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THE FORD PIT SETTER SOLVES BIG PROBLEMS!

In February 2000, Ford Meter Box introduced a Plastic Pit Setter for 1-1/2" and 2" water meters. Since then, it has solved a variety of meter pit installation problems. The new, large Pit Setter is a big success and is extremely popular with water companies across the nation because of its lightweight, durable construction and ease of installation.

The Ford Plastic Pit Setter for 1-1/2" and 2" meters features a pit constructed from heavy-duty corrugated plastic for lighter weight and extra strength. Like our regular-sized Pit Setters, the 1-1/2" and 2" sizes offer a full range of inlet and outlet couplings for a variety of service line materials. The inlet and outlet valves, chosen by the customer, are soldered to copper tube risers which are anchored to a sturdy PVC brace pipe to prevent shifting inside the setting.

Ford Meter Box knew the large Plastic Pit Setter would be a big hit, but nothing speaks better for a new product than real-world examples of its success.

Dateline Borough of Charleroi, Pennsylvania

During the summer of 2000, a new nursing home was constructed in Charleroi. Frank Frascatore, Distribution Superintendent, was looking for a way of saving time and money for the service line installation; however, Frank had a special requirement.



Frank Frascatore, Distribution Superintendent, inspects a new Ford Plastic Pit Setter for 1-1/2" and 2" meters

The utility needed a pressure reducing valve installed with the meter because Charleroi's working pressure was 140 psi. The Ford engineering team responded and a Ford Tandem Pit Setter was designed with space for a pressure reducing valve ahead of the 2" meter.

Superintendent Frank felt the design was very helpful for several reasons. First, there was a 50% cost savings over a concrete vault installation. Second, was the elimination of the safety factor involved with confined space in a vault installation. Third, was the ease of landscaping around a 20" cover compared to a large rectangular cover.

Dateline Delaware, Ohio

When the Ohio State Troopers at the Post in Delaware, Ohio, wet their whistle at the water fountain, it will come by way of a Ford Pit Setter.



Contractors lower an inch and a half meter setting into place in Delaware, Ohio

The city of Delaware, Ohio, has made the large Ford Setter their standard. Meter settings of this size are set by contractors instead of city employees. By specifying the Ford Pit Setter, the city is assured that they will get the same setting day in and day out no matter who does the installation.

Contractors appreciate the large Ford Pit Setter because it limits their time in the ditch. All they have to do is put it in place and make the connection to the pit by means of a variety of Ford end connections. All pits come with male iron pipe inlets and outlets, making the transition to compression or flare an easy one.

Fast, easy, and versatile installation makes the Ford Plastic Pit Setter for 1-1/2" and 2" meters a great value to any utility or contractor. For more information, contact your local Ford distributor or the Ford Meter Box Company.

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