

YEARS: 2015

MAKE: AUDI

MODEL: Q3

STYLE: CROSSOVER

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

WEIGHT CARRYING:
 TRAILER WEIGHT: 3500 LBS.
 TONGUE WEIGHT: 525 LBS.

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

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

INSTALLATION REQUIRES:

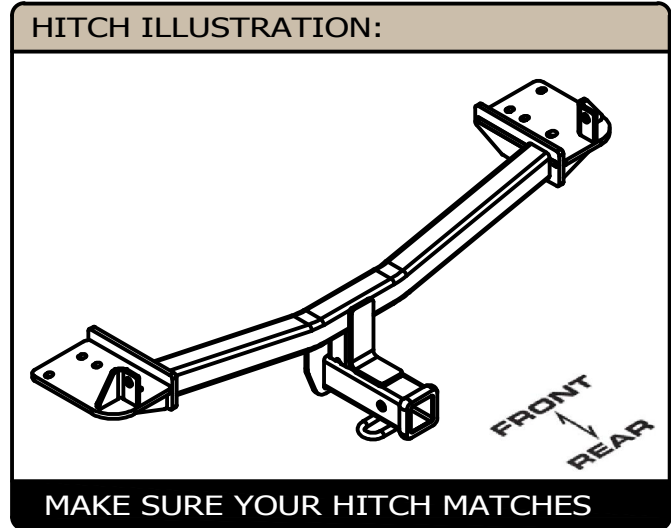
SAFETY GLASSES	AVIATION SHEARS	TORQUE WRENCH
13mm 9/16" 11/16" SOCKET	8" SOCKET EXTENSION	RATCHET
T25 TORXBIT SOCKET	DIE GRINDER	

INSTALLATION TIPS:

- BEFORE YOU BEGIN INSTALLATION, READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS THOROUGHLY.
- TO EASE INSTALLATION, 2 PEOPLE MAY BE REQUIRED.
- USING PROPER TOOLS WILL GREATLY IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF THE INSTALL AND REDUCE THE TIME REQUIRED.

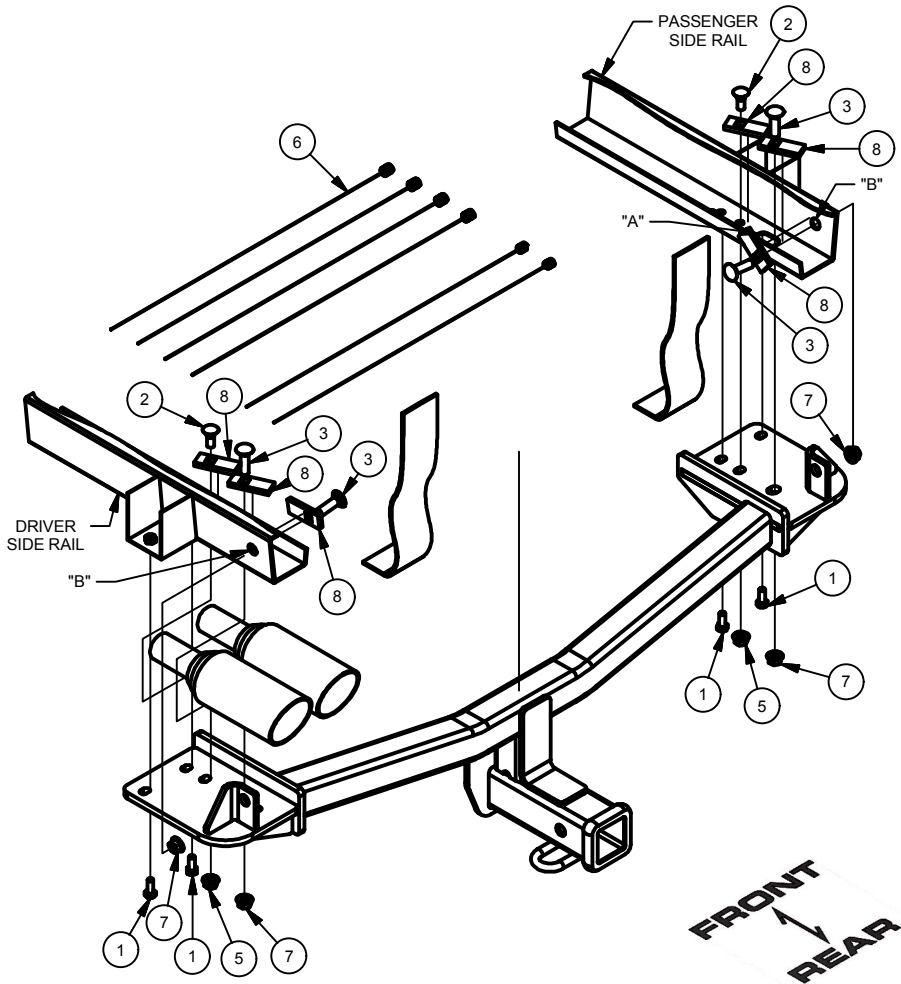
LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: MODERATE

