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## SERVICE BULLETIN

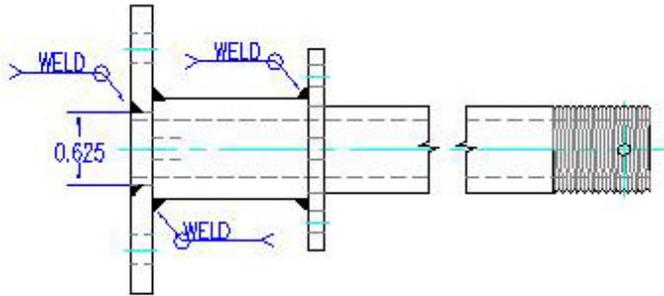
### WHLA7 Flange Mount Axle Versions

The earlier manufacturer of MATCO mfg products produced the WHLA7 Flange mount axle in several configurations. After acquiring the assets of MATCO mfg in November of 2000, two distinctive changes were made to this axle. The current axle design as shown in the diagram below has been produced since (on or about) January of 2001.

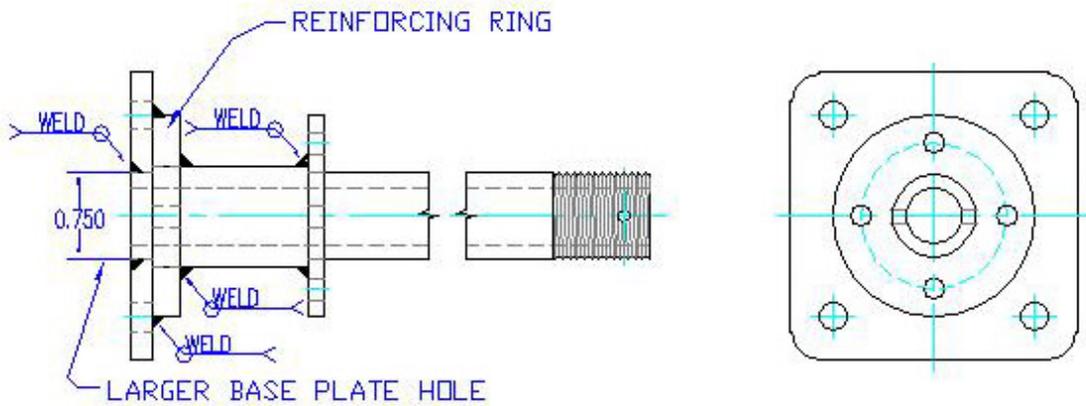
The key aspects that differentiate the current design from that used by the earlier manufacturer is the reinforcing ring welded to the base at the axle flange interface and the larger diameter hole in the flange base that accepts the axle stub.

The current design provides a better interface between the axle stub and the flange base. Although the older design was not produced by the current manufacturer of MATCO mfg products, builders who desire to incorporate the new design may exchange their old style units for \$31.75 each. The exchange must be accomplished by 12/15/05.

It must be noted that the WHLA7 is a heat treated axle and, as such, the structural integrity can be adversely affected (embrittlement) by additional welding. Although there are processing techniques that might be employed, MATCO mfg does not recommend rewelding any of our steel axles and does not perform rework on axles sent here for exchange. Old style axles sent to MATCO mfg will be scrapped rather than repaired.



WHLA7 AXLE MADE BY PRIOR  
MANUFACTURER OF MATCO mfg PRODUCTS



CURRENT VERSION OF WHLA7 AXLE  
PRODUCED SINCE (ON OR ABOUT) 01/01  
(DISTINGUISHED BY REINFORCING RING AND  
LARGER BASE HOLE DIAMETER)

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