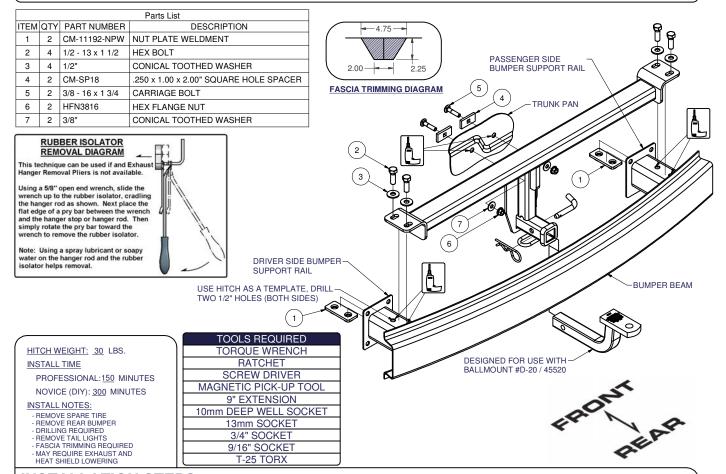
## **AUDI A3 SPORT BACK 5 DOOR HATCH**

GROSS LOAD CAPACITY WHEN USED AS A WEIGHT CARRYING HITCH: 2000 LBS. TRAILER WEIGHT & 200 LBS. TONGUE WEIGHT.

\*\*\*DO NOT EXCEED VEHICLE MANUFACTURER'S RECOMMENDED TOWING CAPACITY.\*\*\*

WARNING: ALL NON-TRAILER LOADS APPLIED TO THIS PRODUCT MUST BE SUPPORTED BY AUXILIARY STABILIZING STRAPS.

\*\* FAILURE TO PROPERLY SUPPORT NON-TRAILER LOADS WILL VOID PRODUCT WARRANTY\*\*



## INSTALLATION STEPS

- 1. To remove the rear bumper, remove (3) torx screws from inside each wheel well. Remove both tail lights by using a socket through the port on the inside of trunk. Rotate light out of place <u>carefully</u>, so the tabs on the back side stay intact (rotate then pull straight out from the side to remove lens). Remove 2 torx screws from beneath each tail light (one short black, one long silver). Remove the 2 torx screws from the underside of the bumper. Using a screwdriver pop off the plastic covers inside the trunk to access (2) hex nuts using a 10mm deep socket. <u>Note</u>: Be sure the socket you use is deep enough so it will not bottom out on the post. Use a magnetic arm to catch the nuts. Dettach the bumper cover from the side of the car, then pull straight backwards to remove.
- 2. Loosen bumper beam to place hitch into position above bumper beam support rails, and back against the trunk pan. Using the hitch as a template, mark and drill holes into bumper beam support rails (through top side only) and holes into trunk pan.
- 3. Remove bumper beam from vehicle, (6) hex bolts. May need to lower exhaust (2 hangers) and heat shield for access to trunk pan mounting holes. Clear spare tire well of <u>ALL</u> contents before drilling.
- 4. Install hitch onto bumper beam support rails by inserting hex bolts through hitch into frame rail. Hold the supplied nut plates inside frame and tighten using 3/4" rachet on hex bolt head. Tighten securely. (both sides)
- 5. Re-install bumper beam onto vehicle. Install carriage bolts from the underside of the spare tire well outward. Install remaining hex head flange nuts with conical tooth washers.
- 6. Torque all 1/2" fasteners to 110 lb-ft and all 3/8" fasteners to 45 lb-ft.
- 7. Trim bumper fascia as required for proper fit (see diagram above).
- 8. Re-install heat shield, exhaust, bumper fascia (in reverse order of removal), and tail lights (be sure lights work correctly after re-assembled.

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

