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To make this bracket, all you need is a piece of thin sheet metal, something to cut it with, and a drill. Aluminum sheet around .025 inches works well. You can find it at Home Depot or Lowes. Print and cut out the template below and tape it on your piece of sheet metal. WEAR GLOVES and drill the holes first! Trust me on this. Next, cut the perimeter of the bracket and strap out. Finally, bend the areas that have a dashed line perpendicular to the body of the bracket. You now have a bracket that is the correct height for the focal point and will fit a generic FTA LNB. Put the LNB in the slot and bolt the strap over the top of it.

This bracket will work with many surplus dishes that you can find for cheap on Craigslist. For instance, you can tune in the 97 with a Directv Slimline. If it's already on your roof, it's even set up already, all you have to do is replace the LNB and bump it over to the left about an 1/8 of an inch or so on the pole. The slimline is the most available dish and it works ok but it's not the best. If you can find a Directv World Direct dish that is the best signal quality that I've tested. (If the world direct dish still has its original center LNB you don't even need a new bracket or LNB, the original will work fine!) Dish Network 500 plus, 1000 plus (must say plus on the dish itself) and the old Superdish also work well. In Canada, the larger Shaw Direct dish will work. See www.alternascape.com for more info, pictures, etc.



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