



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

YEARS: 1997-2001

MAKE: FORD

MODEL: EXPLORER

STYLE: SUV

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

WEIGHT CARRYING:
 TRAILER WEIGHT: 3,500 LBS.
 TONGUE WEIGHT: 350 LBS.

GROSS LOAD CAPACITY WHEN USED AS A STRAIGHT LINE PULL:
 9,000 LBS MAX.

INSTALLATION TIME: 30 MIN.

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.


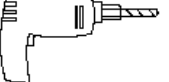
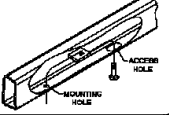
INSTALLATION REQUIRES:

 RATCHET	 7mm 10mm 3/4" SOCKET	 TORQUE WRENCH
 POWER DRILL	 DRILL BIT 9/16"	 DIE GRINDER
 SAFETY GLASSES		

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

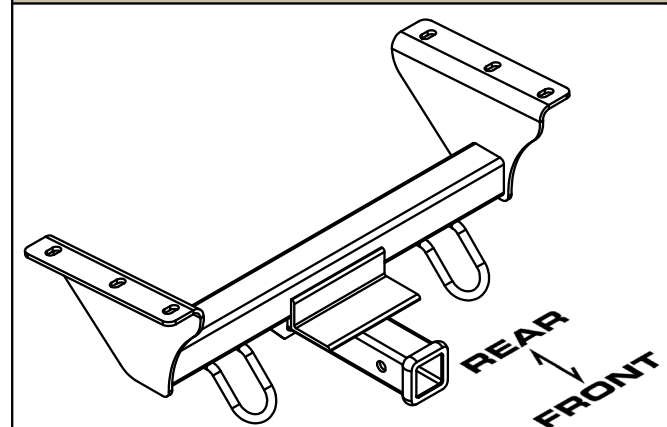
EASY	MODERATE	CHALLENGING
 PART REMOVAL	REMOVE AIR DUCT OR RADIATOR GUARD (IF PRESENT)	
	DRILLING REQUIRED (SOME MODELS)	
 MOUNTING HOLE ACCESS HOLE	FISHWIRE HARDWARE	

VEHICLE PHOTO:



REPRESENTATIVE PHOTO

HITCH ILLUSTRATION:



MAKE SURE YOUR HITCH MATCHES

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

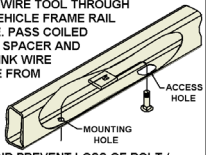
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INSTALLATION WALKTHROUGH:

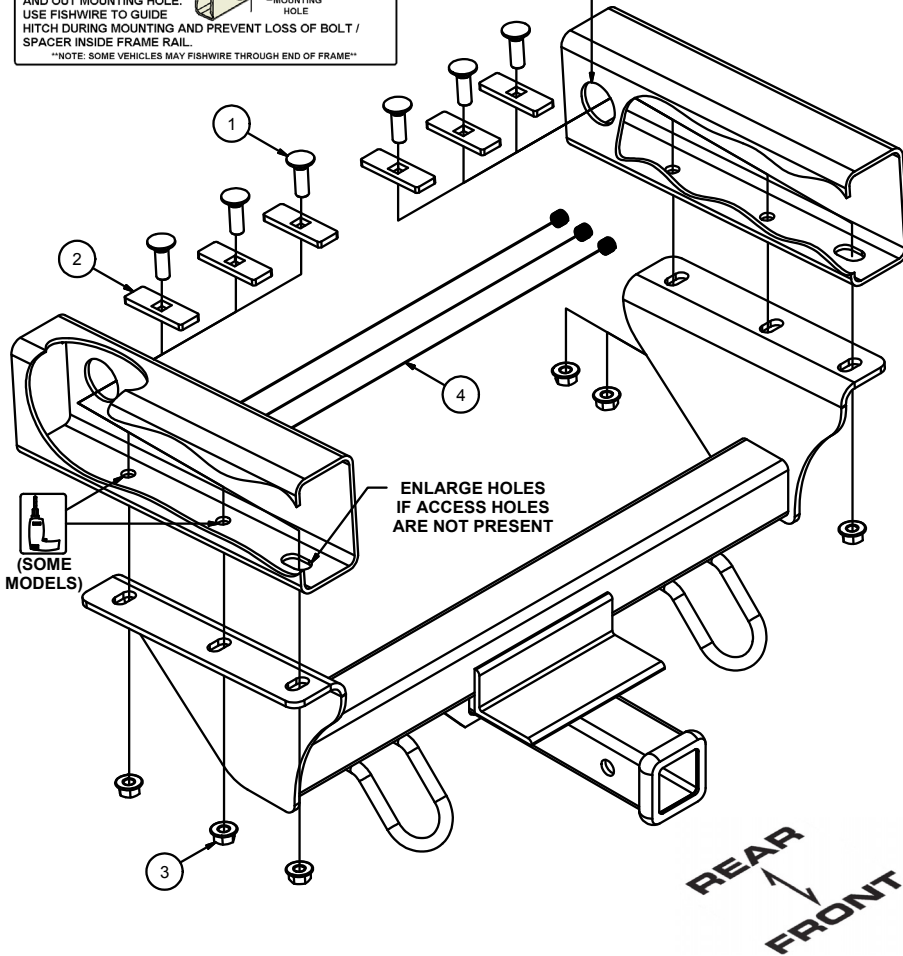
Parts List			
ITEM	QTY	PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
1	6	1/2-13 x 1 1/2	CARRIAGE BOLT
2	6	CM-SP6	.250 x 1.00 x 3.00" SQUARE HOLE SPACER
3	6	HFN 1213	HEX FLANGE NUT
4	3	1_2 FISHWIRE	1/2" FISHWIRE

FISHWIRE TECHNIQUE

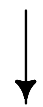
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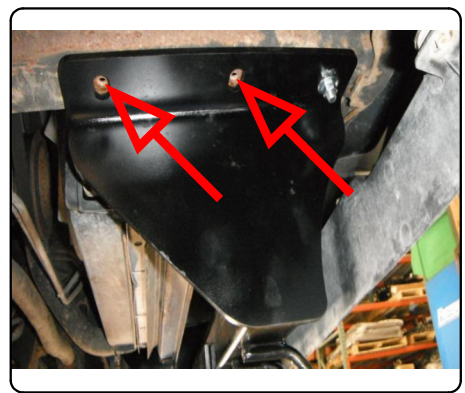
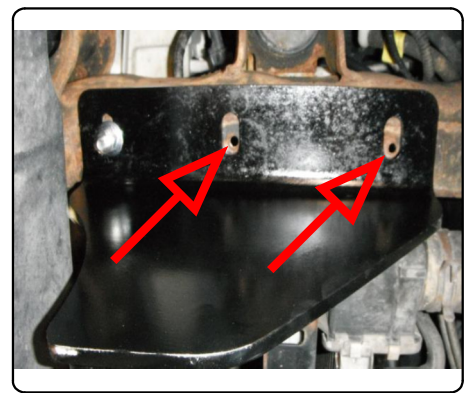
ACCESS HOLE (BOTH SIDES) (NOT PRESENT ON ALL MODELS)



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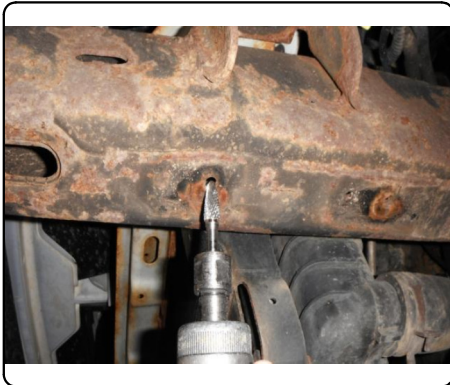


