



MAINTENANCE INFORMATION

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SUBJECT: TRANSMISSION PROTECTIVE PANELS

APPLICATION

Model	VIN VIN PREVIOUS CAR INC. PREVIOUS CAR INC. PRICE OF THE COMPANY OF THE COMPAN
H3-41, H3-45 and VIP-45 Model Year: 1995-1998	From 2P9V33494S1001057 up to 2PCH33415W1012186 incl. except 2PCH33416W1012164
XL-45 Coaches and MTH-45 Model Year: 1995-1998	From 2P9M3349XS1001401 up to 2PCM33495W1026383 incl. except 2PCL33499W1026351 2PCL33498W1026356 2PCL33495W1026363 2PCL33492W1026367 2PCL33494W1026371 2PCL33491W1026375 2PCL33499W1026379

DESCRIPTION:

On the above-mentioned vehicles, protective panels can be installed in order to avoid the accumulation of dirt on the transmission. To do so, order one of the following kits: kit #071164 must be ordered for XL-45 coaches and kit #071041 for MTH-45 motorhomes; kit # 071076 must be ordered for H3-41, H3-45 and VIP-45 vehicles.

PROCEDURE

Warning: Park vehicle safely over a repair pit, apply parking brake, stop engine and set battery master switch(es) to the OFF position prior to working on the vehicle.

Prior to working under an air-suspended vehicle, it is strongly recommended to securely support the body at the recommended jacking points.

- 1. Welding must be done only by a qualified and experienced person.
- 2. Protective shields must be placed in order to protect components against heat, welding flash, welding arc and other elements associated with welding.
- 3. Always wear the appropriate safety equipment.
- 4. Weld in clean and well-ventilated area, and always have an appropriate fire extinguisher within your reach.
- 5. The following precautions are to be taken to protect the electronic control components:
- Cut off battery power (battery master switch) from battery compartment.
- Disconnect wiring harness connectors from ECM (Electronic Control Module). The ECM is mounted on the starter side of the engine.
- For vehicles equipped with an automatic transmission, disconnect wiring harness connectors from ECU (Electronic Control Unit). The ECU is located in rear electrical compartment.

- For vehicles equipped with ABS (Anti-Brake System), disconnect wiring harness connectors from ABS Electronic Control Unit. The ABS Electronic Control Unit is located in the front service compartment.
- Do not connect welding cables to electronic control components.

Warning: Only the recommended jacking points must be used as outlined in Section 18 of Maintenance Manual: "Body" under heading "Vehicle jacking points" or in Operator's Manual.

- 6. Using a grinding wheel, remove asphalt base undercoating (gravel guard) or paint from parts requiring welding.
- 7. Because of material thickness, it is recommended to use a semi-automatic electric arc welding machine in accordance with the following specifications:

STEEL - STAINLESS STEEL OR STAINLESS STEEL - STAINLESS STEEL WELDING

Note: Welding must be done only by a qualified and experienced person.

- GMAW (Gaz Metal-Arc Welding) process;
- welding wire conforms to AWS (American Welding Standards) A5.9 specifications;
- 308L type welding wire with 0.035" diameter (0,9 mm);
- voltage: 18 volts to 22 volts;
- · current: 50 amperes to 200 amperes;
- shielding gas: T90-H (90% helium, 7,5% argon, 2,5% CO²).

If necessary, with lots of precaution to avoid perforate material, it is possible, but not recommended, to use a conventional electric arc welding machine, in accordance with the following specifications:

- SMAW (Shield Metal-Arc Welding) process;
- welding rod conforms to AWS (American Welding Standards) A5.9 specifications;
- 308L-16 type welding rod with 3/32" diameter (2,4 mm);
- current: flat 40 amperes to 70 amperes

up - 35 amperes to 50 amperes

overhead - 40 amperes to 60 amperes.

MTH-45 MOTORHOMES

MATERIAL

Kit #071041 includes the following parts:

Part No.	Description	Qty
071081	Bracket	2
071101	Protective panel	1
071103	Protective panel	1
071104	Lateral bracket	2
071130	Protective panel	1
071131	Bracket	1
500958	Washer, flat SS.	6
502780	Screw, cap HH	2
502810	Screw, self-tapping	4
5001231	Screw, cap HH	6
5001341	Washer, flat SS.	2

Note: Material can be obtained through regular channels.

