Installation Instructions

PART NUMBERS: 76226, 84226, CQT76226

⚠ WARNING

To prevent SERIOUS INJURY, DEATH or PROPERTY DAMAGE:

- **ALWAYS read, understand and follow warnings and instructions for your hitch BEFORE installation. Keep for future reference.**
- **DO NOT cut, weld or modify this receiver.**
- **CHECK all fasteners are tight and your hitch is securely mounted to your vehicle periodically.**
- **ALWAYS read, understand and follow all warnings and instructions for your vehicle and for other accessories you will use with your hitch BEFORE use.**
- **LOAD the trailer heavier in front.**
- **DO NOT exceed lower of towing vehicle manufacturer's rating or:**

Hitch Type	Max Gross Trailer Weight	Max Tongue Weight
Weight Carrying	5000 lb. (2270 kg)	750 lb. (341 kg)
Weight Distributing	N/A	N/A

- **ALWAYS wear your seatbelt.**
- **SLOW DOWN when towing, NEVER exceed any posted speed limit.**
- **If EXCESS SWAY occurs, take your foot off the gas pedal and hold the steering wheel as steady as possible. DO NOT apply your brakes and DO NOT speed up.**

LIMITED LIFETIME WARRANTY

1. **Limited Lifetime Warranty ("Warranty").** Horizon Global ("We", "Us" or "Our") warrants to the original consumer purchaser only ("You" or "Your") that the product will be free from material defects in both material and workmanship, ordinary wear and tear excepted. The Warranty is valid only if (a) the products are returned to Us for inspection and testing; (b) Our inspection discloses to Our satisfaction that any alleged nonconformance are material and have not been caused by misuse, neglect, wear and tear, improper installation, unsuitable storage, improper repair, alteration, or accident; and (c) the products were installed, maintained and used in accordance with Our instructions. THE WARRANTY IS MADE IN LIEU OF ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED (OTHER THAN THE WARRANTY OF TITLE AS PROVIDED BY THE UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE IN EFFECT IN MICHIGAN), INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION, ANY WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, SAID WARRANTIES BEING EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMED.

2. **Obligations of Purchaser.** Any returned product that is replaced by Us becomes our property. You may be responsible for return shipping costs. Please retain your purchase receipt to verify date of purchase and that You are the original consumer purchaser. The product and the purchase receipt must be provided to Us in order to process Your Warranty claim.

3. **Exclusive Remedy.** Product replacement is Your sole and exclusive remedy under this Warranty. We shall not be liable for service or labor charges incurred in removing or replacing a product. IN NO EVENT WILL WE BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY INDIRECT, SPECIAL, CONSEQUENTIAL OR PUNITIVE DAMAGES.

4. **Assumption of Risk.** You acknowledge and agree that any use of the product for any purpose other than the specified use(s) stated in the product instructions is at Your own risk.

5. **Governing Law.** This Warranty gives You specific legal rights, and You also may have other rights which vary from state to state. This Warranty is governed by the laws of the State of Michigan, without regard to rules pertaining to conflicts of law. The state courts located in Oakland County, Michigan shall have exclusive jurisdiction for any disputes relating to this Warranty.

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Applications:

Years	Make	Models
2011 - 2017	BMW X3	All Styles
2018 - Current*	BMW X3	xDrive30i
2018 - Current*	BMW X3	M40i

Installation Time: 75 min.

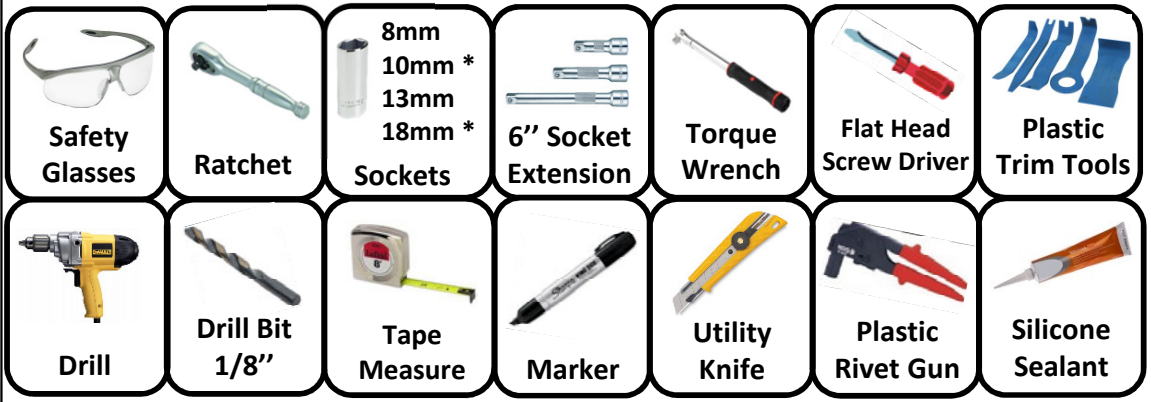
The time listed above is the average time for professional installers. If you do not feel comfortable performing this installation on your own or are in need of assistance, please contact a professional installer.