2. Some models may require drilling or hole enlargement. Raise hitch into position and mark drill locations.

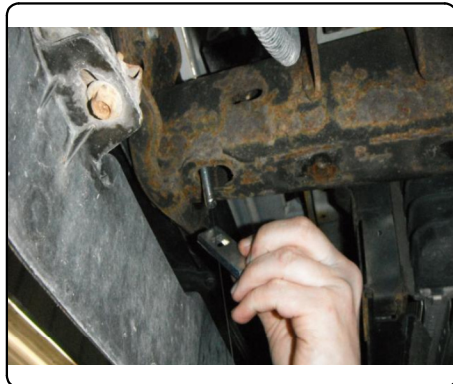
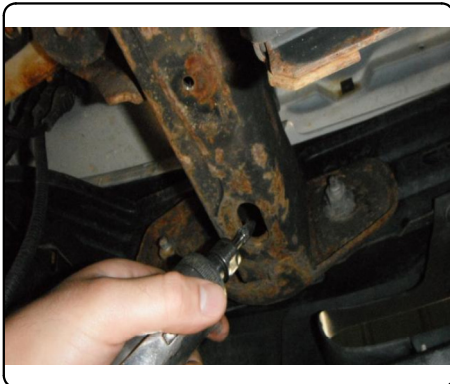


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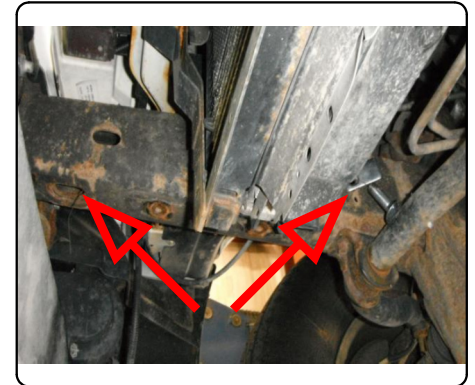
3. Lower hitch and drill or enlarge locations marked in step 2 using 9/16" drill bit or die grinder



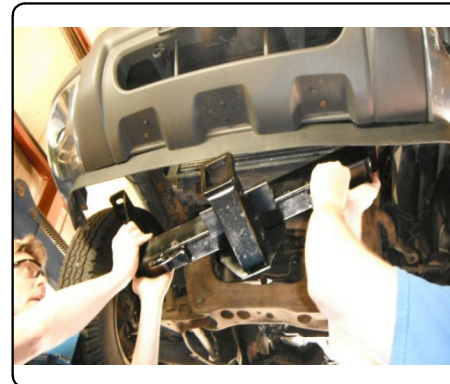
4. If access holes are not present, enlarge the forward most mounting hole on each frame rail so that 1/2" hardware will pass through.



5. Fishwire hardware into position through access holes or holes enlarged in step 4. See FISHWIRE TECHNIQUE on page 2.



6. Raise hitch into position and secure to vehicle with 1/2" flange nuts. Torque all 1/2" hardware to 75 ft-lbs.
Install is complete.



