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GABLE VENT REPAIR



Homes with gable vents often have signs nuisance animals such as squirrels, birds, bats and even sometimes raccoons. These animals can cause significant damage to duct work, insulation, wiring and plumbing if not removed and access is not prevented.



In this photo it is easy to identify the location animals are entering the attic.



The interior screen can be damaged or even completely removed by the animals.



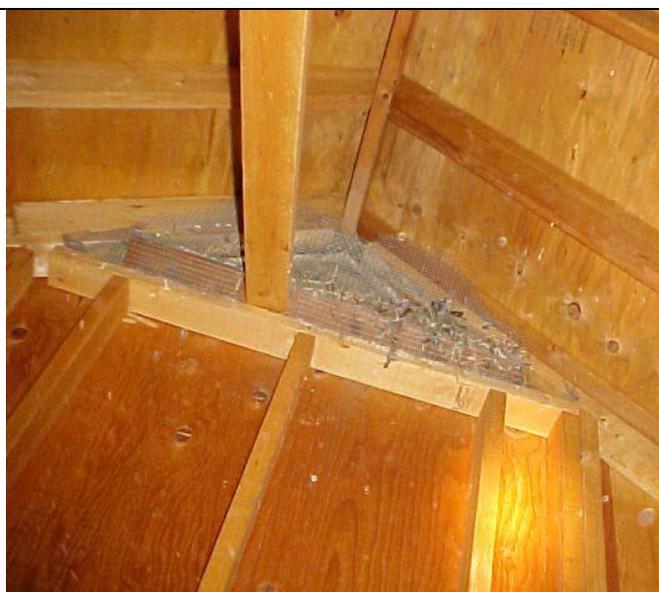
In this photo it may not be as easy to notice an entrance location.



From inside the attic you can see the screen mesh has been torn.



This is a nest that was built in a roof vent. I have seen entry locations through eaves and other small holes in the siding of a home.



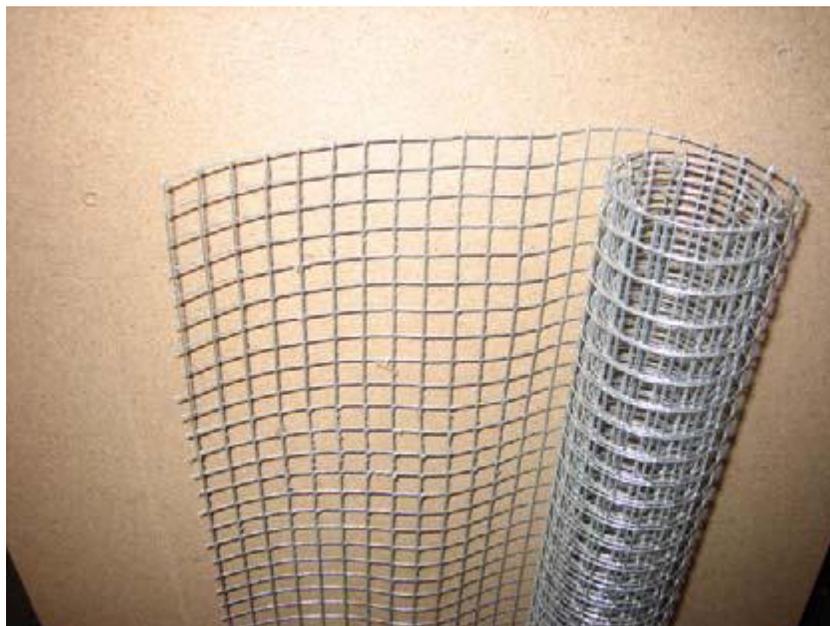
Even if there is an interior screen birds will sometimes build a nest within the louvres if there is enough room. In this case it may be necessary to install the wire mesh on the outside of the gable vent.



This is a rather large nest in an attic. It caused significant odors from the urine, feces and dead critters.



This photo shows damaged duct insulation. Damaged duct work can cost more in utilities and allow odors into the home.



We recommend installing hardware mesh over the interior vent locations to minimize the potential for unwanted pest entry. The mesh should be small enough to prevent pest entry but not so small that it will clog with dirt and other windblown debris. It is recommended to use ½” to ¼” mesh size. The mesh should be a heavier gauge metal so that the larger animals (squirrels and raccoons) will have a difficult time tearing the material. Wear leather gloves and use wire snips when working with the material. You can secure it with large staples or nail a strip of wood around the perimeter.