EASY	MODERATE	CHALLENGING
	NO DRILLING REQUIRED	
	LOWER EXHAUST	
	WELDNUT CLEANING	
	FISHWIRE TECHNIQUE	
	TRIM EXHAUST HEAT SHIELD AND REAR FASCIA	



INSTALLATION WALKTHROUGH:

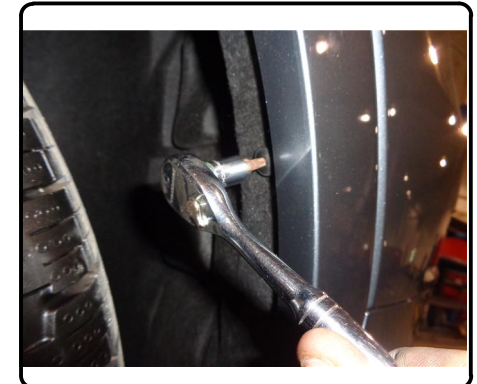
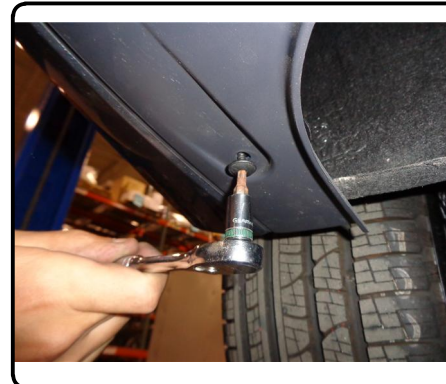
Parts List			
ITEM	QTY	PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
1	4	M8 - 1.25 x 25	HEX BOLT
2	2	3/8-16 x 1 1/2 LG.	CARRIAGE BOLT
3	4	7/16-14 x 1 1/2	CARRIAGE BOLT
4	2	3_8 FISHWIRE	3/8" FISHWIRE
5	2	HFN3816	HEX FLANGE NUT
6	4	7_16 FISHWIRE	7/16" FISHWIRE
7	4	7/16-14	HEX FLANGE NUT
8	6	CM-SP2	.250 x .88 x 2.25" SQUARE HOLE SPACER



1. Remove (2) fasteners centered along the bottom of the rear bumper cover using a T25 socket.

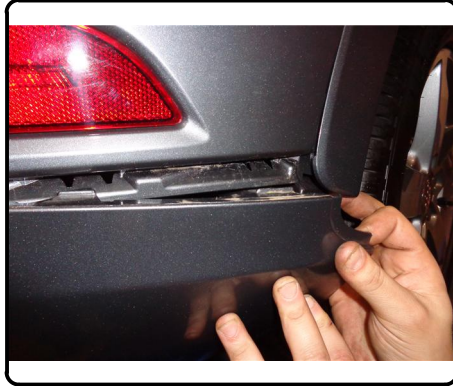
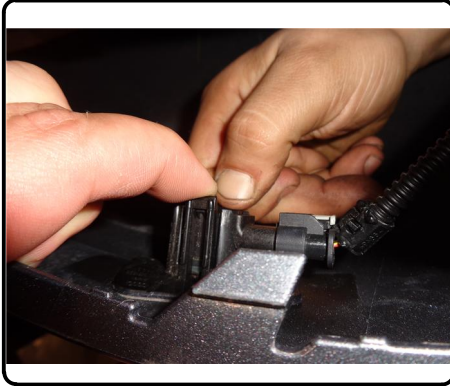


2. Remove (1) fastener located along the bottom of the bumper cover near the rear wheel well, and (3) fasteners on each side in the wheel well using a T25 socket.



