




# 11422 INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

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

YEARS: 2015-PRESENT

MAKE: VOLKSWAGEN

MODEL: GOLF SPORTWAGEN

STYLE: WAGON








**WEIGHT CARRYING:**  
TRAILER WEIGHT: 2,000 LBS.  
TONGUE WEIGHT: 200 LBS.

**PRO INSTALL TIME: 60 MIN.**

**NOVICE INSTALL TIME: 120 MIN.**

*IF YOU ARE HESITANT TO UNDERTAKE THIS TASK ON YOUR OWN, CONTACT AN AUTHORIZED CURT INSTALLER FOR ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE.*



### INSTALLATION REQUIRES:

 <b>13mm</b> SOCKET	 T15 TORXBIT T25 SOCKETS	 <b>6"</b> SOCKET EXTENSION
 RATCHET	 TORQUE WRENCH	 SCREW DRIVER
 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

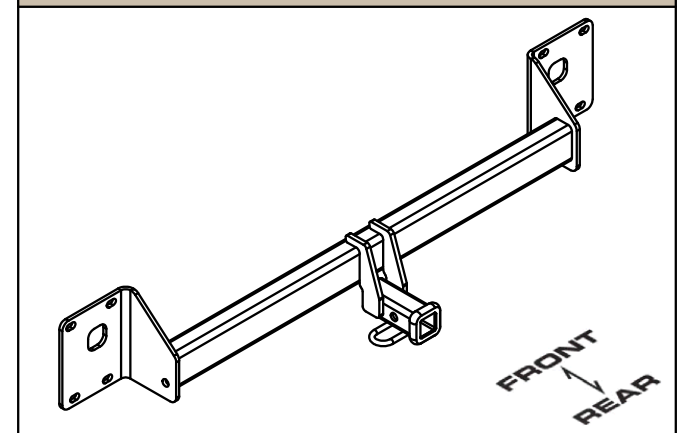
EASY	MODERATE	CHALLENGING
	NO DRILLING	
	TEMPORARILY REMOVE BUMPER AND BUMPER COVER	

### VEHICLE PHOTO:



REPRESENTATIVE PHOTO

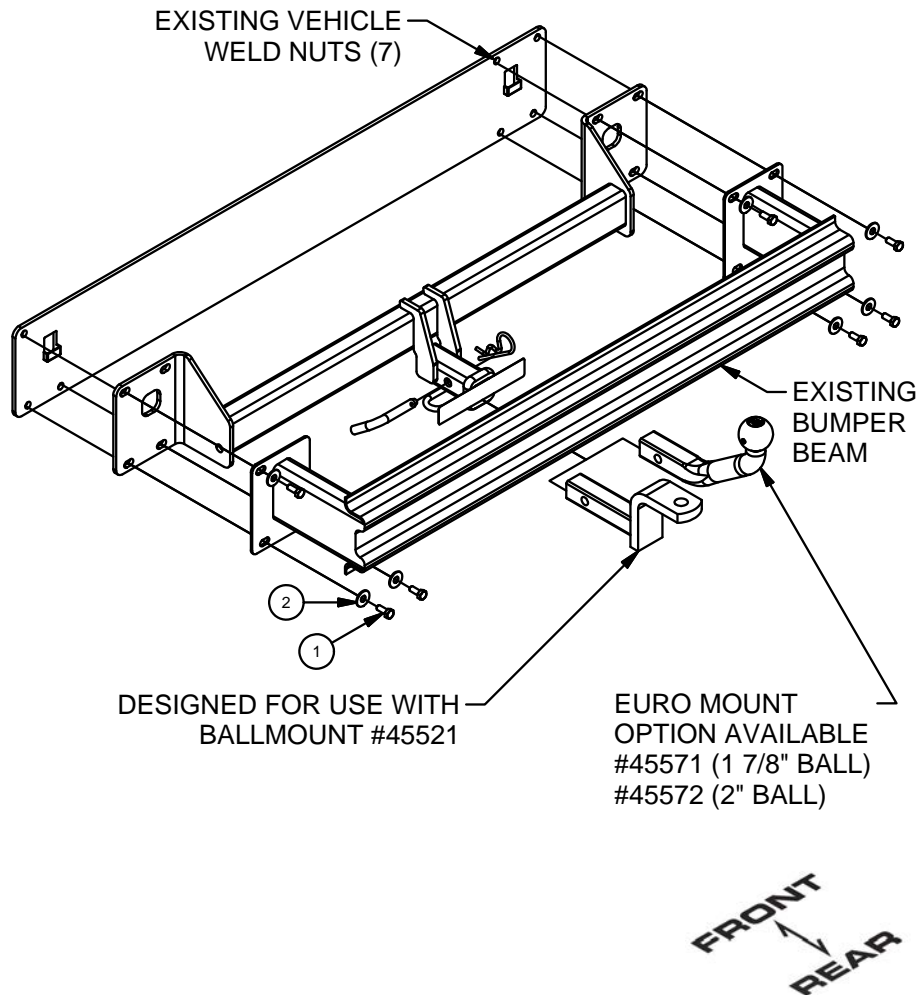
### HITCH ILLUSTRATION:



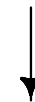
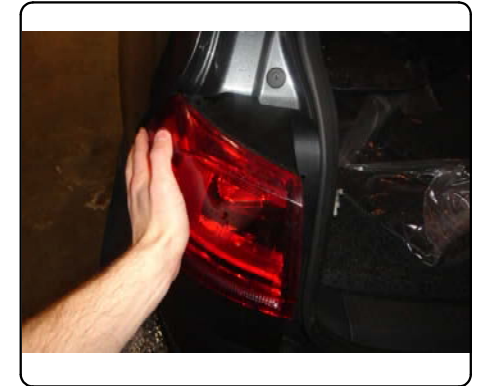
MAKE SURE YOUR HITCH MATCHES

## INSTALLATION WALKTHROUGH:

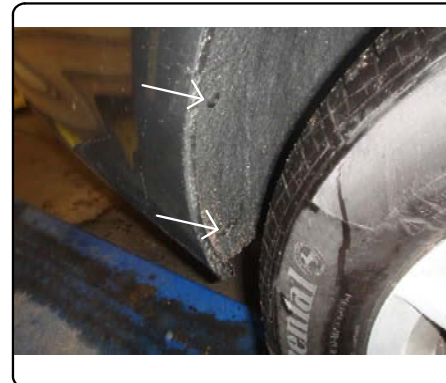
Parts List			
ITEM	QTY	PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
1	7	M8 - 1.25 x 25	HEX BOLT
2	7	3/8"	CONICAL TOOTHED WASHER



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2. Remove the (4) screws from each wheel well using a T25 Torx bit and save for reinstallation.



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3. Remove (9) screws from the bottom of the bumper cover, (5) using a T25 Torx bit and (4) using a T15 Torx bit. Remove the plastic nut that holds the smaller screws. Save for reinstallation.



4. Remove bumper cover by gently pulling the bumper cover from the location of the nuts for the bolts removed from the wheel well and the bottom of the wheel well on both sides. Gently pull the bumper cover from the wheel well area toward the rear of the vehicle on both sides. Continue pulling straight back using a flat screwdriver to detach clips retaining the bumper cover as needed. Carefully remove the lower panel from the rest of the bumper cover.



5. Remove (7) M8 bolts from the bumper beam using a 13mm socket. Remove the bumper beam from the vehicle by lifting it up and then away from the vehicle.



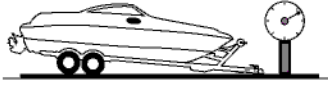
6. Place hitch between bumper beam and vehicle. Secure with supplied (7) M8 bolts and conical washers. Torque M8 bolts to 23 ft-lbs. Reinstall bumper cover following Steps 1-4 in reverse order.



## TOWING SAFETY INFORMATION

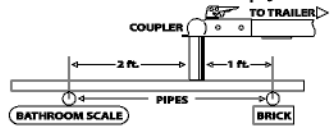
### Gross Trailer Weight / GTW

The Gross Trailer Weight is the weight of the trailer & cargo. Measure this by putting the fully loaded trailer on a vehicle scale.



### Tongue Weight / TW

The downward force that is exerted on the hitch ball by the coupler. The tongue weight will vary depending on where the load is positioned in relationship to the trailer axle(s). To measure the tongue weight, use either a commercial scale or a bathroom scale with the coupler at towing height. When using a bathroom scale with heavier tongue weights, use the method shown and multiply the scale reading by 3.



