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Andy Weyenberg began welding at his father's business a few years before joining the Army. After going to school for Electro-Mechanical, he started working for Miller Electric Mfg. LLC as a technical service rep and training instructor. Andy has built and raced stock cars since he was a teenager — and now builds high-performance street vehicles while also managing the Miller motorsports program.

SKILL LEVEL: Intermediate TIME COMMITMENT: 2 hours

I TOOLS AND MATERIALS



Multimatic® 220 AC/DC multiprocess welder



Brass filter



6063 or 6061 alloy aluminum round tubing (1-5/8" x 1/8") (5" long)



1-1/2" x 4" x 1/8" aluminum plate or flat stock for the mounting bracket



1/4" aluminum plate or flat stock for the end caps



Hole saw



Sander/grinder



Hand drill



Drill bits (5/16", 7/16", 33/64", 9/16" x 18" fine tap and 1/4" pipe tap)



Visc



3/32" 4043 or 4943 filler metal



5/16" rivet nuts (2)



Rivet nut setter

1/2" wrench

WARNING: READ AND FOLLOW ALL LABELS AND THE OWNER'S MANUAL.

EXPANSION TANK

Leaking axle vent hose? Fix those worn seals or small seeps with this expansion recovery tank project.



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STEP BY STEP



Take your round tubing and cut to desired length; remember to deburr the edges. Mine was cut to 5" long.

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Using your 1-3/4" hole saw, cut two end caps out of the 1/4" aluminum. Sand or grind the rough edges if needed.



Using a hand drill and vise, drill 7/16" hole and thread with 1/4 NPT tap for the brass air filter. I used a 33/64" bit and 9/16" x 18" fine tap for the bottom fitting.



Set the Multimatic 220 AC/DC to 200 amps, 73% balance and frequency set to 90 hertz; then TIG weld the end cap to the round tubing.



Take your mounting bracket and drill two 5/16" holes 1/2" from each end and 3/8" from the edge. Weld to the round tubing.



Attach expansion tank to vehicle by drilling two 7/16" holes into an area with backside clearance, and use 5/16" rivet nuts with 5/16" x 1" bolts and lock washers.



Finish by attaching the vent hose to the new expansion tank.



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