INSTALLATION WALKTHROUGH:

3. If applicable, disconnect the backup sensors attached to the rear bumper. Remove the rear bumper cover.



4. Remove (2) fasteners for the driver side exhaust, and (2) fasteners for the muffler hangers using a 13mm socket.



5. Cut a notch in the heat shield to clear the middle hole on the driver side frame rail using shears.



6. Fishwire 3/8-16 x 1 1/2" carriage bolts and SP18 spacers through access hole "A" to the forwardmost hole along the bottom of each side of the frame.

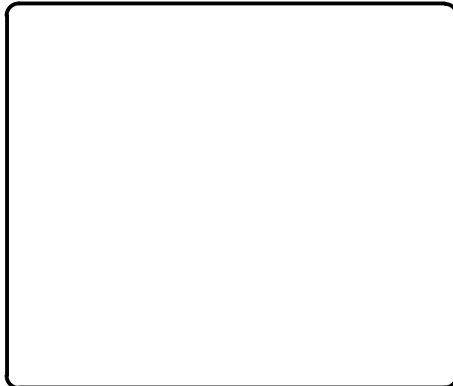
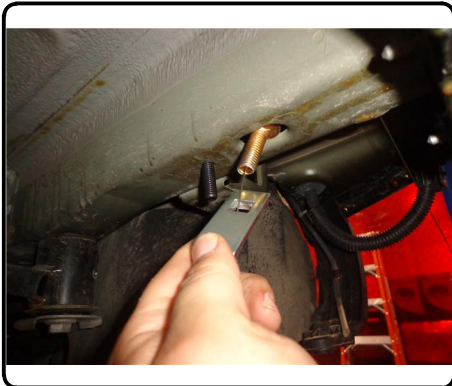


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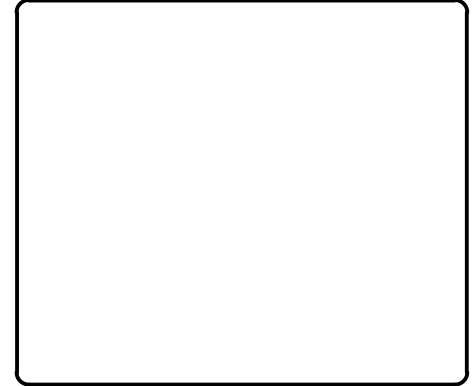
7. Fishwire 7/16-20 x 1 1/2" carriage bolts and SP2 spacers through access hole "A" to hole "B" located on the outside of each frame rail.



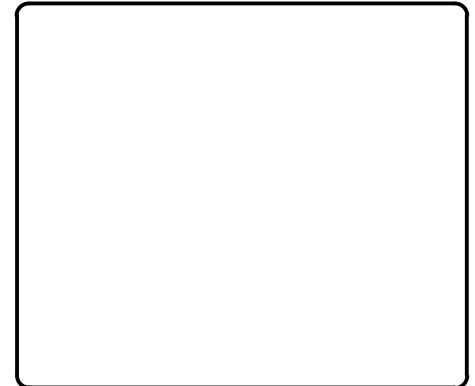
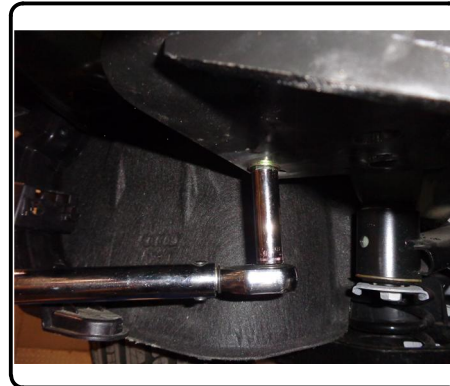
8. Reverse fishwire 7/16-20 1 1/2" carriage bolts and SP2 spacers through access hole "A".



9. Raise hitch into position over the heat shield and loosely fasten the side plates with 3/8" and 7/16" flange nuts on both sides. Loosely fasten M8 hardware in the two forwardmost weldnuts on each frame rail and the muffler bracket.

