

# **13316 INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS**



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

YEARS: 2011-PRESENT 2016-PRESENT

**MAKE: BMW** 

MODEL: X3

STYLE: SUV CROSSOVER

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: 4,000 LBS. TONGUE WEIGHT: 400 LBS.

**VEHICLE PHOTO:** 

#### INSTALLATION TIME: 90 MIN.

**INSTALLATION REQUIRES:** 

**PLASTIC** 

**RIVET GUN** 

**SCREW** 

**DRIVER** 

**ROTARY TOOL** 

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.

8mm 10mm

**18mm** 

SOCKET

**TORQUE** 

**WRENCH** 

**SMALL PUNCH** 

**RATCHET** 

**TAPE** 

**MEASURE** 

**SAFETY** 

**GLASSES** 

#### **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.

# LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: CHALLENGING

EASY MODERATE CHALLENGING

D PART REMOVAL

REMOVE BUMPER

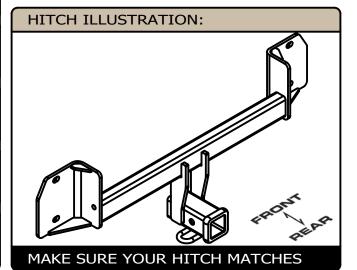
TRIM

TRIM UNDERBODY PANEL

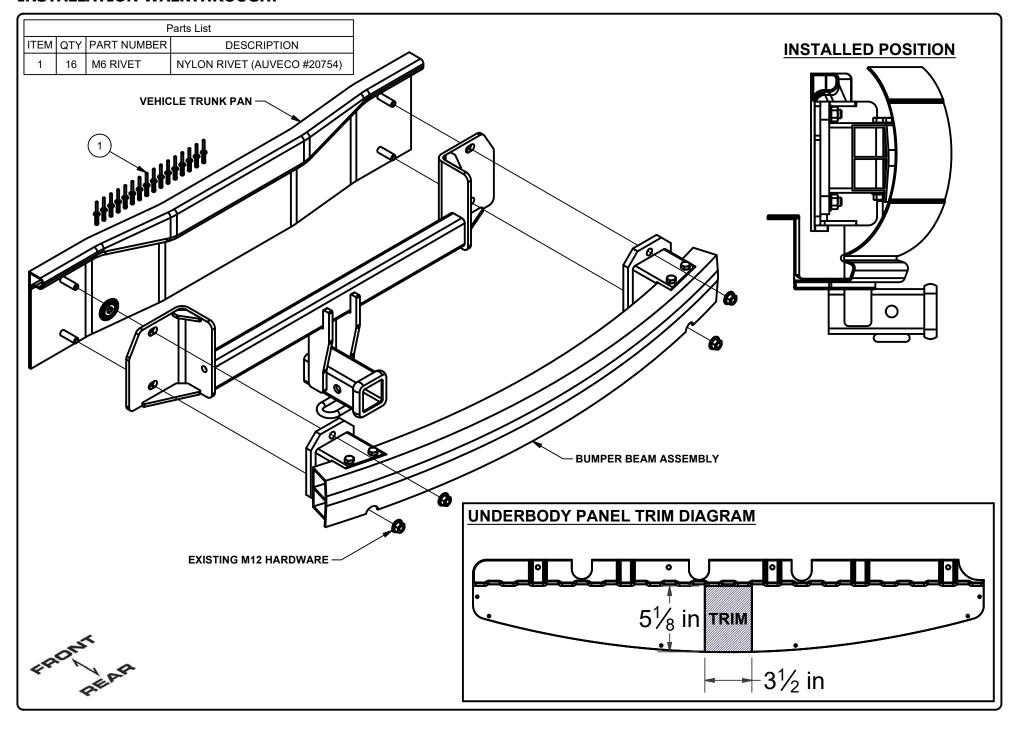


NO DRILLING REQUIRED

REPRESENTATIVE PHOTO



PERIODICALLY CHECK THIS RECEIVER HITCH TO ENSURE ALL FASTENERS ARE TIGHT AND ALL STRUCTURAL COMPONENTS ARE SOUND

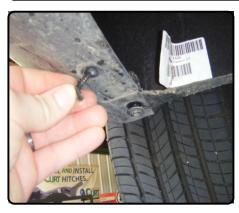


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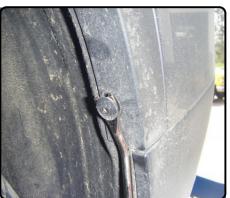
2. Remove (2) fasteners from bottom of bumper cover and (1) fastener from inside wheel well on each side. These are located behind rear tire. Some models may require removal of (1) plastic rivet from bottom of bumper on each side.





