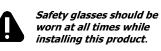
# **13206 INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS**



YEARS: 2014-PRESENT

WEIGHT CARRYING:

**MAKE: SUBARU** 

**MODEL: OUTBACK** 

**MODERATE** 

CHALLENGING

**STYLE: WAGON** 

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

TRAILER WEIGHT: 4,000 LBS. **TONGUE WEIGHT:** 600 LBS.

#### **PRO INSTALL TIME:** 45 MIN. NOVICE INSTALL TIME: **90 MIN.**

**INSTALLATION REQUIRES:** 

10mm 19mm

SOCKET

TORQUE

**WRENCH** 

**ROTARY TOOL** 

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

8"

SOCKET

RATCHET

**DRILL BIT** 

17/32"

**EXTENSION** 

POWER

**AVIATION** 

SHEARS

DRILL

### **INSTALLATION TIPS:**

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY:

EASY

TRIM

- 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.

MODERATE

**FISHWIRE HARDWIRE** 

HEAT SHIELD TRIM

HOLE ENLARGEMENT

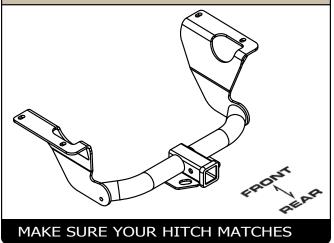
DRILLING REQUIRED

**VEHICLE PHOTO:** 

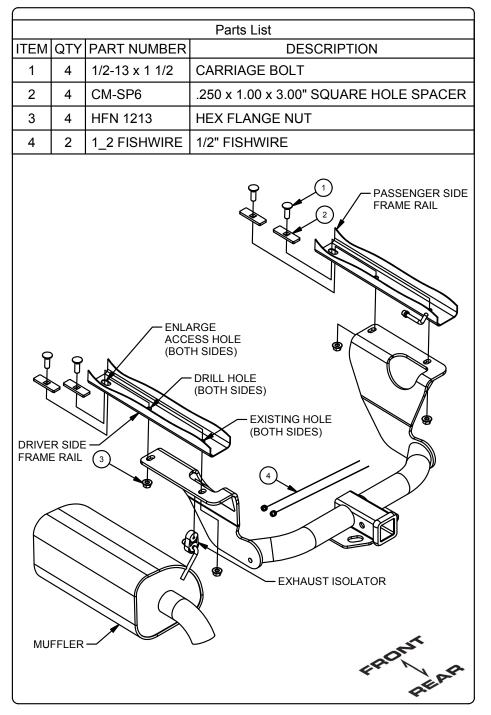


**REPRESENTATIVE PHOTO** 

#### **HITCH ILLUSTRATION:**

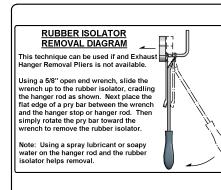


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(See Rubber Isolator Removal Diagram.)





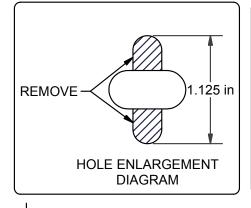
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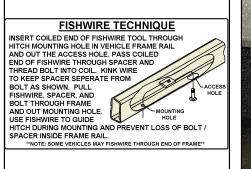
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 Remove the (2) rubber plugs in each frame rail. Enlarge the forwardmost hole on each frame rail to allow the carriage bolt and spacer to be inserted into the frame rail. (See Hole Enlargement Diagram.)





4. Fishwire a carriage bolt and spacer into the rearmost hole in each frame rail as shown leaving fishwire attached. (See Fishwire Technique.)





5. Raise the hitch into position. Center the hitch on the vehicle, remove fishwire, and loosely secure the hitch to the vehicle with hex flange nuts as shown.





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  - 6. Mark and drill the forwardmost holes in the frame rail using the hitch as your template. Fishwire a carriage bolt and spacer into each drilled hole and secure the hitch with a hex flange nut as shown.





### **INSTALLATION WALKTHROUGH:**

8. Torque all 1/2" hardware to 110 ft-lbs.

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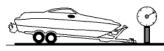
9. Reinstall the heat shield, raise the exhaust and reinstall the rubber isolators.



#### TOWING SAFETY INFORMATION

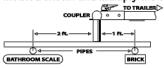
#### Gross Trailer Weight / GTW

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

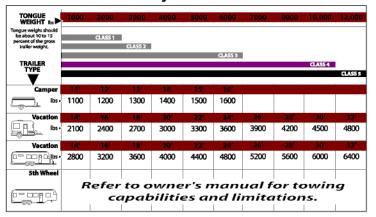
Used to balance the weight of the cargo between the front and rear wheels throughout the trailer, allowing for better steering, braking, and level riding.



