



13129 INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS



Safety glasses should be worn at all times while installing this product.

YEARS: 2013-PRESENT

MAKE: FORD

MODEL: ESCAPE (ALL MODELS)

STYLE: SUV

WARNING: NEVER EXCEED YOUR VEHICLE MANUFACTURER'S RECOMMENDED TOWING CAPACITY

WEIGHT CARRYING:

TRAILER WEIGHT: 3,500 LBS.
TONGUE WEIGHT: 350 LBS.

WEIGHT DISTRIBUTION:

TRAILER WEIGHT: 5,000 LBS.
TONGUE WEIGHT: 500 LBS.

INSTALLATION TIME: **45 MIN.**

THE INSTALL TIME LISTED IS FOR PROFESSIONAL INSTALLERS. IF YOU ARE HESITANT TO UNDERTAKE THIS TASK ON YOUR OWN, CONTACT AN AUTHORIZED CURT INSTALLER FOR ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE.

INSTALLATION TIPS:

1. BEFORE YOU BEGIN INSTALLATION, READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS THOROUGHLY.
2. TO EASE INSTALLATION, 2 PEOPLE MAY BE REQUIRED.
3. USING PROPER TOOLS WILL GREATLY IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF THE INSTALL AND REDUCE THE TIME REQUIRED.
4. NEED HELP OR HAVE SOME QUESTIONS? CALL TECHNICAL SUPPORT AT 800.798.0813

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: **MODERATE**

EASY

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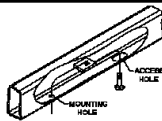
CHALLENGING



LOWER EXHAUST TO EASE INSTALLATION



HOLE ENLARGEMENT REQUIRED



FISHWIRING REQUIRED



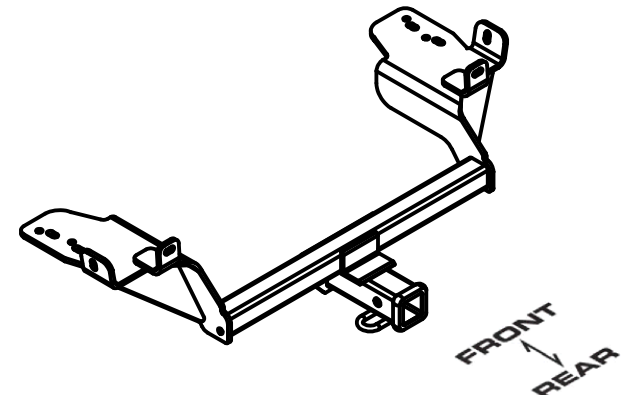
HEATSHEILD TRIMMING

VEHICLE PHOTO:



REPRESENTATIVE PHOTO

HITCH ILLUSTRATION:



MAKE SURE YOUR HITCH MATCHES

INSTALLATION REQUIRES:



SAFETY GLASSES



RATCHET



10 mm
13 mm
11/16"

SOCKET



6"

