



## New “NEXGEN” Seat Securement SERVICE NOTICE #17-0831



### **2” Seat Washers NOT Required**

As we explained in Sales Update #17-05, Blue Bird and Microbird are releasing a new seat referred to as the “NEXGEN” Seat! With the new seat, bolt securement requirements to the floor have changed.

Previous seats on the Type C & D Blue Birds, the bolts used were 5/16” and required a 14 gauge X 2” washer on ALL the bolts. The new seats have a single stamped leg with 3 flange bolts that are 1/2”. The nuts are flanged as well and have a 7/8” flange. The front bolts no longer require washers (FIGURE#1). The 2 rear bolts, which are positioned in the reinforced portion of the seat leg, require a .180 plate (FIGURE #2).

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This was presented to NYSDOT and Rusty Seastrum responded that “Whereas the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards current seating securement performance standards were upgraded subsequent to the effective date of 720.4 (P)(2)( c ), and thereby mandating a stronger seat attachment, and the washer requirement is inferior to current designs of seating securements, the washers are therefore not required.”

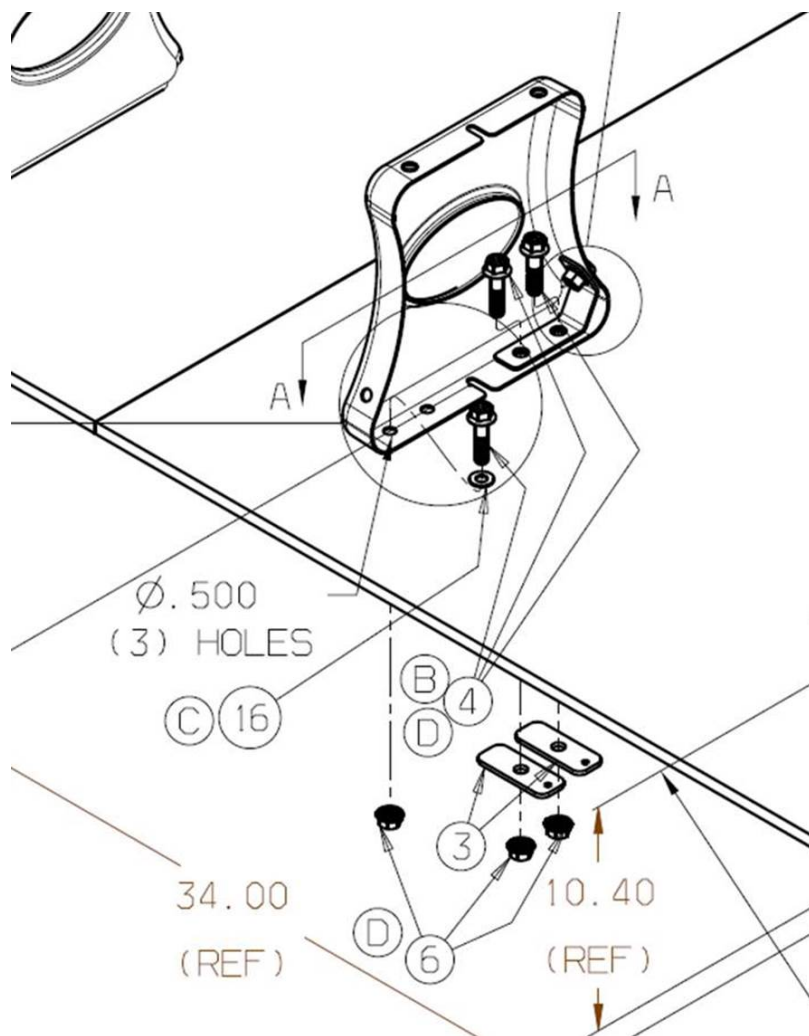


FIGURE #1

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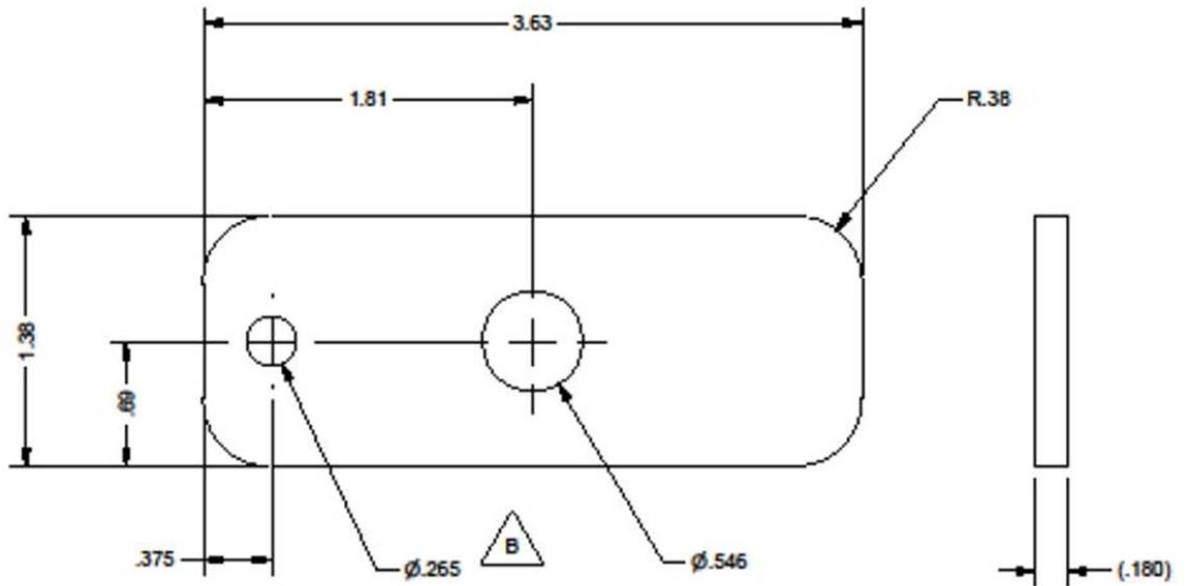


FIGURE #2

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