



**0-4412HBX & 0-4412BKX
COMPETITION CARBURETORS
MODEL 2300 ALUMINUM ULTRA XP SERIES**

Installation and Adjustment Instructions - 199R10688-1

CONGRATULATIONS on your purchase of the **HOLLEY 2300 ALUMINUM ULTRA XP Series** carburetor! We feel that you have purchased the finest performance carburetor manufactured today. Should you need information or parts assistance, please contact our Technical Support at 1-866-464-6553 or 1-270-781-9741, M-F, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. & Sat 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. CST. Please have the part number on hand when you call of the product you purchased.

WARNING! These instructions must be read and fully understood before beginning installation. Failure to follow these instructions may result in poor performance, vehicle damage, personal injury, or death. If these instructions are not fully understood, installation should not be attempted.

NOTE: These carburetors are not designed to pass any emissions laws. They are to be used only for competition use/off-road vehicles or vehicles that are not required to comply with any exhaust emissions standards.

INTRODUCTION:

Holley Performance Products has written this instruction sheet for the installation of the **HOLLEY MODEL 2300 ALUMINUM ULTRA XP** carburetors. This instruction sheet contains all the information needed to install these carburetors. Please read all the **WARNINGS** and **NOTES**, as they contain valuable information that can save you time and money. Holley Performance Products cannot and will not be responsible for any alleged or actual engine or other damage, or other conditions resulting from misapplication of the carburetor described herein. However, it is our intent to provide the best possible products for our customer; products that perform properly and satisfy your expectations.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- This instruction sheet cannot contain all of the information, which may be desired by some individuals. Further clarification is available in **HOLLEY CARBURETORS (P/N 36-73)**, published by H.P. books and available at your Holley distributor.
- An in-line fuel filter should be installed between the fuel pump and the carburetor.
- Recommended fuel pressure should be set at 7-1/2 psi maximum; 5 psi minimum. Fuel pressures above 7-1/2 psi can create severe fuel control problems and are not recommended.
- Fuel lines should be a minimum of 3/8".
- A non-restrictive open-element air cleaner kit is recommended.
- The pump cam assortment kit is available under Holley P/N 20-12.
- New or modified fuel lines are required (previously bowl machining was 7/8-20, **HOLLEY ALUMINUM ULTRA XP** carburetors come assembled with -8AN to SAE 8 port fittings).

REMOVAL OF OLD CARBURETOR:

WARNING! Prior to and after installing your new carburetor, manually operate the throttle lever, checking for any sticking or binding. Failure to do so may result in a runaway engine or a wide-open throttle condition, which could result in engine damage, personal injury, and/or death.

NOTE: Inspect the carburetor for any bent levers, or any possible shipping damage.

1. Disconnect the battery, remove the air cleaner, and disconnect the fuel line(s).
2. After removing the fuel line(s), slide a rubber cap plug over the end to prevent fuel from running out, which may create a fire hazard. Use a clean metal container to collect any spilled fuel.

DANGER! DO NOT SMOKE WHEN WORKING AROUND GASOLINE OR GASOLINE VAPORS. EXTINGUISH ALL OPEN FLAMES. AN OPEN FLAME, SPARK, AND/OR EXTREME HEAT COULD RESULT IN A FIRE AND/OR EXPLOSION CAUSING SERIOUS INJURY, DEATH, AND/OR PROPERTY DAMAGE.

3. Remove the throttle linkage and automatic transmission controls from the throttle lever. Disassemble and save the throttle return spring.
4. Remove the choke cable (if applicable).

5. Remove the two front and two rear-attaching manifold flange nuts.
6. Remove the throttle cable bracket, if so equipped.
7. Remove the carburetor by lifting it straight upward. Sometimes, the carburetor can stick to the manifold gasket, requiring it to be pried loose. Before prying, double check to make sure all the carburetor attaching bolts and connections have been removed.
8. Place clean shop towels or rags into the manifold opening to prevent dirt or debris from entering the engine. Keep exposed ends of vacuum and fuel lines free from dirt.

WARNING! Failure to cover the intake opening with a clean towel could result in dirt or debris entering the engine. Dirt or debris in the induction system can cause engine damage, which may necessitate a complete engine overhaul.

