



Above: The lower part of the vent box is shown after it is removed by unscrewing six nuts, two on each side and two at the bottom. Top red arrow shows electrical couplings that need to be unplugged. Bottom red arrow shows a coupling that needs to be removed from its bracket to give the vent box more room to swing to the side. I tried but could not unplug this coupling.

Above: Highlighted area of "THE PATCH" of fine lint. I was amazed to see that it was forming once again even after closing off the vent from outside air.
Below: I used Web Coil Cleaner and a plastic zip tie to clean out the fins of the evaporator. It was a time consuming process which I repeated three times: Spray, pick, rinse.. repeat.



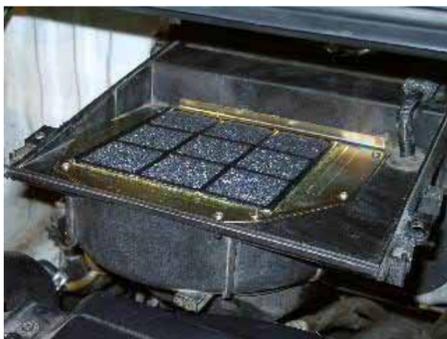
I was somewhat concerned about spraying water in this area to clean off the foam but it rinsed the evap fins nicely, draining into the condensation tube on the other side of the evaporator without clogging. I also placed a fan directly in front of the evaporator for about three hours to help dry it out

Unfortunately, after putting everything back together again, I realised that I had not snapped a picture of the now clean evap. I will say that it looked very nice and the AC now blows very cold air once again.

Below: After cleaning out the evap twice now, I do not wish to do it again. It does not seem to matter where the air comes from, inside or out, the "patch" still builds! So... this AC system needs some help and I hope what I have fashioned below works. I studied the vent box and came to the conclusion that the best place for a filter would be right on top of the brass plate above the fan. I went up to Ace Hardware while the fan was drying out the evap. and found this thin filter foam that was glued to a plastic grid.



Above: I cut a section easily enough with a utility knife and glued it to the brass fan plate with DAP Contact Cement (also sold at ACE.) As you can see **below** it looks as though it was ment to be there. I'll check it in a few months for lint build-up and adhesion and post the results here... Fingers crossed!



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