Representative Vehicle Photo

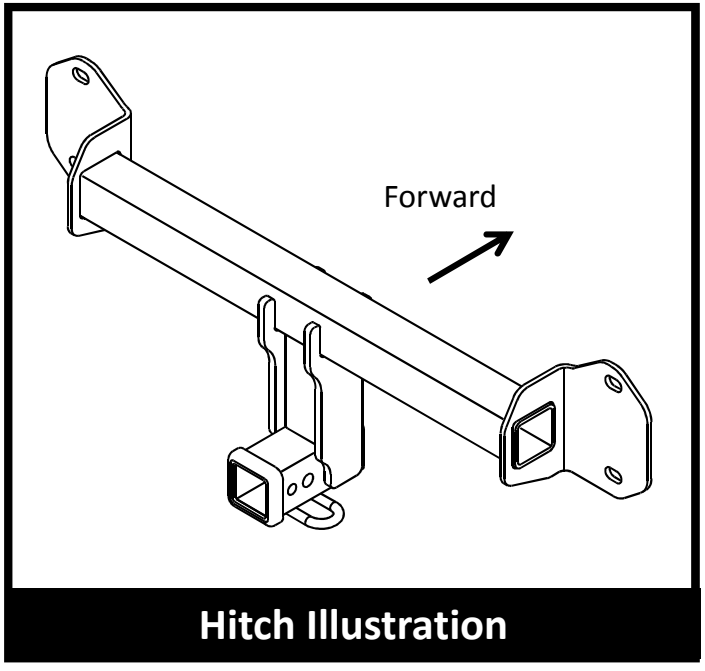
Equipment Required:

* Deep well Socket required



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Hitch Illustration

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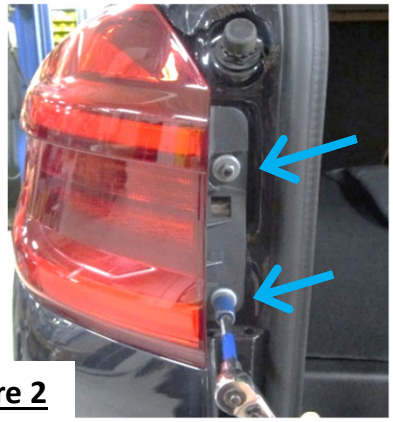


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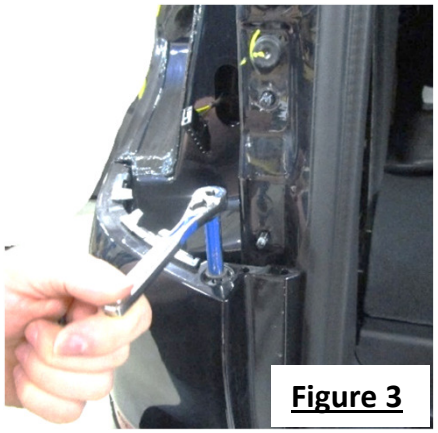


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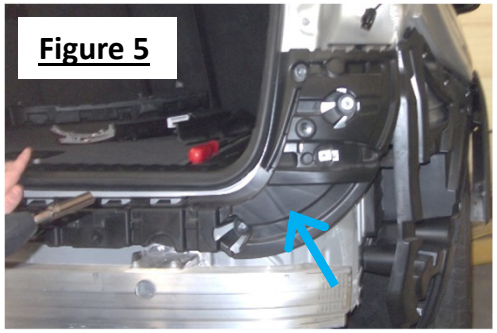


