RV-10 Center Arm Rest Console

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What’s included:

The carbon fiber center arm rest console is included. No mounting hardware is included.

What you need to supply:

Nutplates, screws, and rivets are not included because they may vary with each builder’s installation and preferences. We will provide suggestions in the instructions, but each builder will need to determine the appropriate hardware for their installation per AC 43.13.

Note: The arm rest cover may be removed and sent to an upholsterer to be finished with padding and a leather or cloth covering.

Note: Carbon fiber is electrically conductive. If you install headset jacks on the carbon fiber, you will need to ensure that the jacks are completely isolated.
Installation Instructions

Step #1

You will need to determine how you want to mate the carbon fiber center arm rest console with the lower console. There are two alternatives that will be shown in the document. There are most likely other alternatives that will work. You will need to determine which approach is most pleasing to you.

The first alternative is to cut off the forward flange on the center arm console. The flange was originally intended to go under the lower console of the instrument panel. We have found that most customers have cut this off flush. If you are installing an Andair fuel valve, there can be no flange underneath the lower console panel. This will be discussed in more detail later in this document.

In the best of situations you are installing the lower console of the instrument panel and the center arm rest console at the same time. Once the flange is cut off, you will need to ensure that the lower console panel and the center arm rest console mate perfectly flush with each other. Align the top so that it smooth. Since there is a gap to slide carpet underneath each side there is some lateral movement. Just align both pieces so the gap is equal on both sides of the tunnel.

The other alternative is to install a rubber seal between the lower center console and the arm rest console. This will give you more flexibility in case you have difficulties aligning the two pieces as described above. Look for the black seal that is just in front of the fuel valve in the photo to the right. You may want to leave a small part of the flange for the seal to attach.
Step #2

Using a strap duplicator, locate and drill the holes on the tunnel covers. A #19 strap duplicator works well, but you will want to enlarge the holes with a #12 drill bit afterwards. Also, you don’t have to use every hole in the tunnel cover to mount the arm rest. It is recommended using at least four holes.

You may want to use a pan head screw, since the depth of the carbon fiber wall may not have enough material to counter sink appropriately. Also, you will need a longer screw than those that were supplied by Vans for the tunnel cover.

If you have any questions about your installation, please give us a call or send an email.

Arm Rest – Headset/Mic/Oxygen Addendum

You can install headset and microphone jacks and/or oxygen jacks per your cockpit requirements. Just remember that carbon fiber is conductive, so everything needs to be electrically isolated.
Andair Fuel Valve Addendum

If you are installing an Andair fuel valve you will need to do some additional tasks. You will want the fuel selector module to sit flush against the bottom of the arm rest console. This will require you to cut an opening in the tunnel cover to accommodate this. You can see an example in the photo to the right. Your hole may vary in exact location due to how and where your fuel valve is located. This particular fuel valve is in the new standard factory location. The Andair fuel valve in this location used about 3” of the extension tube.

Additionally, it is suggested that you may want to cut your tunnel cover into two pieces. This will allow greater convenience for performing conditional inspections. You can see in the photo to the left there is a natural break just at the front edge of the front seats. There are also two screws located close together so additional screw holes aren’t required.

The last task is to cut the hole for the Andair valve in the arm rest console. Since the location will vary with the installation of your fuel valve, you will need to determine the precise center point for the hole. Align the bezel and drill the four holes.