

Service Bulletin

HOLLAND® FW35, FW33, FW31, FW17 and FWAL Series Fifth Wheels

Setting/Installing Bracket Pocket Inserts in Fifth Wheel Top Plates

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IMPORTANT: All maintenance MUST be performed by a trained technician using proper tools and safety procedures.

NOTE: In the United States, workshop safety requirements are defined by the federal and/or state Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA). Equivalent laws could exist in other countries. This manual is written based on the assumption that OSHA or other applicable employee safety regulations are followed by the location where work is performed.

Bracket Pocket Insert Installation

When receiving aftermarket fifth wheel top plates (example: XA-351-A-L-P), two bracket pocket inserts (P/N: XD-08908) will ship loose and need to be installed when the top plate is attached to the mounting brackets, per the installation instructions that ship with the top plate.

The fit between the top plate and the bracket pocket inserts is purposely tight to ensure long life for both parts. There are some circumstances in which casting residue inside the pocket of the top plate casting can create a slight interference with easy drop-in installation of the bracket pocket inserts. In these circumstances, SAF-HOLLAND® recommends using an intermediate non-metal part (example shown in **Figure 1** is a small wood block) placed in contact with the dislodged bracket pocket insert. Use a light hammer or mallet to tap the intermediate part against the bracket pocket insert. Generally, this is all that is required to press the bracket pocket insert past any residual interference in the top plate to firmly secure the bracket pocket insert into place.

If this procedure is unsuccessful in firmly seating the bracket pocket insert(s) into place, please contact SAF-HOLLAND Customer Service at 888-396-6501 for replacement parts.

Figure 1