9. Remove the gasket from the intake. Remove any gasket material that may have adhered to the manifold. **DO NOT** gouge the intake manifold sealing surface during removal of old gasket material.
10. Remove the shop towels from the intake and vacuum out the intake channel to ensure no dirt or debris is left in the intake system. Place a clean shop towel over the entire intake opening until you are ready to install the new carburetor.

FLUSHING THE FUEL LINES:

During fuel line installation, be careful to avoid introducing any dirt particles that could enter the fuel inlet and prevent the needle and seat from seating resulting in carburetor flooding, malfunctioning, and/or possible engine fire. In all cases where the fuel line has been cut, it is essential that it be cleaned to prevent contamination from entering your new carburetor. The fuel line must be flushed of rust, dirt, and other debris.

WARNING! Flush fuel lines only in a well-ventilated area and away from all sources of heat or flame. Failure to follow these instructions may cause gasoline vapors to ignite resulting in a fire or explosion, which may result in serious injury or death.

WARNING! Wear eye protection when performing this step. Failure to wear eye protection can result in gasoline or other contaminants entering the eye, which could result in permanent eye damage or blindness.

1. Disconnect the fuel line at the fuel pump.
2. Using a compressed air source, blow the fuel line clean.

INSTALLATION OF NEW CARBURETOR:

WARNING! Holley Performance Products highly recommends that a quality fuel filter be installed with any replacement carburetor to catch any debris that may still remain in the system. Any debris that may enter the carburetor can cause the carburetor to flood or malfunction. A carburetor that has a malfunction caused by debris in the system due to negligence of the owner will void the warranty.

1. Install a flange gasket on the manifold. If an adapter is being used, the installation order will be: flange gasket, adapter, and another flange gasket over the manifold stud.

WARNING! Sometimes an adapter can create problems with hood clearance, airflow, throttle linkage, fuel line attachment, and/or fuel mixture distribution. Operate the linkage to ensure correct travel by fully opening and closing the throttle by hand, as well as with the accelerator pedal (with engine off).

2. Place the carburetor in position over the four studs. Then, install supplied flat washers, tightening each nut gradually. Tighten in a criss-cross pattern to 60 in./lbs. Be careful not to over-tighten the nuts.

WARNING! Over-tightening the carburetor flange hold-down nuts may result in a warped or cracked carburetor throttle body. The carburetor hold-down nuts should be tightened down progressively in a criss-cross pattern to 60 in./lbs., to prevent vacuum leaks and to avoid causing damage to the throttle body. A carburetor that has been damaged due to negligence of the owner will void the warranty.

NOTE: This carburetor is supplied with -8AN fuel inlet fittings. The inlet machining for the **HOLLEY ALUMINUM ULTRA XP** fuel bowls is SAE -8 port straight o-ring ($\frac{3}{4}$ "-16).

3. Connect the fuel line, throttle linkage, and return springs. Operate the linkage to ensure correct travel by fully opening and closing the throttle by hand, as well as with the accelerator pedal (with engine off).

STARTING:

1. Prior to starting the engine, the fuel bowl needs to be primed/filled with fuel. For mechanical fuel pumps, remove the positive wire from the ignition coil (do not let this wire touch anything to prevent a short during cranking or KOEO [key on engine off]). Crank the engine over for 10 seconds to allow fuel bowl to fill. Reconnect the coil positive wire when finished. For electric fuel pumps let the fuel bowl fill in stages by turning the ignition on and then off. Let the fuel pump run for a few seconds at a time. If an oil pressure safety switch is being used, the switch will need to be temporarily bypassed. If the engine does not start, stop cranking, open and close the throttle twice and crank again until the engine starts.

WARNING! DO NOT crank the engine for more than 15 seconds at a time. Cranking longer than 15 seconds can overheat the starter, resulting in premature starter failure.

2. After starting the engine, check the fuel line and inlet fitting for possible fuel leaks.

WARNING! If any fuel leakage or weeping is detected, shut off the engine immediately, and wipe up any fuel. Locate the source of the leak and correct before proceeding any further.