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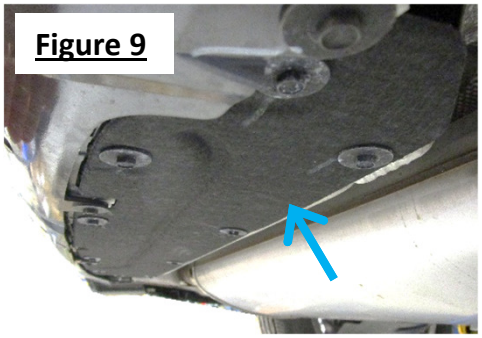


Figure 9

Fastener Kit: 76226F

①	Qty. (8)	Plastic Rivet 

1. **Remove taillights – All models**, Open tailgate. Remove the plastic cover near taillight by removing (1) plastic fastener with a flat screw driver, both sides. Using a 10mm socket, remove (2) hex nuts holding taillight, both sides. **See Figure 2.**
   2018 – current models, Remove interior panel from each side of cargo area to gain access behind taillights and remove (1) bolt located behind interior panel. Gently pull the taillights rearward, disconnect the wiring from taillights and set aside.
2. **Remove underbody panel -** Using an 8mm and 10mm deep socket, remove screws and hex nuts (varies by model year) from underbody panel and set aside.. **See Figure 9.**
3. **Remove fascia:**
   a.) Using an 8mm socket remove (1) screw holding fascia below taillight area. **See Figure 3.** (Steps are typical both sides)
   b.) Using a plastic trim panel tool remove the reflector from fascia. Behind reflector, remove (1) screw using an 8mm socket.
   c.) Using an 8mm socket remove (2) or (3) screws along bottom outer edge of fascia and (1) screw from inside wheel well near the bottom.
   d.) Using a 10mm socket remove (1) plastic hex nut from wheel well liner.
   e.) Using a 1/8" drill bit, drill out the center of (4) rearmost plastic rivets holding the wheel well trim. Using a trim panel tool remove remaining rivet heads.
   f.) Using a trim panel tool gently remove the lower part of the wheel well trim to expose (2) screws holding fascia. **See Figure 4.**
   g.) Using an 8mm socket remove (2) screws from behind wheel well trim.
   h.) Using a trim panel tool, remove the fascia starting at the outer edges near wheel wells while gently pulling the fascia.
   i.) Disconnect the wiring harness from fascia and set fascia aside.
4. **2011 – 2017 models only:**
   Remove plastic fascia supports - Using a 10mm deep well socket, remove (4) hex nuts from the (2) plastic fascia supports, (1) per side. **See Figure 5.**

Note: check hitch frequently, making sure all fasteners and ball are properly tightened. If hitch is removed, plug all holes in trunk pan or other body panels to prevent entry of water and exhaust fumes. A hitch or ball which has been damaged should be removed and replaced. Observe safety precautions when working beneath a vehicle and wear eye protection. Do not cut access or attachment holes with a torch.

This product complies with safety specifications and requirements for connecting devices and towing systems of the state of New York, V.E.S.C. Regulation V-5 and SAE J684.

