

HOW TO REMOVE A TOILET TANK



There are a number of reasons for separating a tank from the toilet bowl.

- To replace a flush valve.
- Because of leaks between the tank and bowl.
- To more easily lift a toilet bowl in order to replace the wax ring.
- To replace a cracked tank.

Use penetrating lubricant (LPS-1 or WD-40) on the nuts under the tank. Give the penetrating lubricant time to work... overnight, if possible. Holding a large screwdriver on the head of the bolt inside the tank, turn the nut under the tank with an adjustable wrench. If the nuts refuse to come loose, you may have to resort to sawing through them with a hack saw. It's a tedious job, but it can be done.

Once separated, you should find a cone-shaped gasket and a tank cushion gasket. You will have gone to a lot of work to get this job done. I suggest that you replace all the washers, bolts and gaskets that you can with new ones; you must at the very least replace the washers and cone shaped gasket. Now is the time to install a new flush valve if you need one.