TUNING AND ADJUSTMENT:

Before you begin to tune your carburetor for your particular vehicle, you must get a “feel” for your vehicle’s performance, so that any changes you make (Good or Bad) will be readily apparent. Be patient and **make only one change at a time**, so that only that change can be fully analyzed. This cannot be overemphasized, as there are no “short-cuts” to peak performance. Recording each change and the resulting performance increase or decrease will provide you with a “Handbook” of how vehicle performance is affected by individual carburetor adjustments. This may be helpful in the future or on other applications.

FUEL LEVEL (FLOAT LEVEL) FOR ALUMINUM ULTRA XP SERIES:

The float(s) controls the fuel delivery, however if the float(s) are not properly adjusted a fuel starvation or a flooding effect could result.

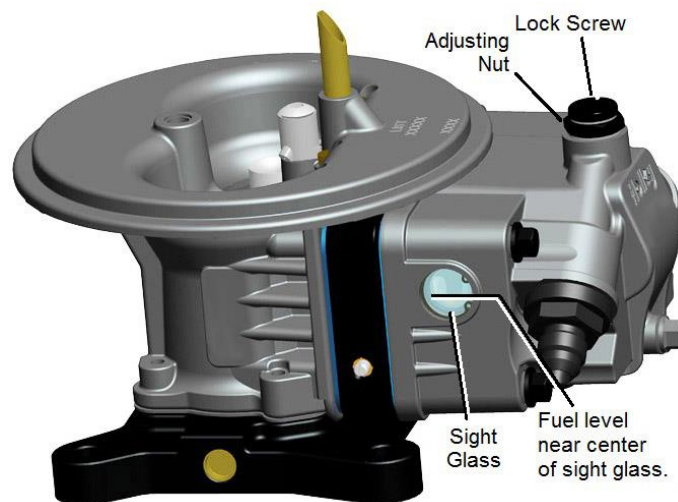


Figure 1

1. Start the vehicle.
2. The fuel level in the clear sight glass should be mid-level for correct float adjustment. Most likely, this will not need to be adjusted. See Figure 1.
3. If you do need to adjust this, loosen the lock screw and turn the adjusting nut **clockwise to lower** the fuel level and **counter-clockwise to raise** the fuel level. Use caution when making adjustments. Fuel will be under pressure and may leak out if lock screw is loosened excessively.
4. Tighten the lock screw while holding the adjustment nut. Make sure the fuel level is mid-level of the sight glass.
5. If fuel level is adjusted too high, lower the float level and rev the engine a few times to consume extra fuel in the bowl before making additional float adjustments.

IDLE SPEED SCREWS:

The idle speed screw controls the throttle plate position at idle, which in turn raises or lowers the engine RPM.

1. Start the engine and allow it to warm up.
2. Connect a tachometer, if your vehicle is not equipped with one.
3. Make sure the parking brake is on and the wheels are blocked. Place the automatic transmission in drive, the manual transmission in neutral.
4. If the idle speed is lower than desired, turn the screw clockwise to speed up the rpm. If the idle speed is higher than desired, turn the idle screw counter-clockwise to lower the rpm.

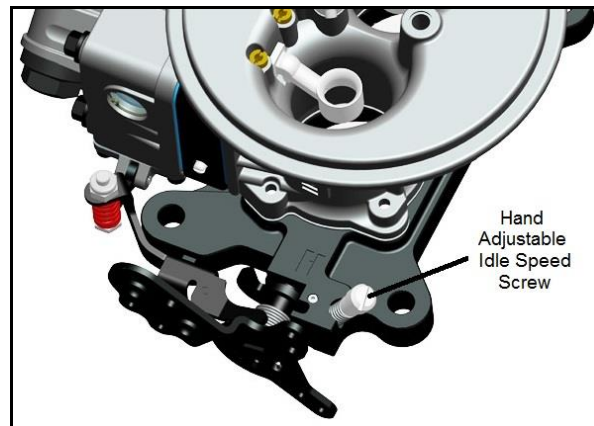


Figure 2

IDLE MIXTURE SCREWS:

Your carburetor will have two idle mixture screws; one for each venturi. If you change one idle mixture screw, you should change the other idle mixture screw the same amount. Here are the proper steps for setting the idle mixture screws.