- 1. Weld the two brackets (Prévost #071081) to the crossmember refering to figures 1 and 2 welding specifications. Weld the two lateral brackets (Prévost #071104) to the pillars (refer to figures 3 and 4). Allow welding to cool then remove slag. Recoat welded surfaces.
- 2. Secure bracket (Prévost #071131) to the crossmember using four screws (Prévost #502810). Slide left (Prévost #071130) and right (Prévost #071101) protective panels into the lateral brackets high enough to be able to support them by the two brackets (Prévost #071081). Fix the two protective panels using two screws (Prévost #502780) and washers (Prévost #5001341). Install rubber protective panel (Prévost #071103) and secure the assembly including the protective panel (Prévost #071103), left and right protective panels and bracket (Prévost #071131) using six screws (Prévost #5001231) and washers (Prévost #500958) (refer to figure 1).

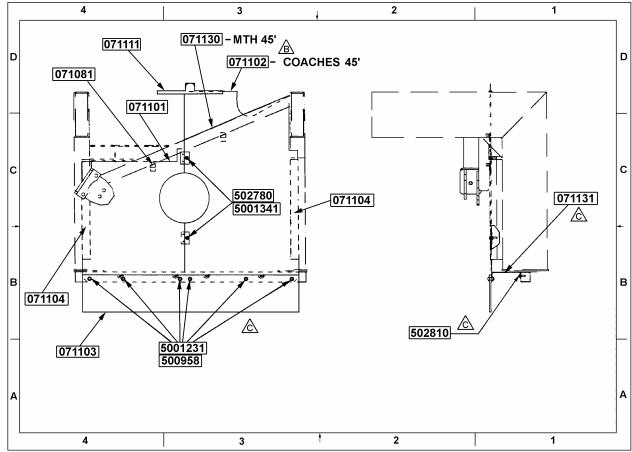


FIGURE 1: XL SERIES VEHICLES TRANSMISSION PROTECTIVE PANELS

XL-45 COACHES

MATERIAL

Kit #071164 includes the following parts:

Part No.	Description	Qty
071081	Bracket	2
071101	Protective panel	1
071103	Protective panel	1
071104	Lateral bracket	2
071111	Bracket	1
071102	Protective panel	1

071131	Bracket	1
500958	Washer, flat SS.	6
502780	Screw, cap HH	2
502810	Screw, self-tapping	4
5001231	Screw, cap HH	6
5001341	Washer, flat SS.	2

Note: Material can be obtained through regular channels.

- Weld the two brackets (Prévost #071081) to the crossmember refering to figures 1 and 2 welding specifications. Weld the two lateral brackets (Prévost #071104) to the pillars (refer to figures 3 and 4).
 Weld the bracket (Prévost #071111) to rear subframe ceiling (refer to figure 5). Allow welding to cool then remove slag. Recoat welded surfaces.
- 2. Secure bracket (Prévost #071131) to the crossmember using four screws (Prévost #502810). Slide left (Prévost #071102) and right (Prévost #071101) protective panels into the lateral brackets high enough to be able to support them using the two brackets (Prévost #071081) and insert the top part of left protective pannel into the bracket (Prévost #071111). Fix the two protective panels using two screws (Prévost #502780) and washers (Prévost #5001341). Install rubber protective panel (Prévost #071103) and secure the assembly including the protective panel (Prévost #071103), left and right protective panels and bracket (Prévost #071131) using six screws (Prévost #5001231) and washers (Prévost #500958) (refer to figure 1).