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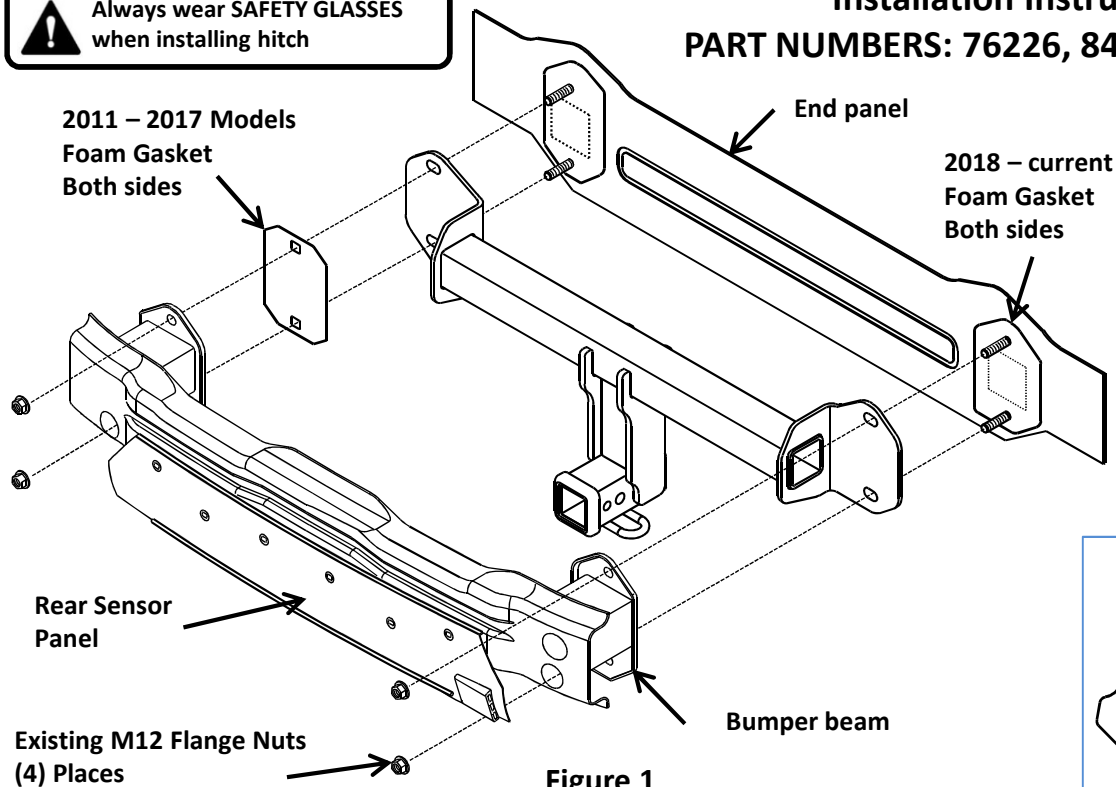


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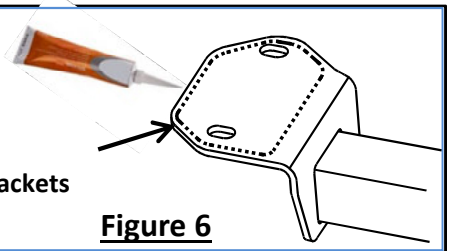
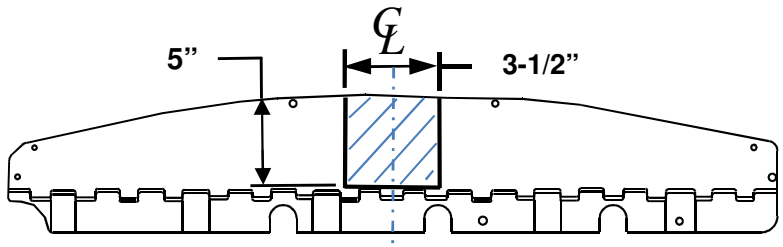
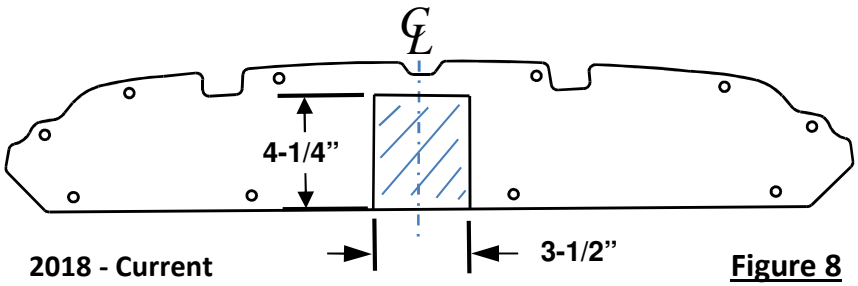