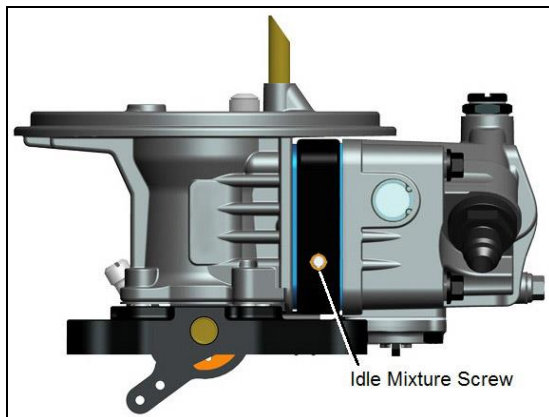


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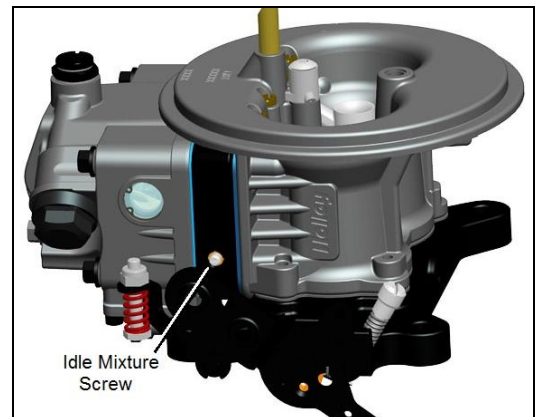


Figure 4

1. First get the engine up to temperature.
2. With the engine off, install a vacuum gauge on a full manifold vacuum port. If a full manifold vacuum port is unavailable, you may tune to the highest idle RPM utilizing a tachometer.
3. Next, screw the idle mixture screws in all the way and then back them out 1 ½ turns.
4. Restart the engine (with the engine up to temp and @ idle) and adjust a mixture screw out 1/8 turn at a time.
5. Continue to adjust each idle mixture screw the same amount to achieve the highest possible vacuum or RPM reading without increasing the idle speed screw.

- Now that the idle mixture is set, it may be necessary to go back and reset the idle speed using the idle speed screw. Continue back and forth between the tuning of the idle mixture screws and idle speed screw, until little change is noticed in manifold vacuum reading or RPM and desired idle speed is achieved.

NOTE: Turning the mixture screws in decreases the idle mixture volume, while turning them out increases the idle mixture volume.

ACCELERATOR PUMP:

The accelerator pump's purpose is to make up for the lag in fuel delivery. This enables the engine speed to increase in response to throttle opening. Differences in vehicle weight, transmissions, and rear axle ratios affect the amount of fuel and the delivery rate that should be provided by the accelerator pump. This may necessitate customizing your accelerator pump to your vehicle and its use.

NOTE: The old saying, "if a little is good, a lot is better", does not apply to the proper tuning of the accelerator pump. Your car's performance can be just as bad if it receives "too much fuel too soon", as if it receives "too little fuel too late."

Two factors that affect the accelerator pump's delivery are the pump cam and the pump shooter (discharge nozzle). The pump cam determines the total volume of fuel and affects delivery rate; the pump shooter affects delivery rate and helps determine the duration of the shot.

In general, the #1 locations on the pump cams provide a moderate initial delivery and have a greater final delivered volume. The #2 locations on the pump cams provide a greater initial delivery and have a lesser total delivered volume. The pump shooters have a number stamped on their casting, which designates the shooter size in thousandths of an inch, i.e., a #25 shooter has a .025" discharge orifice. The smaller diameter nozzles lengthen the pump shot duration and are used with heavier vehicles or with vehicles equipped with lower numerical rear axle ratios. Larger diameter nozzles (.035 - .037) shorten the pump shot duration, but deliver a greater initial volume of fuel. These sizes should be used on applications where engine speed will increase rapidly (vehicles with good power-to-weight ratios). Best acceleration is achieved when the accelerator pump delivers the lean, best-power, air/fuel ratio to the engine; not when the maximum volume of fuel is supplied.

