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3. If necessary trim the hole with a rasp or file so that the flange and gasket fit flat on to the mounting surface (see Diagram #3). **Do not attempt to draw the flange down with the mounting bolts or damage to the holder will result.**

4. Using the rod holder as a guide, mark three mounting holes. Remove the rod holder and drill for three 1/4 inch (#10 on Fig. 0452) flat or oval head mounting bolts.

5. Place the rod holder (with rubber gasket/cap) in place and secure it with the three mounting bolts. The lift tab on the cap should point forward.

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