Figure 6



2011 – 2017 Models

Figure 7

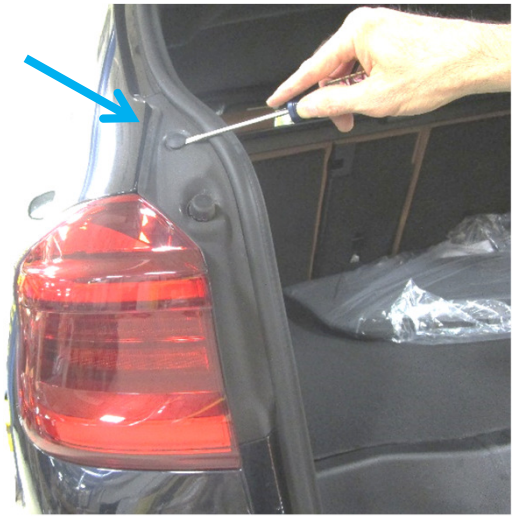


2018 - Current

Figure 8

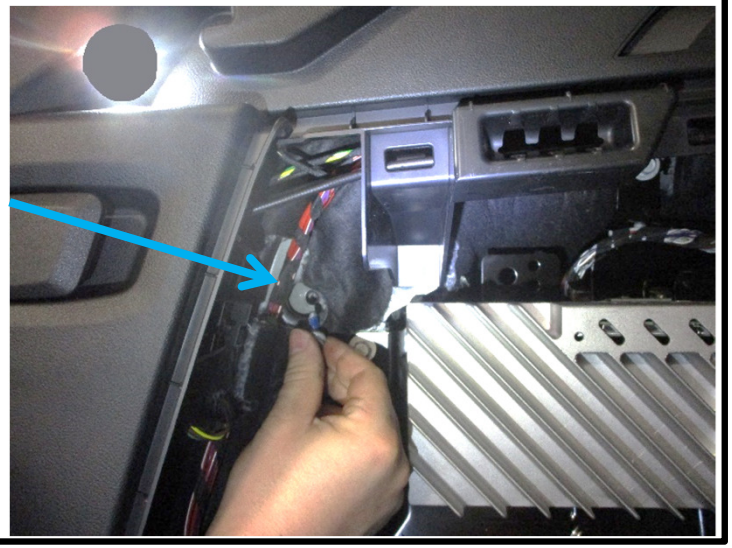
5. **Remove bumper beam:**
   All models - Disconnect the sensor wiring and plastic rivet attached to the bumper beam.
   2018 – current models, using a 13mm socket, remove (2) hex nuts holding exhaust hanger brackets to bottom of bumper beam, (1) per side.
   All models, using an 18mm deep well socket with 6” extension, remove (4) hex flange nuts holding bumper beam to end panel, (2) per side. **See Figure 1.**
   2011 – 2017 models – Remove the foam gasket from between aluminum bumper and end panel.
   2018 – current models - Keep foam gasket on end panel. If foam gasket is damaged, apply silicone sealant (not provided) to hitch bracket mounting surfaces. **See Figure 6.**
6. **Install Hitch & bumper beam:**
   2011 – 2017 models, apply silicone sealant (not provided) to hitch bracket mounting surfaces. **See Figure 6.** Place foam gasket between hitch and aluminum bumper beam. Raise hitch and bumper beam into position aligning holes with studs in end panel. **See Figure 1**. Loosely reinstall the existing (4) M12 hex flange nuts onto the studs in end panel. Reattach the exhaust hangers to the bottom of bumper beam using the (2) hex nuts removed in step 5.
7. **Tighten all M12 hex flange nuts with torque wrench to 86 Lb.-Ft. (116 N*M)**
   Tighten exhaust hanger hex flange nuts with torque wrench to 25 Lb.-Ft. (34 N*M)
   Proper torque is needed to keep the hitch secure to the vehicle when towing.
8. **Reinstall fascia –** Reinstall the fascia supports, fascia, wiring, and all trim using the existing factory hardware. Be sure to reconnect all wiring harnesses.
9. **Reinstall wheel well trim –** Snap wheel well trim back into position. Install (8) plastic rivets supplied, (4) per side.
10. **Reinstall taillights –** Reinstall the taillights and the interior panels removed in step 1.
11. **Trim and reinstall underbody panel -** Using a tape measure, marker, and utility knife, cut a notch in underbody panel. Reinstall underbody panel using existing screws and/or hex nuts.
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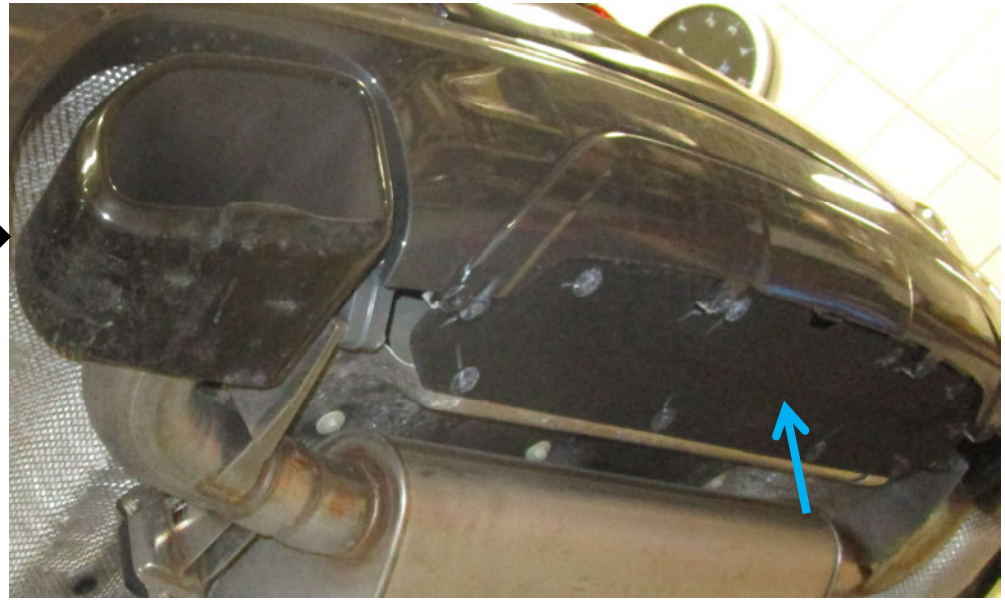