To apply the information above, follow these steps for tuning the accelerator pump.

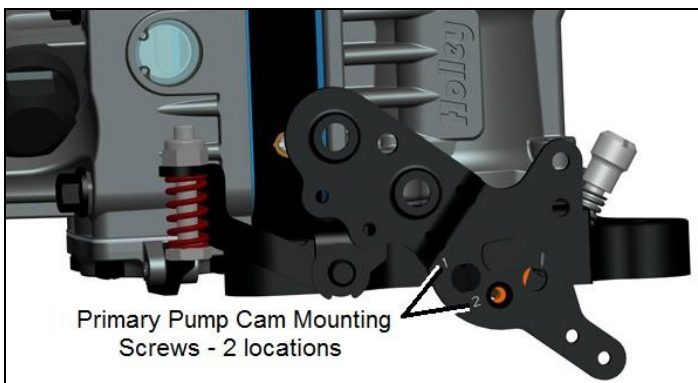


Figure 5



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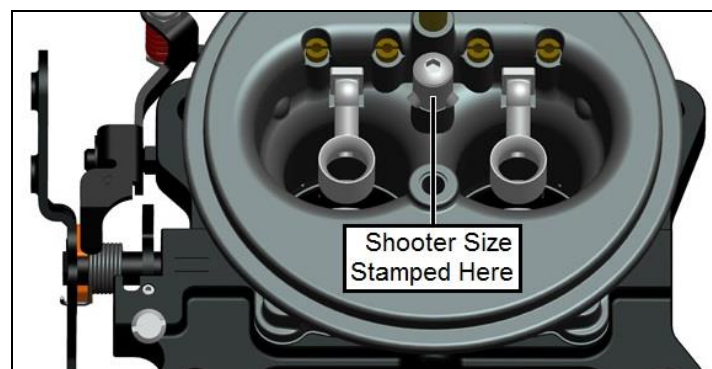


Figure 7

- Change pump shooters, until the smallest diameter nozzle that provides the crispest response is found.
- Then change the pump cams and locations until the right cam is found that provides better response.
- Finally, change the pump shooter once again, until the crisp response is maximized.

NOTE: If a nozzle size is desired that seems “in between” the nozzle sizes provided, then the nozzle can be drilled to the desired size by using a wire drill held in a pin vise.

NOTE: This HOLLEY ALUMINUM ULTRA XP series carburetor is equipped with a hollow pump screw, which must be used for proper function of the accelerator pump in this carburetor.

4. At this point, there should be no bogs, flat spots or black smoke (indicating excessive richness) when accelerating at wide open throttle from a standing start.

JETTING (MAIN JETS):

Due to varied applications that a universal performance carburetor will work with, no additional tuning jets have been included. However, a few tips on jetting are provided to help you understand their purpose.

NOTE: This carburetor is equipped with a drain plug on the fuel bowl to make jet changes quicker and easier. Please use appropriate fuel collection device and procedures.

- Out of the box jetting is extremely close for most applications.
- In most cases, it will be unnecessary to increase jet size more than four numbers greater than out of the box jetting.
- Carburetors are calibrated at 70° at sea level. Decrease the jet size one number for approximately every 2000 ft. increase in altitude. Increase jet size one number for every 35° drop in temperature.
- Holley jets are broached, flowed and stamped according to flow rate. **Never drill jets**, this seriously alters flow characteristics. Stamped numbers are reference flow numbers and **DO NOT** indicate drill size.
- Spark plugs provide the best indication of proper jetting, provided that they are read correctly.

TUNABLE METERING BLOCK:

IMPORTANT! It is recommended that you document the existing adjustable bleed sizes that make up this metering block **BEFORE** any changes are made. This billet adjustable metering block allows the user to tune the idle feed restrictions, emulsion bleed restrictions, power valve, power valve channel restrictions, and main jets.

