

Top Mount Bucket Fork Installation

- Find a level, preferably concrete, surface for installation. Start by setting both forks upright approximately 40' to 48" apart and aligning the holes with the support bar.
- Slide the support bar through the holes at the top of both forks and center it horizontally. Once centered, place lock collars at each end of the bar.
- Drive the loader up to the backside of the forks, centering the bucket with the fork assembly. Lift the bucket upward to a point where the weld brackets will fit the bar with the opening of the brackets pointing toward the operator's compartment. Make sure the top of the bucket is against the forks and the bottom of the weld brackets fit the top of the bucket.
- Place one bracket at each end of the bar approximately 1/8" to 3/16" from the lock collar and tack them in place. Next, tack the middle brackets in place, spacing them approximately 18" to 25" apart depending on the model of forks and number of brackets installed.
- With the bucket and forks tilted slightly backward, ensure that the bar fits well in all the brackets and that the forks are against the bottom edge of the bucket.
- If all the components fit as they should, weld brackets to top of bucket. Welding should only be done by a qualified welder using a minimum 1/2" weld with 7018 low hydrogen.