### Weight Carrying / WC

The total weight of both the trailer and the cargo inside. Never exceed the weight capacity of your trailer hitch.

### Weight Distribution / WD

Used to balance the weight of the cargo between the front and rear wheels throughout the trailer, allowing for better steering, braking, and level riding.



### Sway Control

A device used to reduce the lateral movements of the trailer that are caused by the wind. This works in conjunction with a weight distribution hitch. Do not use this on a class 1 or 2 hitch, or with surge brakes.

### How Much Can You Safely Tow?

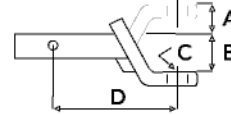
TONGUE WEIGHT (lb)	1000	2000	3000	4000	5000	6000	7000	8000	10,000	12,000
Tongue weight should be about 10 to 15 percent of the gross trailer weight.										
CLASS 1										
CLASS 2										
CLASS 3										
CLASS 4										
CLASS 5										
TRAILER TYPE										
Camper	11'	12'	13'	14'	15'	16'				
lbs.	1100	1200	1300	1400	1500	1600				
Vacation	18'	19'	20'	21'	22'	24'	26'	28'	30'	32'
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5th Wheel										

**Refer to owner's manual for towing capabilities and limitations.**

### Ball Mount

The ball mount is placed inside the opening of the receiver hitch which is mounted to the vehicle. Make sure a hitch pin and clip is properly securing the ball mount to the receiver hitch before you begin towing.

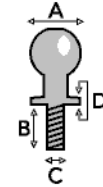
- A: Rise. B: Drop. C: Hole Size. D: Length.



### Trailer Ball

The connection from the hitch to the trailer. There are many factors that determine the correct hitch ball:

- Number one is the hitch ball's gross trailer weight rating.
- The mounting platform must be at least 3/8" thick.
- The hole diameter must not be more than 1/16" larger than the threaded shank.
- Every time you tow, check the nut and lock washer to make sure they are fastened securely.
- A: Ball Dia. B: Shank Length. C: Shank Dia. D: Shank Rise.



### Coupler

The component that is placed over the trailer ball to connect the vehicle to the trailer. Be sure that the coupler size matches the size of the hitch ball and that the coupler handle is securely fastened. To determine what size hitch ball you need for your application you will need to know the size of coupler that is on the trailer. Be sure your coupler is properly adjusted to the ball you are using.

NOTE: For added security the use of safety devices such as Coupler Safety Pins and Locks is strongly recommended.

### Safety Chains

Safety chains are a requirement and should be crossed under the tongue of the trailer so that the tongue will not drop to the road if it becomes separated from the hitch. Always leave enough slack so you can turn. Never allow the safety chains to drag on the ground and never attach the chains to the bumper.

Trailer Classification: Safety Chain Breaking Force - Minimum

Class 1: 2,000 lbs. (8.9 kN)

Class 2: 3,500 lbs. (15.6 kN)

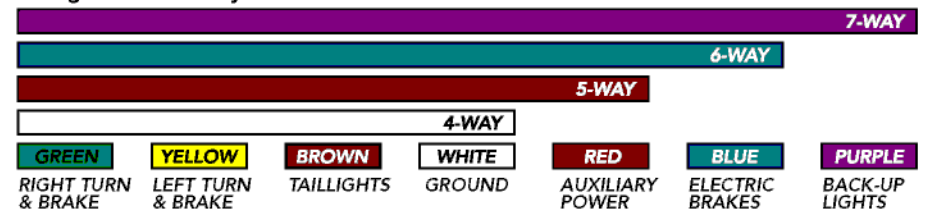
Class 3: 5,000 lbs. (22.2 kN)

The strength rating of each length of safety chain or its equivalent and its attachments shall be equal to or exceed in minimum breaking force the GVWR (Gross Vehicle Weight Rating) of the trailer.

### Electrical

Trailer lights, Electric Brakes, Break-away systems - Every time you tow, be sure to check that all components are working properly.