IMPORTANT! Holley highly recommends that only an experienced carburetor tuner [with access to a dynamometer that monitors air/fuel ratio and BSFC (Brake Specific Fuel Consumption)] make any changes to the factory restrictor settings, as received from Holley. Furthermore, Holley is not responsible for any engine damage that may occur due to the carburetor being changed from the original factory calibration.

Power Valve Channel Restrictions (PVCR):

These two restrictions are visible when the power valve is removed. They meter the flow of fuel into the main well. It is the PVCR diameter, not the openings in the power valve, which controls the amount of fuel admitted in the circuit. Changing the size of these restrictions will lean/enrich the air/fuel ratio when the power valve is open, but will have no effect at idle when the power valve is closed.

Power Valves:

The power valves function is to allow extra fuel to flow into the main wells when the engine is under load. This prevents an overly rich condition at part throttle/light engine load due to excess jetting when a power valve is not utilized. The number etched into the face of the power valve indicates the minimum amount of vacuum required to keep the power valve closed. Vacuum above this number holds the power valve closed and vacuum below this number allows the power valve to open. i.e. – A power valve with a 6.5 rating will be closed at a vacuum of 7” Hg and above but once the engine is under load and the vacuum drops to 6.5” Hg or below the power valve opens allowing extra fuel into main wells via the power valve channel restrictors. In most instances a power valve can be selected by measuring manifold vacuum at idle (in gear for automatic applications) and dividing by 2, this will give you the needed power valve rating. Race applications with a manifold vacuum of 12” Hg or above will typically function sufficiently with a 6.5 power valve.

When using an undersized carburetor, as in circle track classes requiring a 2 barrel carburetor on a V-8 engine, the power valve will function differently. Engine manifold vacuum readings at wide open throttle would typically be less than 1” Hg but on these types of applications the manifold vacuum can be as high as 5” Hg at wide open throttle. Due to the carburetor being a “restriction” manifold vacuum will increase at higher RPM. Once manifold vacuum reaches the specific vacuum rating of the power valve being used, the power valve will close and lean the fuel mixture out. Manifold vacuum readings at various throttle angles need to be obtained as well as air/fuel ratios to determine what size power valve is required.

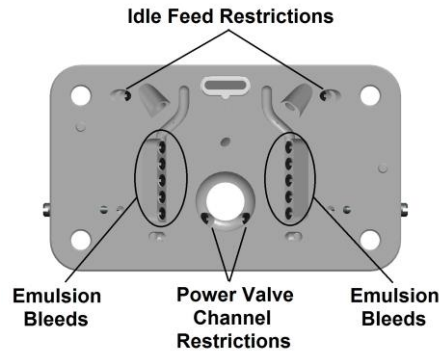
Idle Feed Restrictions (IFR):

The idle circuit calibration is determined by the diameter of the IFR and the idle air bleed. An IFR is nothing more than a metering jet for the idle system and the air bleed serves as an air/flow-regulating orifice. Turning the idle mixture screw varies the **volume** of air/fuel emulsion discharged into the manifold, not the ratio of air to fuel in the emulsion. Typically, as camshaft duration and overlap are increased, idle fuel jetting (idle feed restriction size) must be correspondingly increased to compensate for dilution and scavenging (where an amount of intake charge is drawn out through a late closing exhaust valve).

Emulsion Bleeds:

The emulsion bleeds are best tuned on the dynamometer. Bleed utilization (size and location) can vary, as will horsepower gains, depending upon the engine. Not all of the emulsion bleed holes have to be used to obtain peak performance. Gains have been documented on use of as little as three (one side of metering block) of the bleed holes.

NOTE: The emulsion bleed tuning kit (P/N 36-322) will support tuning of this metering block. It contains ten each of the following bleed sizes: Blank (no hole), .020", .031", .040", .046", and .052". Bleeds are available from blanks to .082" from your Holley dealer under individual P/Ns 142-xx (xx=size) sold in pairs.



**2 Circuit Billet Metering Block (Front) Model 2300 ALUMINUM XP Series
Figure 8**

AIR BLEEDS:

WARNING! Adjustment of the air bleeds is not recommended. A competent tuner with a complete and thorough knowledge of carburetors, fuel systems, and engine requirements should only perform air bleed adjustments. Failure to follow these recommendations may result in a lean fuel/air mixture causing severe engine damage, property damage, serious injury, and/or death.