SOCKET EXTENSION



DIE GRINDER



AVIATION SHEARS



BOXED END WRENCH
13 mm



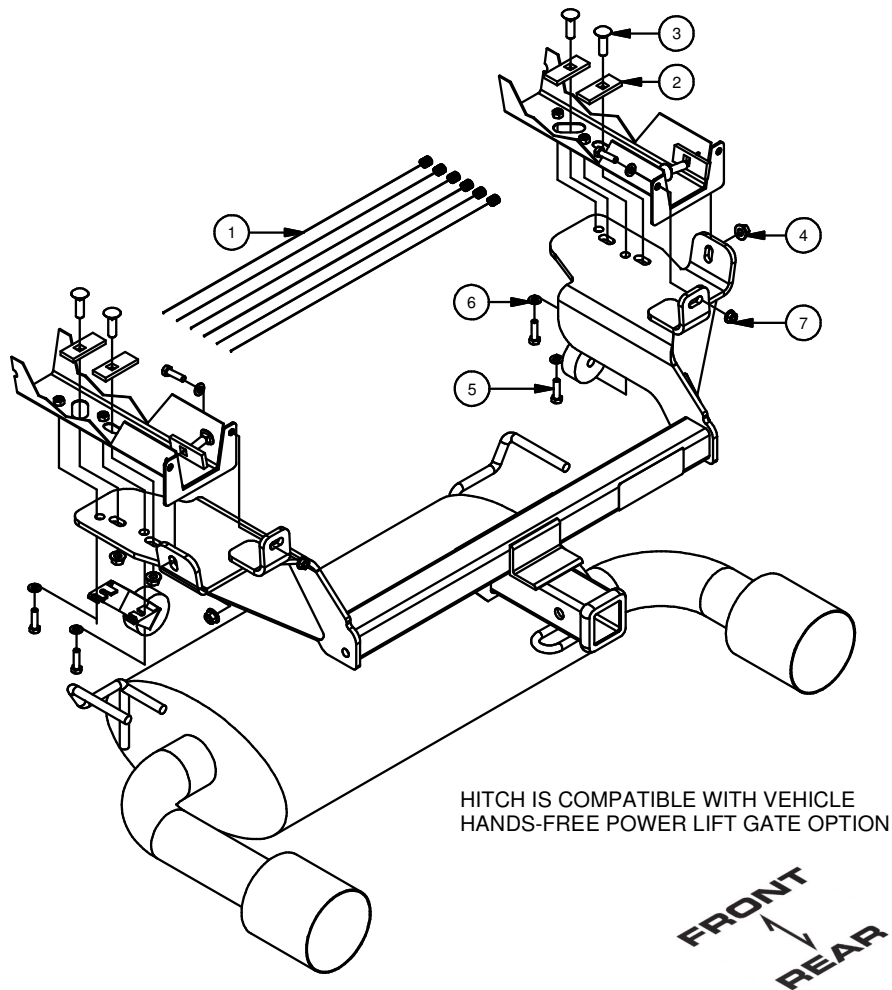
TORQUE WRENCH

PERIODICALLY CHECK THIS RECEIVER HITCH TO ENSURE ALL FASTENERS ARE TIGHT AND ALL STRUCTURAL COMPONENTS ARE SOUND
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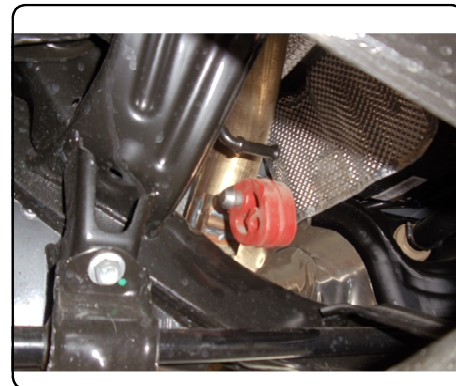
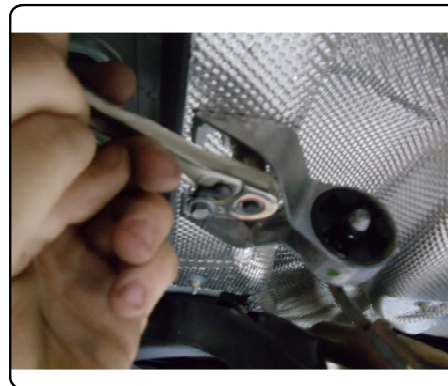
For more information log onto www.curtmfg.com, & for helpful towing tips log onto www.hitchinfo.com

INSTALLATION WALKTHROUGH:

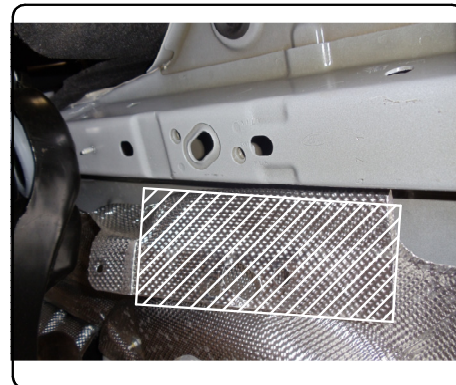
Parts List			
ITEM	QTY	PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
1	6	7_16 FISHWIRE	7/16" FISHWIRE
2	6	CM-SP11	.250 x 1.00 x 2.50" SPACER
3	6	7/16-14 x 1 1/2	CARRIAGE BOLT
4	6	7/16-14	HEX FLANGE NUT
5	6	M8 - 1.25 x 30 HEX BOLT	HEX HEAD BOLT
6	6	5/16"	WASHER
7	2	M8 - 1.25 HEX FLANGE NUT	HEX FLANGE NUT