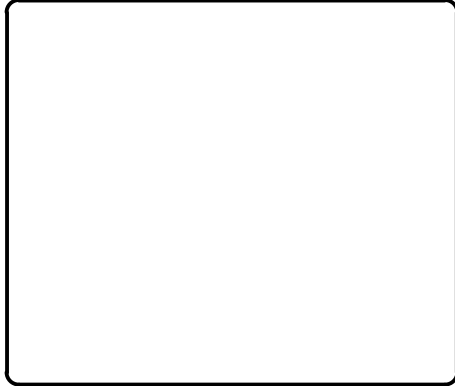


10. Torque all M8 hardware to 20 ft-lbs. Torque all 3/8" hardware to 35 ft-lbs. Torque all 7/16" hardware to 55 ft-lbs.

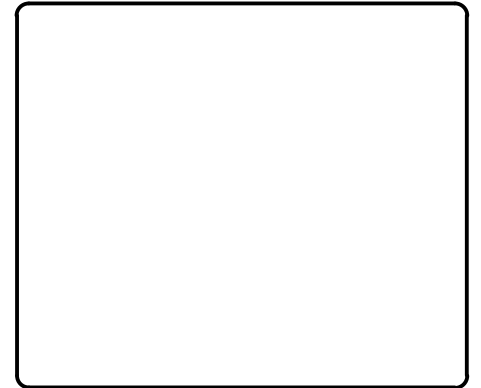
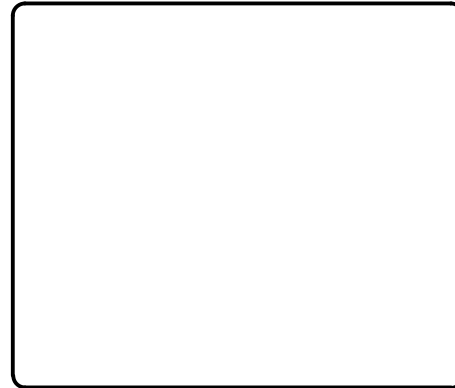
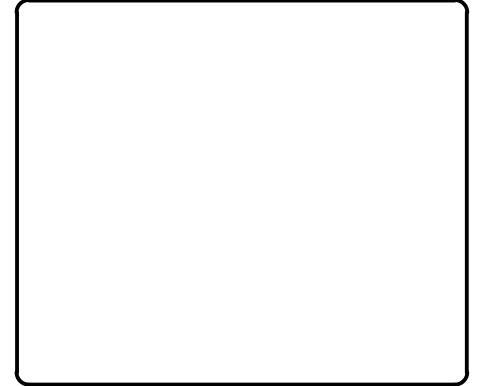
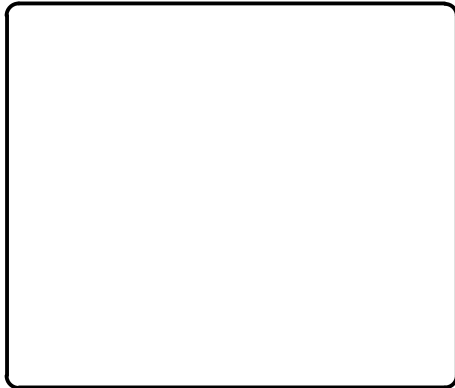


INSTALLATION WALKTHROUGH:

12. Remove a 2-1/4" square section from the center at the bottom of the bumper fascia using a die grinder.



13. Reinstall rear bumper cover with fasteners removed in Step (1) and (2).



TOWING SAFETY INFORMATION

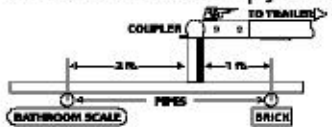
Gross Trailer Weight / GTW

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?

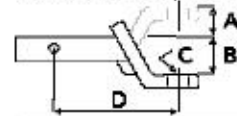
TONGUE WEIGHT (lb.)	1000	2000	3000	4000	5000	6000	7000	8000	10,000	12,000	
CLASS 1	CLASS 1										
CLASS 2	CLASS 2										
CLASS 3	CLASS 3										
CLASS 4	CLASS 4										
CLASS 5	CLASS 5										
TRAILER TYPE	1000	2000	3000	4000	5000	6000	7000	8000	10,000	12,000	
Coupler											
1/2" Inc.	1100	1200	1300	1400	1500	1600					
Weighted											
1/2" Inc.	2100	2400	2700	3000	3300	3600	3900	4200	4500	4800	
Weighted											
1/2" Inc.	2800	3200	3600	4000	4400	4800	5200	5600	6000	6400	
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.