Wiring identification by color:



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## VOLKSWAGEN GOLF SPORTWAGEN

**GROSS LOAD CAPACITY WHEN USED AS A WEIGHT CARRYING HITCH: 2,000 LBS. TRAILER WEIGHT & 200 LBS. TONGUE WEIGHT.**

**WARNING: ALL NON-TRAILER LOADS APPLIED TO THIS PRODUCT MUST BE SUPPORTED BY 18050 STABILIZING STRAPS.**

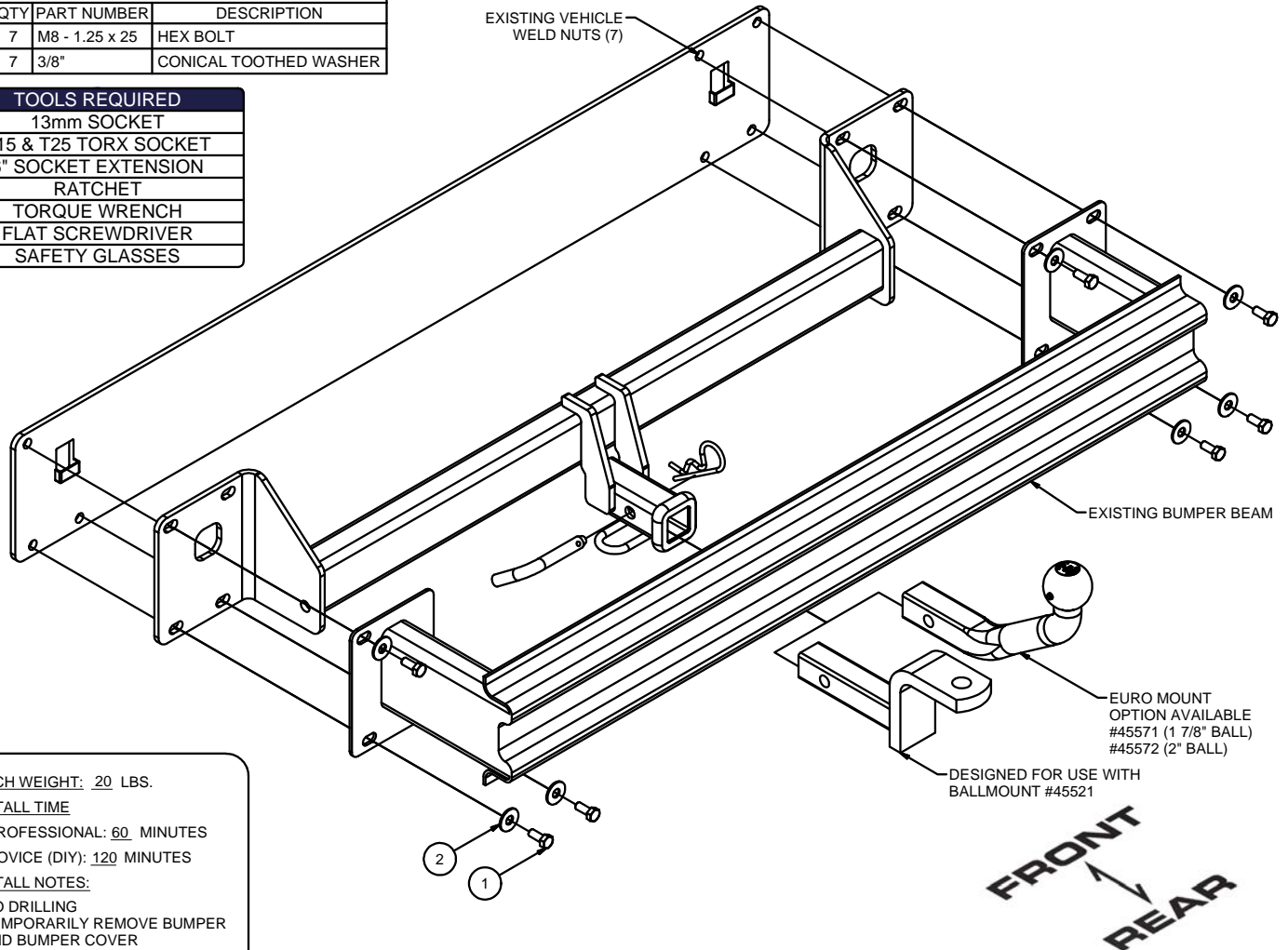
**WARNING: \*\* FAILURE TO PROPERLY SUPPORT NON-TRAILER LOADS WILL VOID PRODUCT WARRANTY \*\***

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



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PROFESSIONAL: 60 MINUTES

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

Learn more about trailer hitches and towing we have.