WARNING! Air bleed sizes should not be adjusted more than six (6) sizes in any one direction from the original air bleeds, as shipped from Holley. Air bleed adjustment beyond six (6) sizes could result in a lean fuel/air mixture causing severe engine damage, property damage, serious injury, and/or death.

Experimenting with air bleeds is not recommended and should only be attempted by an expert carb tuner. Countless hours of flow testing have been performed to obtain the proper bleed size for a given calibration. It is unlikely that a better air bleed calibration can be obtained, however the **HOLLEY ALUMINUM ULTRA XP Series** are equipped with removable air bleeds. Here is some basic knowledge of how air bleeds work.

The main or high-speed air bleeds affect the entire range of the main-metering system. The purpose of the main metering system and main air bleeds is to emulsify the fuel before entering the booster to be discharged into the air stream in the venturi. The fuel/air mixture becomes leaner as air bleed size is increased. Decreasing the size of the main air bleeds will decrease pressure across the main jet, which in turn will pull more fuel through the main system creating a richer fuel/air mixture. The main or high speed air bleeds also act as an anti-siphon or siphon breaker, so fuel does not continue to discharge or dribble into the venturi after airflow is reduced or stopped. At high speeds, the fuel/air mixture must be on the rich side to prevent damage to the engine.

The idle system supplies fuel at idle and low speeds. The idle system requires a richer mixture than at cruise speed. Unless the idle mixture is richer, a slow and irregular combustion will occur, known as a rough idle. Decreasing the idle air bleed size richens the idle mixture by increasing the pressure drop in the system. Increasing idle air bleed size leans the idle mixture by reducing the pressure drop across the idle air bleeds. The same conditions can be created by backing out the idle mixture screws, which will increase the pressure across the idle air bleeds, pushing more fuel from the idle well creating a richer fuel/air ratio. The idle mixture screw is the only adjustment recommended for controlling the idle fuel/air richness or leanness.

NOTE: See Figure 9 for air bleed locations and identification. It is recommended that all jet sizes be documented before any tuning of the air bleeds or main jets is started. Below is a chart for recording the jet and air bleed sizes for your **HOLLEY 2300 ALUMINUM ULTRA XP Series** carburetor, as shipped from Holley. Should you adjust the air bleed size or main jet size, this chart will allow the tuner to return the carburetor to the original jetting. Please place this information in a safe place along with any other documentation for your carburetor.

IFR			
PVCR			
POWER VALVE			
EMULSION BLEEDS			
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BLEED 2			
BLEED 3			
BLEED 4			
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JET			
IAB			
HSB			
SQUIRTER			

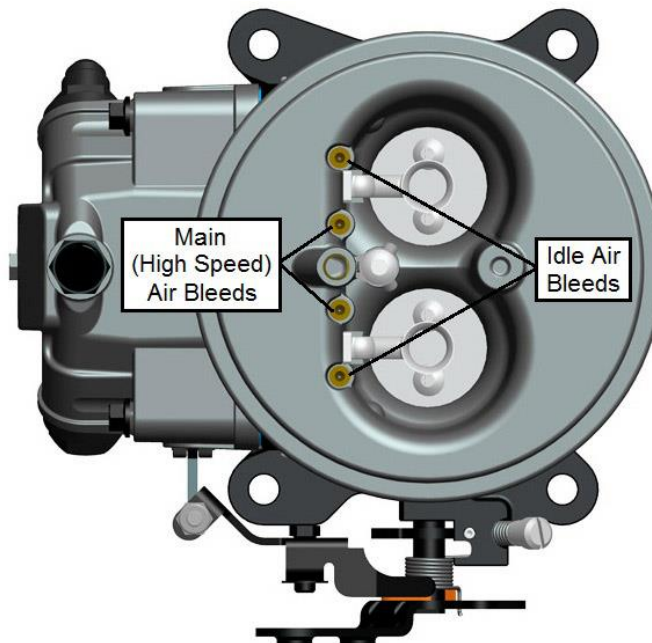


Figure 9

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