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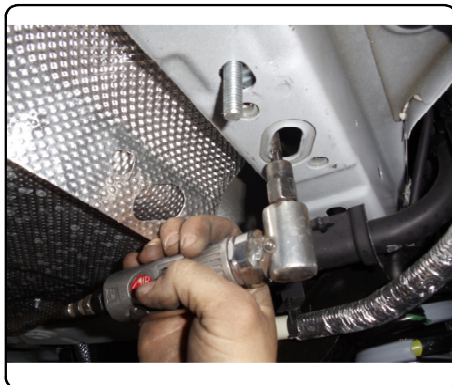


2. The exhaust heat shield will need to be removed to mount the hitch side brackets. Remove the bolt from the driver side with an 10 mm socket and either bend the heat shield away, or trim as shown and reattach to the existing mounting point.

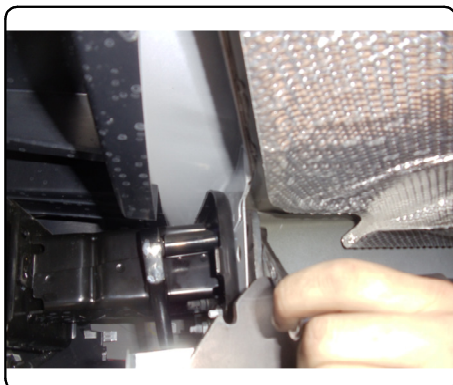


INSTALLATION WALKTHROUGH:

3. Enlarge access holes for square hole spacers with a die grinder. Fishwire 7/16" bolts and spacers into vehicle frame for the (3) side bracket mounting points on each side of the vehicle.



4. Slide hitch in from rear passenger side of vehicle for ease of installation and mount up to frame and secure to fishwired hardware. Secure rear mounting hardware to rear mounting surface once hitch is in place.



5. Reattach muffler isolator brackets to original mounting locations, at bottom surface of hitch side brackets. Torque all 7/16" fasteners to 70 ft-lbs. Torque all M8 fasteners to 23 ft-lbs.



6. Installation is complete.



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2013 FORD ESCAPE

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FISHWIRE TECHNIQUE

INSERT COILED END OF FISHWIRE TOOL THROUGH HITCH MOUNTING HOLE IN VEHICLE FRAME RAIL AND OUT THE ACCESS HOLE. PASS COILED END OF FISHWIRE THROUGH SPACER AND THREAD BOLT INTO COIL. KINK WIRE TO KEEP SPACER SEPARATE FROM BOLT AS SHOWN. PULL FISHWIRE, SPACER, AND BOLT THROUGH FRAME AND OUT MOUNTING HOLE. USE FISHWIRE TO GUIDE HITCH DURING MOUNTING AND PREVENT LOSS OF BOLT / SPACER INSIDE FRAME RAIL.

NOTE: SOME VEHICLES MAY FISHWIRE THROUGH END OF FRAME

TOOLS REQUIRED

RATCHET
 SOCKET SET
 6" SOCKET EXTENSION
 DIE GRINDER
 SHEARS
 BOXED END WRENCH
 TORQUE WRENCH

WELDNUT CLEANING

To remove debris from weldnuts in frame, spray lubricant or compressed air into hole. For heavy debris, use a small wire brush. (Be careful not to damage threads).

HITCH WEIGHT: 37 LBS.

INSTALL TIME

PROFESSIONAL: 45 MINUTES

NOVICE (DIY): 90 MINUTES

INSTALL NOTES:

- HOLE ENLARGEMENT
- FISHWIRING REQUIRED
- TRIMMING RECOMMENDED

HITCH IS COMPATIBLE WITH VEHICLE
 HANDS-FREE POWER LIFT GATE OPTION

INSTALLATION STEPS

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