill bit from "walking") **Double check before drilling that you are drilling the correct side of the horizontal as shown below.**

5. Drill the two (2) 5/16" holes at the 1" and 3" mark from the cut end., dead center of the 2" horizontal. Repeat process for opposite end of the horizontal.

Note: The springs from a wider unit will work on narrower units but will be a bit hotter. To compensate, reduce the initial stretch appropriately.