3. Remove (7) rivets from wheel well trim from above each rear tire. To remove rivets push small center rod though rivet with a small punch or an equivalent tool. Pry rivets from trim and pop trim off. **Note:** Replacement rivets are included.





4. Remove (2) fasteners from each side of bumper cover which are now accessible due to wheel well trim removal.





5. Pop off plastic covers located to the inside of each tail light.





6. Remove (2) nuts from each tail light. Unplug and remove each tail light.



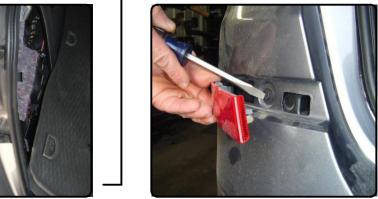


7. Remove (1) fastener from under each tail light.





8. Pop (2) reflectors off of bumper cover and remove (1) fastener from under each.





9. Carefully remove bumper cover. Pop sides off first and then pull straight back.





10. Remove (2) inner plastic bodies by removing (4) nuts from each.





11. Remove bumper beam assembly by removing (4) nuts from threaded studs. These nuts will be used to install hitch.





12. Raise hitch and bumper beam into position onto threaded studs and secure to vehicle using the M12 nuts removed in STEP 11.





13. Torque all M12 hardware to 86 ft-lbs.





14. Hold inner plastic bodies in position and mark where the hitch side plates interfere. Trim an approximate 3/8" wide by 7/8" deep slot into each inner plastic body to allow for side plate clearance.





15. Reinstall bumper cover and tail lights by reassembling components removed in STEPS 2-10 in reverse order.

Note: A plastic rivet gun is required to fasten supplied rivets when reinstalling wheel well trim.





16. Raise underbody panel into position and mark the center using the hitch as a guide. Trim underbody panel. See UNDERBODY PANEL TRIM DIAGRAM on PAGE 2. Reinstall underbody panel and discard extra fastener. Install is complete.





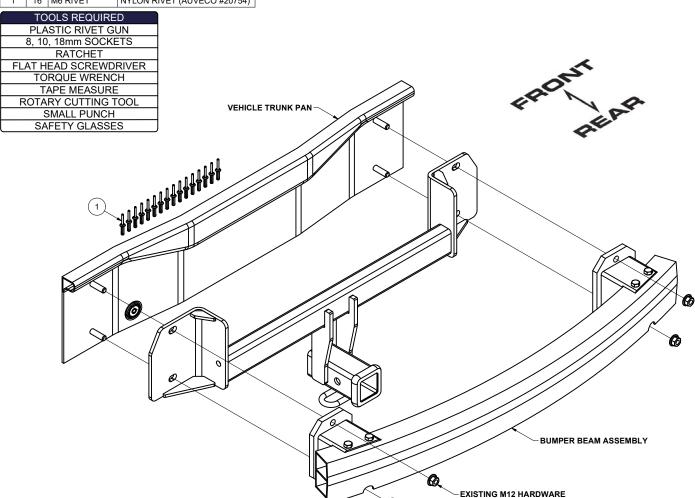
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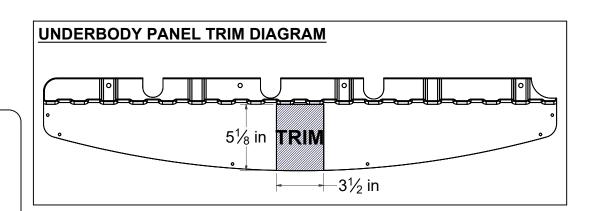
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HITCH WEIGHT: 27 LBS. **INSTALL TIME** 

PROFESSIONAL: 90 MINUTES NOVICE (DIY): 180 MINUTES INSTALL NOTES:

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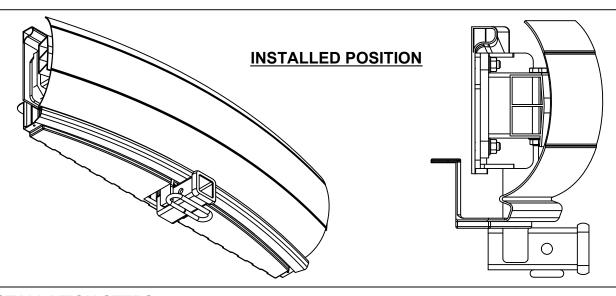
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