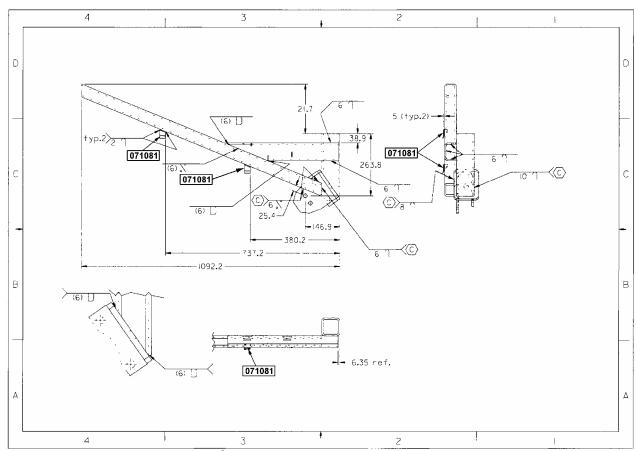


FIGURE 2: BRACKET INSTALLATION (PRÉVOST #071081)

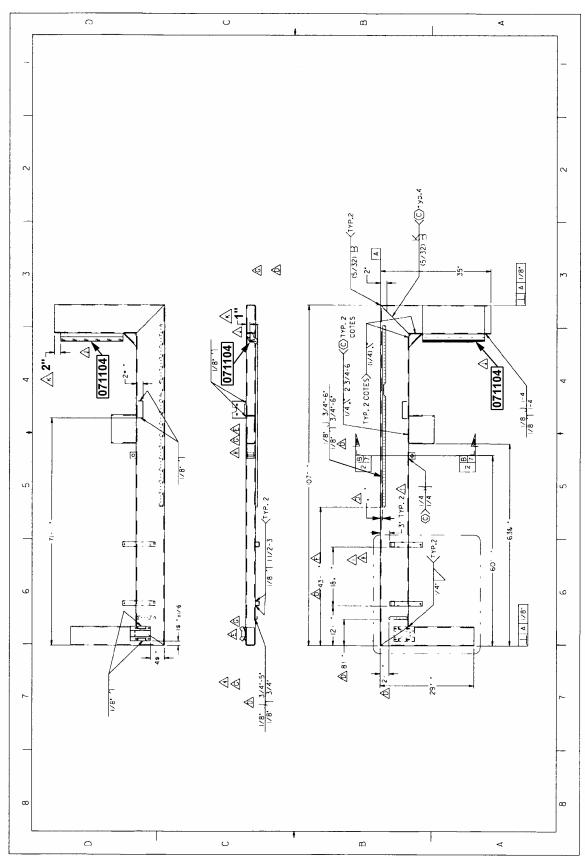


FIGURE 3: LONGITUDINAL MEMBER RIGHT HAND LATERAL BRACKET INSTALLATION

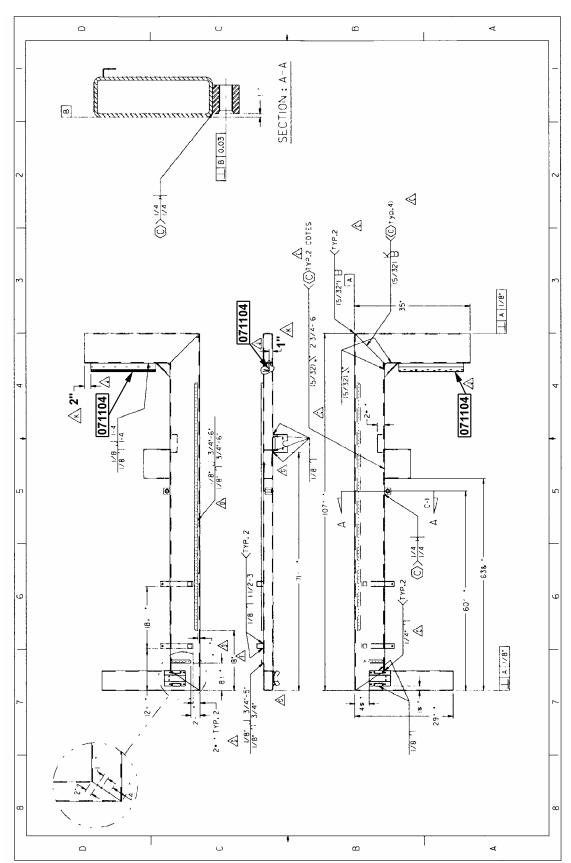


FIGURE 4: LONGITUDINAL MEMBER LEFT HAND LATERAL BRACKET INSTALLATION

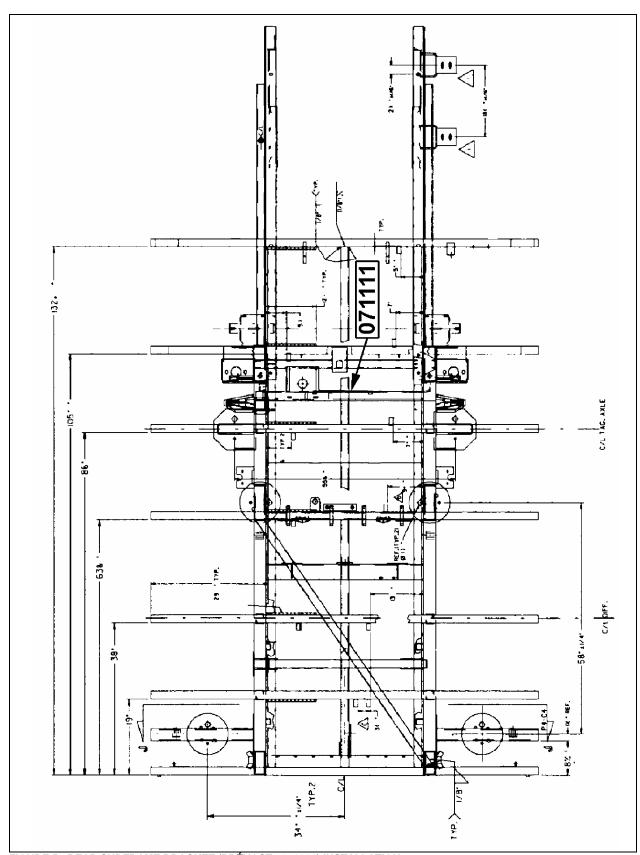


FIGURE 5 : REAR SUBFRAME BRACKET (PRÉVOST #071111) INSTALLATION

H3-41, H3-45 COACHES AND VIP-45 MOTORHOMES

MATERIAL

Kit #071076 includes the following parts:

Part No.	Description	Qty
071100	Plate	2
071098	R. H. Bracket	1
071099	L. H. Bracket	1
071095	Lateral protective panel	2
071124	Under transmission protective panel	1
071125	Bracket	5
011937	Bracket	1
071072	Front protective panel	1
071150	Reinforcement	2
071075	Bracket	6
502810	Screw, self-tapping	5
5001418	Screw, cap HH	24
502216	Nut, hexagonal	24
500270	Washer, flat SS	23
5001417	Washer, flat SS	6

Note: Material can be obtained through regular channels.

1. Weld the five brackets (Prévost #071125) to the crossmember and weld the other bracket (Prévost #011937) to the other crossmember (refer to figures 6 and 7). Use protective panel (Prévost #011124) as a template for proper bracket positioning. Allow welding to cool then remove slag. Recoat welded surfaces. Insert protective panel between bracket (Prévost #011937) and crossmember and use five self-tapping screws (Prévost #502810) and washers (Prévost #500270) to secure protective panel underneath the transmission.