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FORD EXPLORER

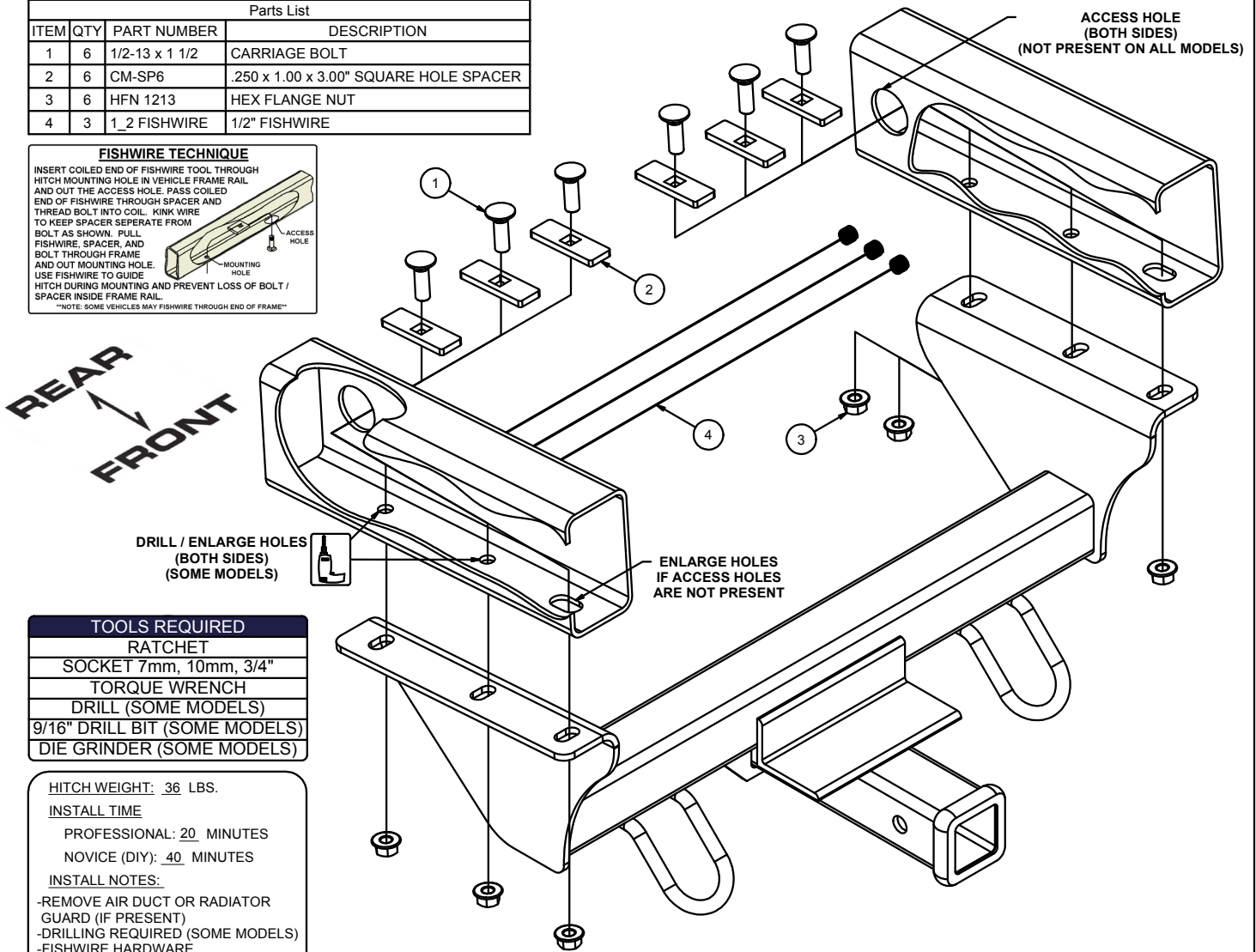
GROSS LOAD CAPACITY WHEN USED AS A WEIGHT CARRYING HITCH: 3,500 LBS. TRAILER WEIGHT & 350 LBS. TONGUE WEIGHT.
 GROSS LOAD CAPACITY WHEN USED AS A STRAIGHT LINE PULL: 9,000 LBS. MAX. LINE PULL.
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NOTE: SOME VEHICLES MAY FISHWIRE THROUGH END OF FRAME



TOOLS REQUIRED

RATCHET
SOCKET 7mm, 10mm, 3/4"
TORQUE WRENCH
DRILL (SOME MODELS)
9/16" DRILL BIT (SOME MODELS)
DIE GRINDER (SOME MODELS)

HITCH WEIGHT: 36 LBS.
 INSTALL TIME
 PROFESSIONAL: 20 MINUTES
 NOVICE (DIY): 40 MINUTES
 INSTALL NOTES:
 -REMOVE AIR DUCT OR RADIATOR GUARD (IF PRESENT)
 -DRILLING REQUIRED (SOME MODELS)
 -FISHWIRE HARDWARE

INSTALLATION STEPS

1. If present, remove air duct or radiator guard by removing 3 or 4 fasteners. Return to vehicle owner.
2. Some models may require drilling or hole enlargement. Raise hitch into position and mark drill locations.
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FRONT MOUNTED ACCESSORIES

1) Do not exceed front axle Gross Weight Rating (GAWR). Consult owners manual or specification plate located on driver's door frame. Measure gross front axle weight by placing front wheels of loaded vehicle on a scale.

