

Affordable Fire Protection

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After doing some extensive research on motor home fire protection, I settled on installing several of the Elide Fire Ball fire suppressors. These are stay in place or hand thrown dry chemical fire suppressors that basically “explode” on contact with open flame. They are not heat sensitive so they can be used in high temperature areas like an engine compartment.

The Fire Balls come in two major styles with the major difference being the type of mounting bracket. The type that is used outside an engine compartment has a plastic basket the ball sits in. This type is available in both 4” and 6” size. These can be mounted in areas of a home that might be susceptible to fire and can be easily retrieved and thrown into flames. The engine compartment type is a 4” ball and comes in a metal clamping bracket which is attached to a frame or engine wall with one bolt or screw.

After recently reading about a fire in the front cockpit or generator of a Newell, the decision was made to install one of the engine compartment balls in the generator area as well as the engine compartment.



Top left: Mounted on a frame support above the fuel delivery area of the engine compartment.

Right: Mounted on the opposite side of the engine compartment above the turbo area.

Bottom left: Mounted to the frame for the generator compartment slide.

The current cost for these is \$95 each for the 4” balls and \$120 each for the 6” style. More information is available at www.elidefireus.com