

IMPORTANT NOTICE

16" Versatile Dovetail Plate (SBD16)

Due to the 5" width of the SBD16 Versatile Dovetail Plate, its use with the pre-March 2007 design of the 16" Dovetail Saddle Plate will require a slight modification of the locking clamp assemblies to ensure that the plate seats and locks properly.

Identify: We have included four - 1/4" washers amongst the included cap screws. These washers are provided for use with a pre-March 2007 design of the 16" Dovetail Saddle Plate. The quickest way to determine if your saddle plate is the earlier design is to look at the clamps of your saddle plate and compare them to the images below. Note: knobs have been removed



Pre-March 2007



Post-March 2007

Solution: If you have the rectangular style clamp like the image on the left, then you need to add two washers to each of the threaded shafts. Simply unscrew the locking clamp knobs and add two washers to each threaded shaft (a brass washer is already present and should remain). Now reattach the knobs and you are finished.

If you have the oval style clamp like the image on the right, then no modification is necessary.

Alternate Solution: Alternatively, the newer style knobs (SDOVE162KB) can be purchased from Astro-Physics for a nominal charge. This newer design has a smaller head, but includes an inset cap screw which can then be tightened with a 3/16" hex wrench for heavy payloads. The existing brass washer is re-used.