

Ceramic Fan Heater



It is commonly known that Landrover Defenders have some trouble with heating. It is therefore no wonder that it gets quite frosty inside the car if outside temperature falls to 0 degrees Celsius or below. Specially my feet were affected. Either some holes in the car sucked the warm air off or – if I remember correctly my lessons in physics – cold air always drops to the bottom. Regardless. I decided to change this situation.

Unfortunately, the options are quite restricted. Either you pay a lot for a heating booster or you extemporize. For cost reasons I decided for the latter and ordered at Westfalia (<http://www.westfalia-versand.ch>) two 12V ceramic fan heaters. Cost: 25 CHF apiece. However, I didn't think that they would keep their (advertising) promise. The performance is rather meager (150W). But it was somewhat a surprise to me that a light hot airstream was sufficient to keep my legs and feet warm even in bad weather conditions.



I have fixed the fan heaters permanently and connected them to my seat heating mats. Both can therefore be activated through one switch. The heater though has also a on/off switched built in and can be changed to ventilation only. However, so far I only needed the heating. An additional feature of the fan heaters are that they also have a handle for mobile use. With that you can either defrost the windows, or use it as a hair dryer in emergency.

As I mounted the heaters only recently, they had not yet the chance to pass the 'offroad exam'. But, after all, too much can not break.