

# Service Bulletin

## HOLLAND® Fifth Wheels



### Fifth Wheel Add-On Aftermarket "Safety Devices" Are NOT Needed

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SAF-HOLLAND® has been designing, manufacturing and selling HOLLAND® fifth wheels since 1932. Over that time we have earned a reputation within the heavy transportation industry as the source of high quality, fifth wheel coupling devices for trucks in North America. Our HOLLAND® fifth wheel products are specifically designed to successfully connect a truck to the kingpin of the trailer it is going to pull, using both primary and secondary locking systems. Our HOLLAND® fifth wheel designs provide the reliability, durability and safety required by trucking fleets that move freight in Canada, Mexico and the United States. There is no need to install products, marketed as "safety devices" when HOLLAND® fifth wheels are properly coupled to a trailer.

In addition to relying on high quality HOLLAND® fifth wheels, our industry relies on professional truck drivers to properly couple their trucks to the trailers they are going to pull. The coupling procedure includes a visual inspection, specified by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Act (FMCSA), to verify a fifth wheel's locking system is properly engaged with the trailer's kingpin. This combination of a well designed and tested fifth wheel and driver training and coupling verification results in truck to trailer connection that is highly reliable.

Individuals or companies that add other devices to HOLLAND® fifth wheels have changed our fifth wheel in a way for which our fifth wheels have not been tested. By doing so they have become designers and manufacturers themselves. Designers and manufacturers of fifth wheels are responsible for the reliability and safety of the resulting product. SAF-HOLLAND® will NOT evaluate NOR will we be held responsible for the installation or operation of the resulting design. In addition, unauthorized modification of a HOLLAND® fifth wheel will void our product warranty.

Some of these "safety devices" are welded directly to our top plate in areas that provide structural support and contribute to the overall strength, durability and safety of the fifth wheel. SAF-HOLLAND® has not tested fifth wheels with these devices or with welds in these areas and therefore it is NOT known what affect they may have on the strength, durability, safety or reliability of our product.

Thank you for your continued confidence in the reliability and safety of HOLLAND® fifth wheels.



From fifth wheel rebuild kits to suspension bushing repair kits, SAF-HOLLAND Original Parts are the same quality components used in the original component assembly.

SAF-HOLLAND Original Parts are tested and designed to provide maximum performance and durability. Will-fits, look-alikes or, worse yet, counterfeit parts will only limit the performance potential and could possibly void SAF-HOLLAND's warranty. Always be sure to spec SAF-HOLLAND Original Parts when servicing your SAF-HOLLAND product.

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