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Technical Bulletin

Re: Enlargement of 3-inch Diameter Hole in Panel Face

All 18-inch and 24-inch wide **Hardy Frame**[®] Panels are fabricated with two 3-inch diameter holes in the face of the product. The centerline of one hole is located at 9-inches from the top, and the centerline of the other hole is located at 9-inches from the bottom of the Panel. Through calculations and testing, the hole in the upper area of the Panel may be increased to a 5-inch diameter hole with no decrease in the products allowable values.

Enlargement of the hole should be done under the following parameters:

- 1) Work to be done with a hole saw in order to produce a true circle (versus a reciprocating saw).
- 2) The horizontal centerline should be maintained at the middle of the Panels width.
- 3) The top of the hole should be maintained at 6 inches from the top of Panel by relocating the centerline to 10 inches from top of Panel (for enlargement to 5 inch diameter).

If you have any questions or need further clarification on this or any other Hardy Frame details please call us at (800) 754-3030.