WARNING: Exceeding GAWR may overload the front axle and/or suspension. This could result in **accident, property damage and personal injury.**

- 2) Reposition front mounted license plate if obstructed.
- 3) Do not obstruct vehicle lights.
- 4) Allow free air flow into grille opening.
- 5) Rear wheel traction may be reduced. This could effect handling. Reduce speed and drive with caution.
- 6) Accessories extend front of vehicle. This may reduce approach angle. Use caution when parking and maneuvering.
- 7) Do not obstruct driver view.

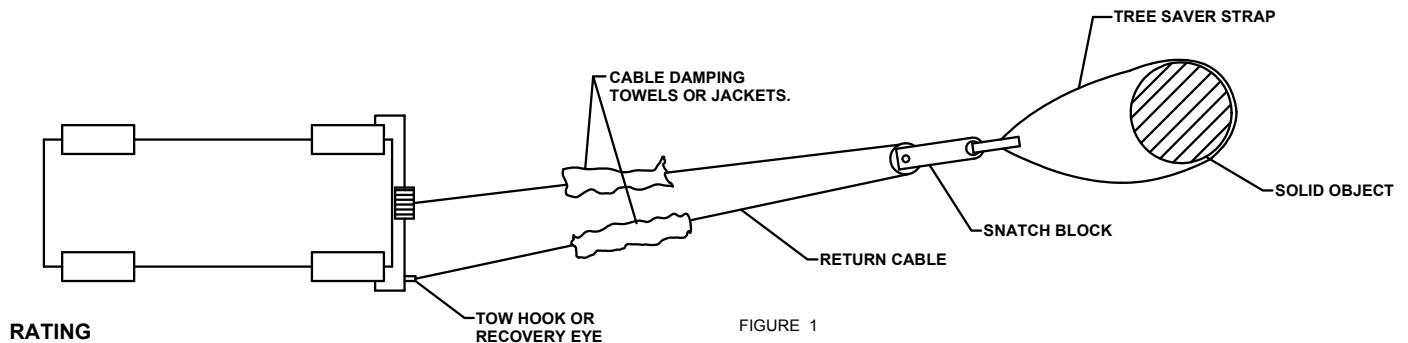
VEHICLE RECOVERY AND WINCHING TIPS

1) Use OEM tow hooks, recovery eyes or a clevis mount for attachment of a tow strap or winch cable.

WARNING: NEVER use a ball and/or ball mount as an anchor point for tow strap or winch cable. Severe personal injury or death could result.

- 2) Observe winch manufacturer's recommendations, cautions and warnings.
- 3) Attach return cable to tow hook or recovery eye when using a snatch block (See figure 1).

CAUTION: Do not attach return cable to winch mount. This may overload winch mount and/or front mounted receiver.

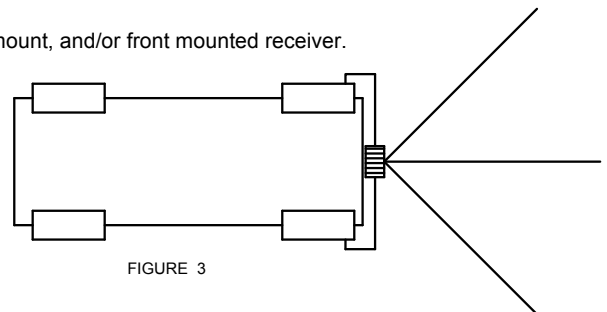
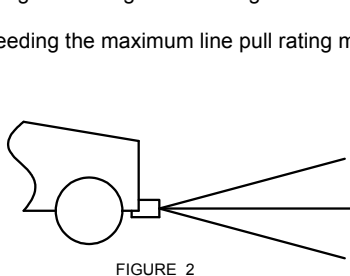


RATING

For **Maximum** line pull rating, winch cable must not exceed:

- 15 degree angle up or down from horizontal (See Figure 2).
- 45 degree angle left or right from straight ahead (See Figure 3).

CAUTION: Exceeding the maximum line pull rating may over load winch, winch mount, and/or front mounted receiver.



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