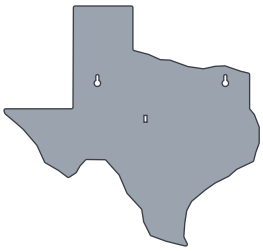
Texas Euro Mount Plaque, 18 in

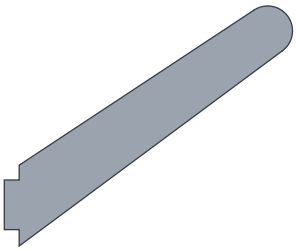


A steel Texas plaque, 18 in across, that hangs a European skull mount on one laser-cut prong. The prong goes up into the skull through the hole in its base, with no drilling and no wire. Holds a skull up to 15 lb (whitetail, mule deer, pronghorn). Two parts: weld one prong and it's done.

What's in the box



Texas plaque x1
Part EM18-01



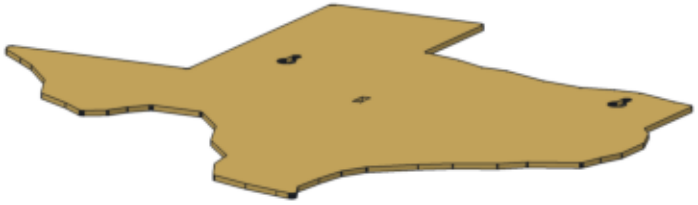
Prong x1
Part EM18-02

What you'll need

- MIG or flux-core welder (3/16 in to 10 ga fillets; a 120 V machine is plenty)
- Angle grinder with a flap disc
- A square (magnetic helps)
- Two 2x4s, a drill or driver, and a level to hang it
- Welding helmet, gloves, jacket and safety glasses

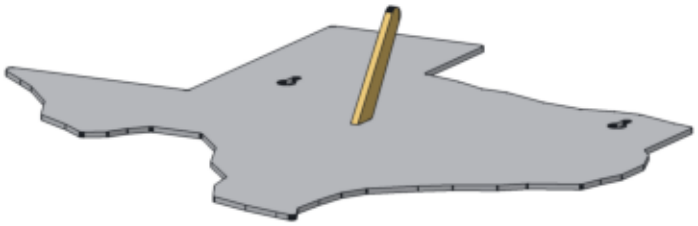
Texas Euro Mount Plaque, 18 in

1 Lay the plaque face up



Lay the Texas plaque flat on the bench, face up: it reads right, with the Panhandle on the left and away from you.

2 Set the prong in its slot



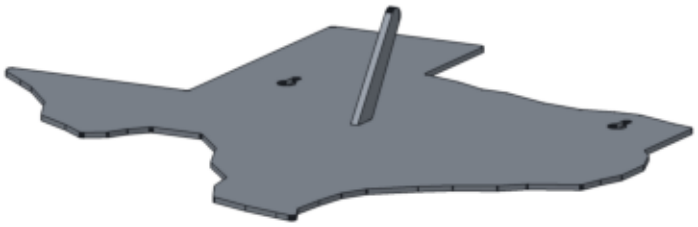
Stand the prong on edge with its tip pointing toward the Panhandle, and drop its tab into the slot. The bench stops the tab flush with the back. Hold the prong square to the plaque with a square and tack each side where it meets the plaque.

TIP

A magnetic square holds it while you tack.

The prong leans toward the Panhandle; that's up when it hangs.

3 Weld the prong

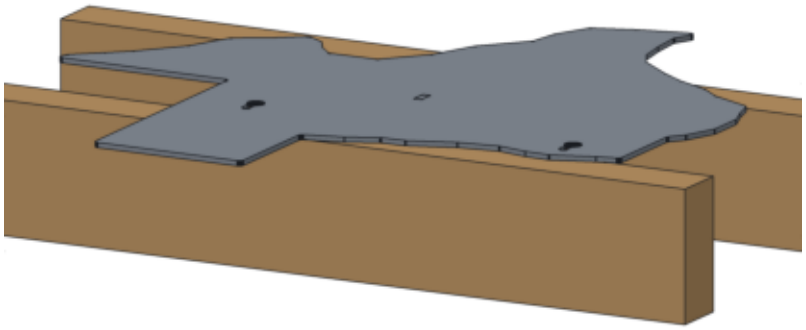


Run a short bead down each side of the prong where it meets the plaque. Keep the beads small: the skull sits right over them.

TIP

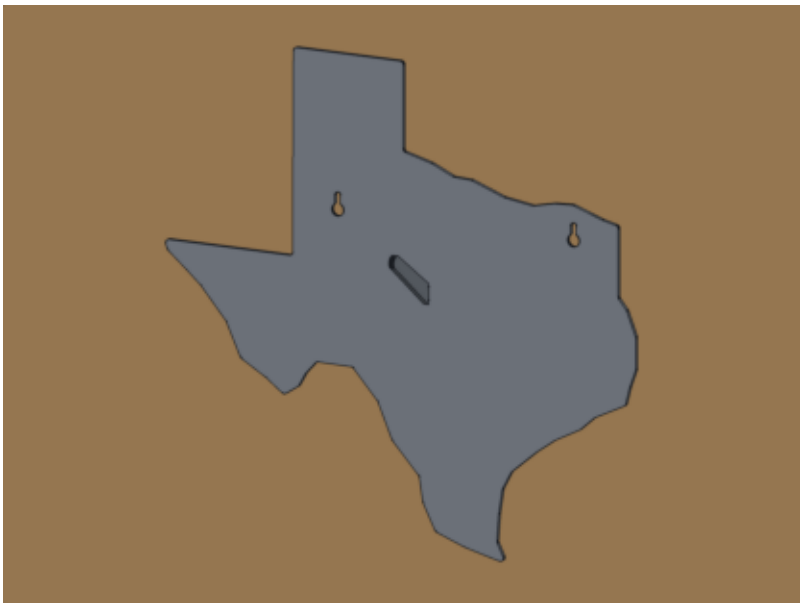
Check the prong is still square to the plaque after the first bead, before you run the second.

4 Weld the tab from the back and grind it flush



Turn the plaque face down onto two 2x4s on edge, one each side of the prong so it hangs between them. Weld the end of the tab, then grind the back flush so the plaque sits flat on the wall. Round over the prong's top edge and its tip with a flap disc so they don't mark the bone.

5 Hang it, then hang the skull



Drive two screws level, 9" apart, into a stud or into wall anchors rated 50 lb, with the heads standing about 3/16 in off the wall. Set the keyholes over the heads and let the plaque drop. Then set the skull's foramen magnum, the big hole in its base, over the prong and let the skull tip forward until it rests.

TIP

Check that the skull sits square and doesn't rock before you let go.

Finishing

- The parts ship bare with a light oil film. Wipe them down with a degreaser before welding.
- Sand or wire-brush them, then paint: satin black, hammered bronze or flat earth tones set off a white skull.
- Or let it rust to a patina and clear-coat it so it doesn't mark the wall.

Safety

- Rated for a skull and antlers up to 15 lb: whitetail, mule deer, pronghorn. It isn't for elk or moose.
- Hang it on two screws into a stud, or into wall anchors rated at least 50 lb each. Drywall alone won't hold it.
- Antler tips are sharp: hang it above head height and out of the way of doors and walkways.
- Don't hang it over a bed, a couch or a crib.

This is a kit of raw steel parts. You build the finished product, and the quality of your welds and your judgment about where and how you use it are yours. Weld with proper ventilation and protective gear.