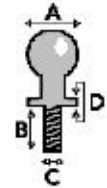
- A: Rise. B: Drop. C: Hole Size. D: Length.



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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2015 AUDI Q3

GROSS LOAD CAPACITY WHEN USED AS A WEIGHT CARRYING HITCH: 3500 LBS. TRAILER WEIGHT & 525 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 18050 STABILIZING STRAPS.

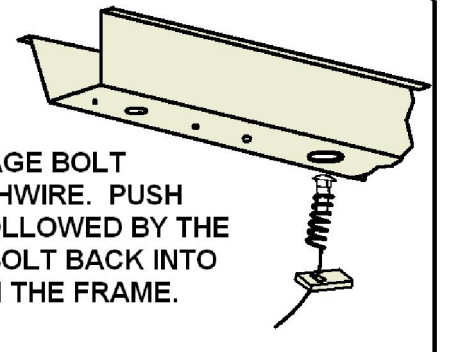
** FAILURE TO PROPERLY SUPPORT NON-TRAILER LOADS WILL VOID PRODUCT WARRANTY**

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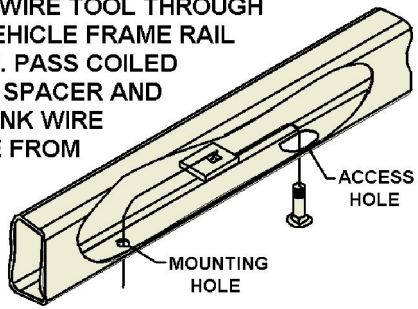
REVERSE PULL FISHWIRE TECHNIQUE

ATTACH FISHWIRE TO CARRIAGE BOLT AND SLIDE SPACER ONTO FISHWIRE. PUSH THE BOLT THRU THE HOLE FOLLOWED BY THE SPACER (AS SHOWN). PULL BOLT BACK INTO POSITION, PROTRUDING FROM THE FRAME.

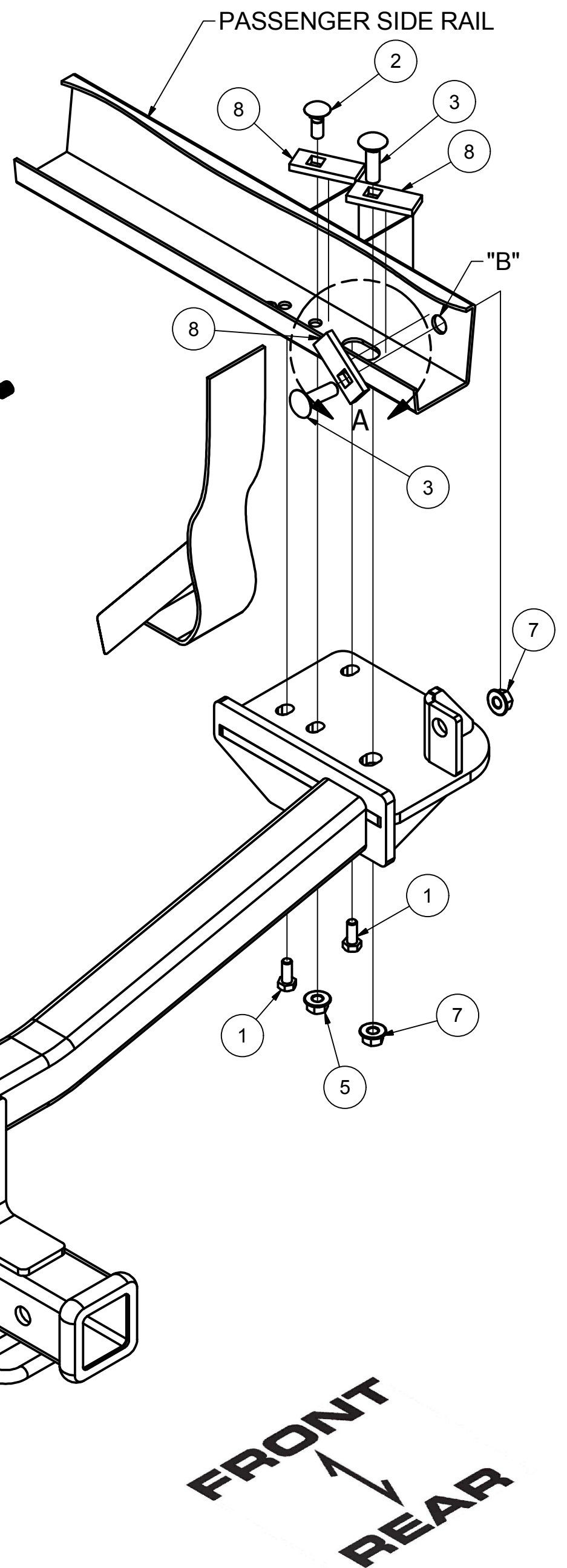
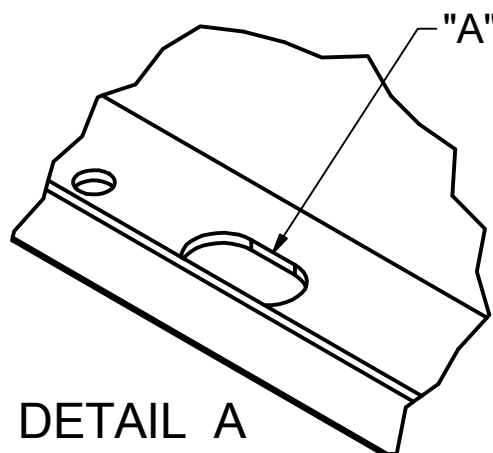