#### 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.

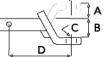
#### How Much Can You Safely Tow?



#### 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)

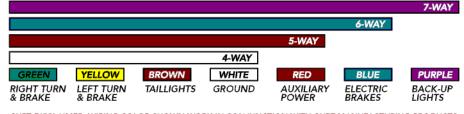
Class 3: 5,000 lbs. (22.2 kN)

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.

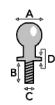
#### Electrical

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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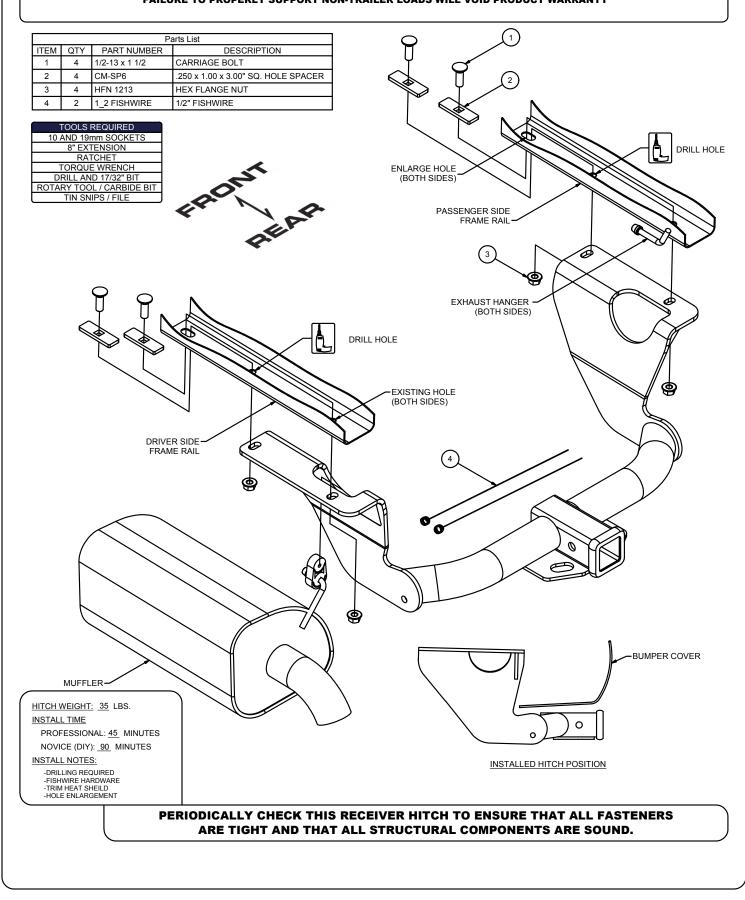


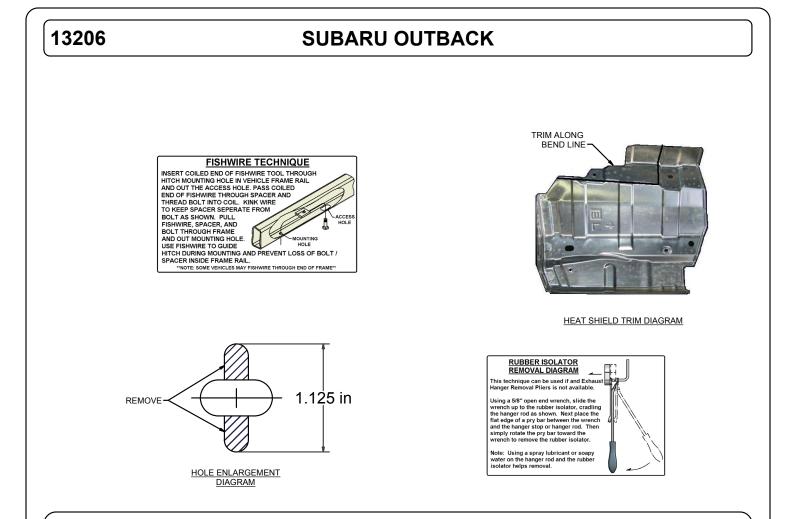
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WARNING: ALL NON-TRAILER LOADS APPLIED TO THIS PRODUCT MUST BE SUPPORTED BY 18050 STABILIZING STRAPS. \*\* FAILURE TO PROPERLY SUPPORT NON-TRAILER LOADS WILL VOID PRODUCT WARRANTY\*\*





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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.