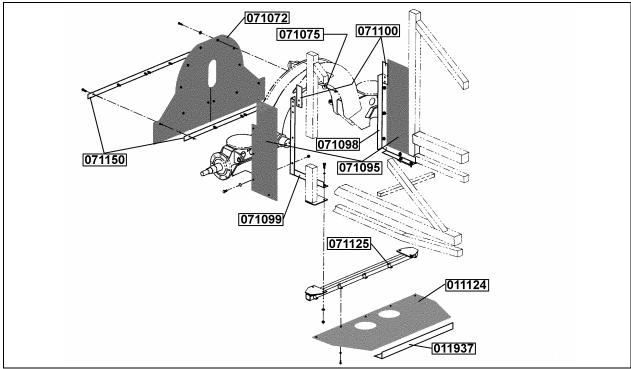


FIGURE 6: H3 SERIES VEHICLES TRANSMISSION PROTECTIVE PANELS

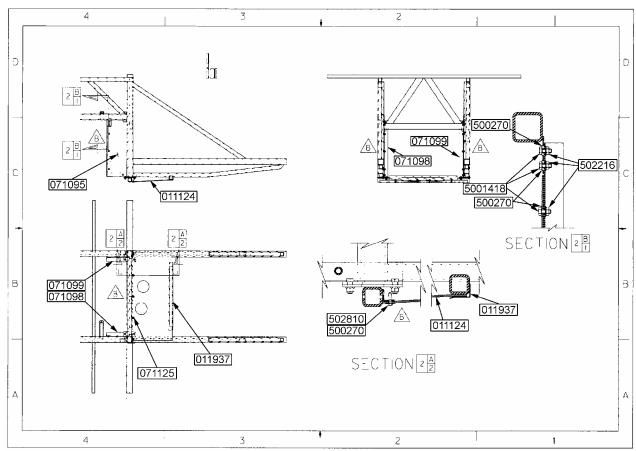


FIGURE 7: PROTECTIVE PANEL (PRÉVOST #011124) INSTALLATION UNDERNEATH TRANSMISSION

- 2. Remove the two bolts located on each side of crossmember where were previously welded the brackets (Prévost #071125), install L.H. bracket (Prévost #071099) and R.H. bracket (Prévost #071098) and tighten the bolts. Secure plates (Prévost #071100) to the brackets using screws (Prévost #5001418), washers (Prévost #500270) and nuts (Prévost #502216) for proper positioning before welding. Weld the two plates in place and allow welding to cool before removing slag. Recoat welded surfaces. Secure lateral protective panels (Prévost #071095) using screws (Prévost #5001418), washers (Prévost #500270) and nuts (Prévost #502216).
- 3. Use front protective panel (Prévost #071072) as a template to position six brackets (Prévost #071075). Weld the brackets in place and allow welding to cool before removing slag. Recoat welded surfaces. Secure top part of protective panel using six screws (Prévost #5001418), large flat washers (Prévost #5001417) and nuts (Prévost #502216). Also use front protective panel as a template to drill tag axle sub-assembly. Install two reinforcement (Prévost #071150), one in front of protective panel and the other one between protective panel and tag axle. Secure using six screws (Prévost #5001418), washers (Prévost #500270) and nuts (Prévost #502216) (refer to figures 6 and 8).

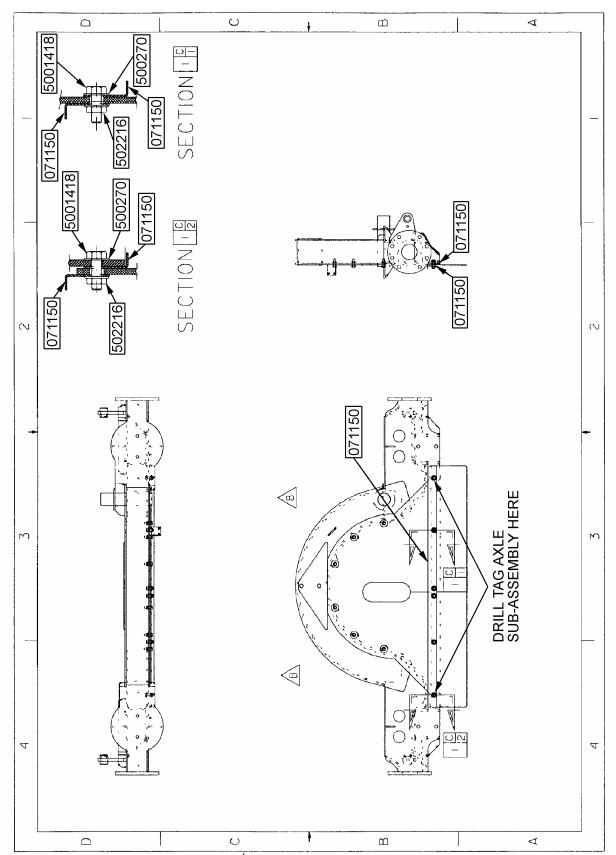


FIGURE 8 : FRONT PROTECTIVE PANEL (PRÉVOST #071072) INSTALLATION