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CORNER COUNTERTOP BRACKET | Anthem



## ANTHEM HIDDEN CORNER SUPPORT BRACKET INSTALLATION GUIDELINES

Every successful countertop installation begins with good planning and action. Do not wait until the last minute to order your countertop supports, fasteners or adhesives for installation. Make sure that all aspects of the support substructure are considered and discussed to ensure that your countertop installation will be smooth and that your countertop support products will be sufficient.

*Note: that this installation document should not be considered a specific recommendation for your particular application. Federal Brace cannot provide installation guidelines to meet the particulars of every application. This document should be considered a help sheet that provides considerations about the general characteristics of a particular type of support and installation.*

### Characteristics

The Anthem Hidden Countertop Bracket is designed to allow the maximum amount of leg room under a countertop extension on a counter or island with an L shaped counter. This non-gusseted bracket is designed so the mounting plate extends from the corner of the cabinet base into the span at the location of the L. Down flanges on each side will mount to the opposing walls. Two .26" holes are provided on each flange for attaching to the side walls. These flanges are 2" long so they will not interfere with drawer tracks when installed.

Without a gusset the extensions will deflect ("bending" down) more easily than a gusseted bracket. To prevent this, the Anthem should be partnered with our Freedom bracket and spaced every 12-18" apart and not be used for counters extending more than 4" beyond the end of the support arm.

### Considerations

Whenever installing the Anthem Hidden Bracket make sure you are tying into a minimum of 1.75" thick material. You will want the fasteners to have as much biting material as possible. This will provide a secure fastening of the brackets. This may require installing a 1x2 piece of wood between the flange and the cabinet wall if you do not have that much material for your fastener. Remember a weak substructure makes for a weak installation.

When ready to install, lay out your bracket pattern with the Anthem bracket in the corner of the L and mark your installation holes. Once holes are marked, make pilot holes for your fasten-



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ers using a drill bit that is slightly smaller than the ¼" holes on the plate. When all the pilot holes are drilled, install your brackets in line with the Anthem Hidden Bracket. Be sure to check level beginning with your first bracket placement and then from bracket to bracket as you install.

Once all the brackets are in place you will want to wipe them down to get rid of any handprints or other debris. Just before installation of your counter you may want to apply adhesive or silicone to the top of the brackets to adhere it to the counter. Once the counter is in place you can caulk around the edge of the plates if you choose. This will give greater adherence to the countertop and cover any gap between the plates and counter.

Final step is to enjoy your work and your new kitchen counter! We are thankful that you chose to support your beautiful counters with Federal Brace brackets. Please send us images of your new kitchen and brackets under your counters. We would love to add your work to our gallery to see Federal Brace at work.

Also, know that the highest compliment Federal Brace can be given is a reference from our customers to friends and family. If you have enjoyed your buying experience with Federal Brace please let someone know.