FISHWIRE TECHNIQUE

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 SEPERATE 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
- TORQUE WRENCH
- T25 SOCKET
- 13mm SOCKET
- 9/16" SOCKET
- 11/16" SOCKET
- 8" EXTENSION
- SHEARS
- DIE GRINDER

HITCH WEIGHT: 33 LBS.

INSTALL TIME

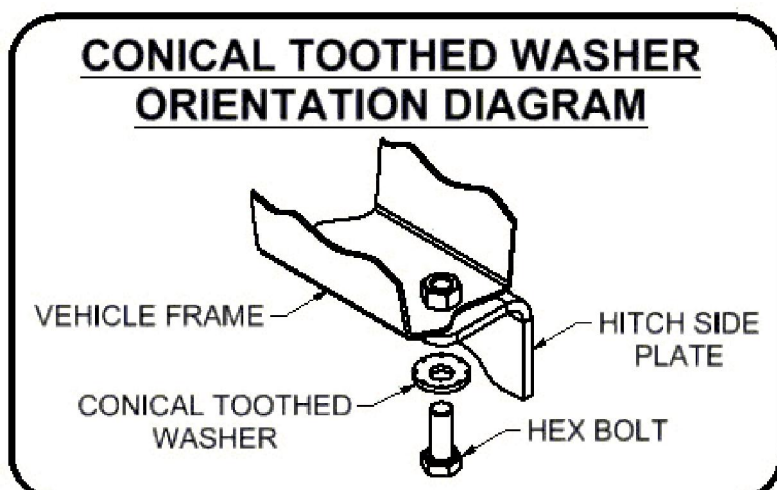
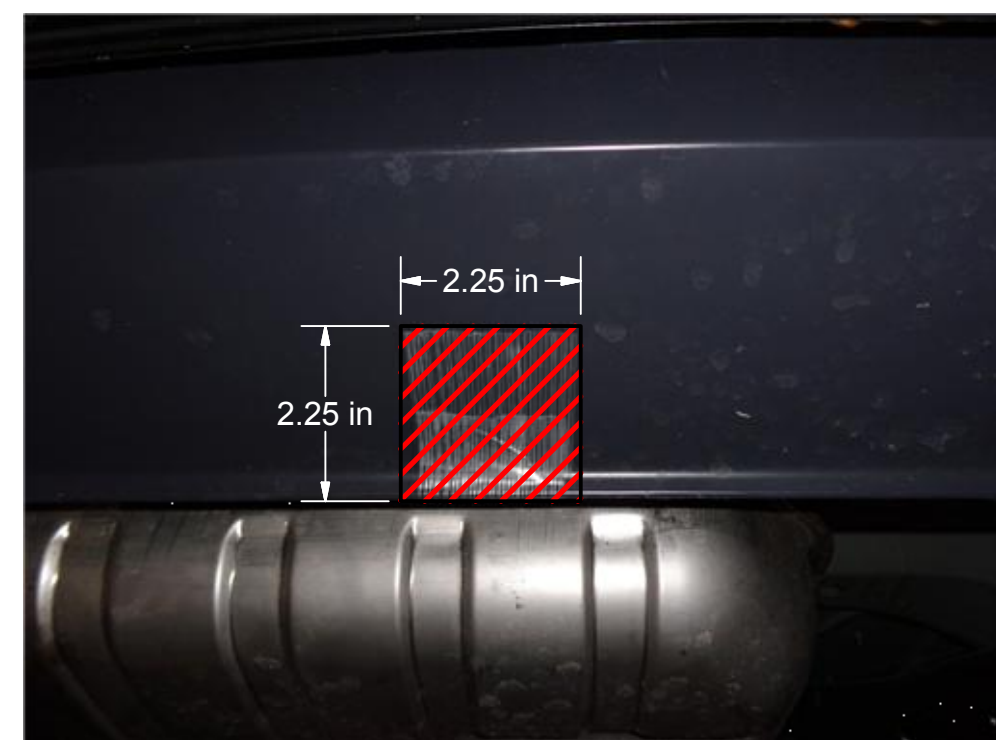
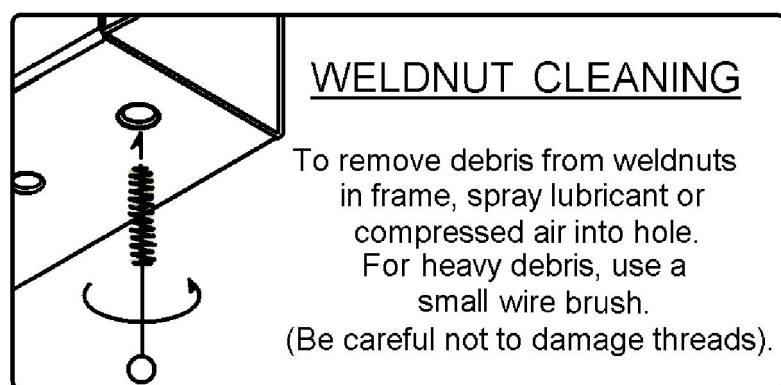
PROFESSIONAL: 45 MINUTES

NOVICE (DIY): 90 MINUTES

INSTALL NOTES:

- FASCIA TRIM REQUIRED
- NO DRILLING REQUIRED
- LOWER EXHAUST
- FISHWIRE HARDWARE
- REVERSE FISHWIRE HARDWARE
- WELDNUT CLEANING

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



INSTALLATION STEPS

1. Remove (2) fasteners centered along the bottom of the rear bumper cover using a T25 socket.
2. Remove (1) fastener located along the bottom of the bumper cover near the rear wheel well, and (3) fasteners in the wheel well using a T25 socket.
3. If applicable, disconnect the backup sensors attached to the rear bumper. Remove the rear bumper cover.
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5. Cut a notch in the heat shield to clear the middle hole on the driver side frame rail using shears.
6. Fishwire 3/8-16 x 1 1/2" carriage bolts and SP18 spacers through access hole "A" to the forwardmost hole along the bottom of each side of the frame.. (SEE FISHWIRE TECHNIQUE DIAGRAM.)
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9. Raise hitch into position over the heat shield and loosely fasten the side plates with 3/8" and 7/16" flange nuts on both sides. Loosely fasten M8 hardware in the two forwardmost weldnuts on each frame rail.
10. Torque all M8 hardware to 20 ft-lbs. Torque all 3/8" hardware to 35 ft-lbs. Torque all 7/16" hardware to 55 ft-lbs.
11. Raise exhaust brackets and secure using existing fastener removed in Step (4).
12. Remove a 2-1/4" square section from the center at the bottom of the bumper fascia using a die grinder.
13. Reinstall rear bumper cover with fasteners removed in Step (1) and (2).

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