2018 – current



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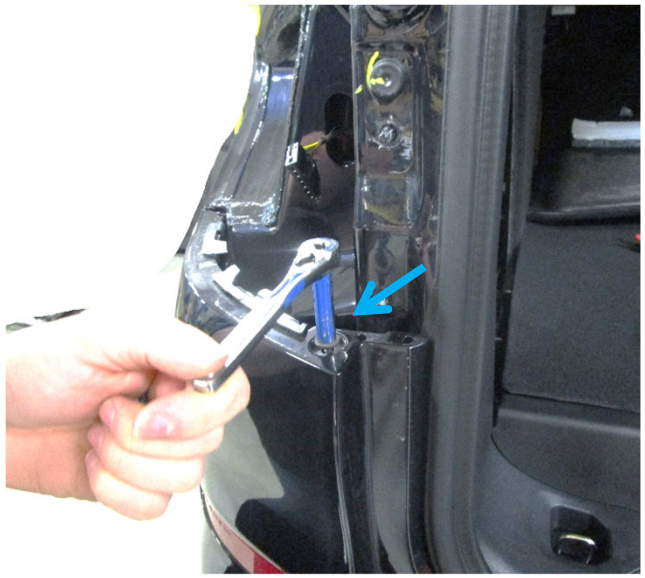


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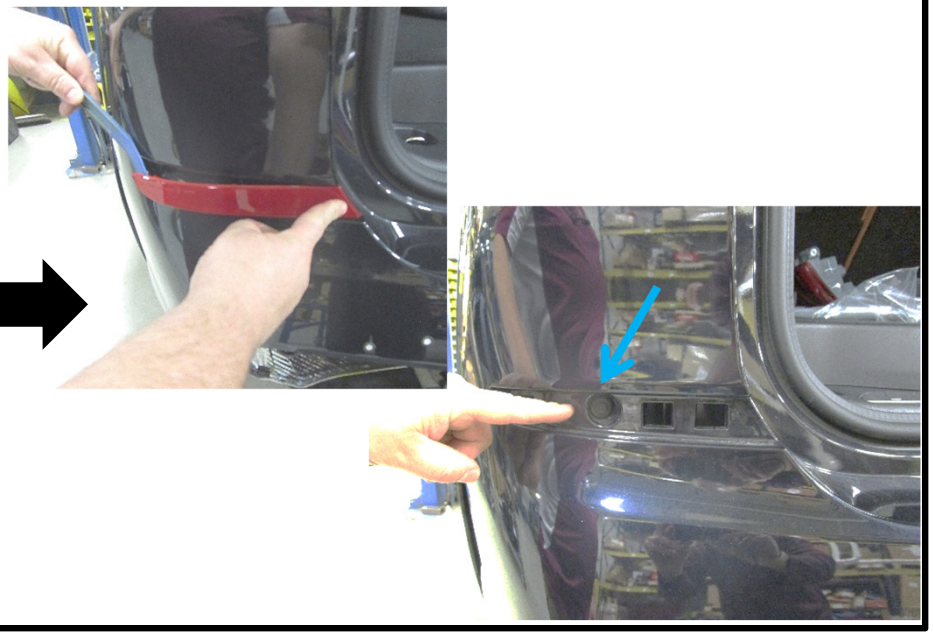
2018 – current



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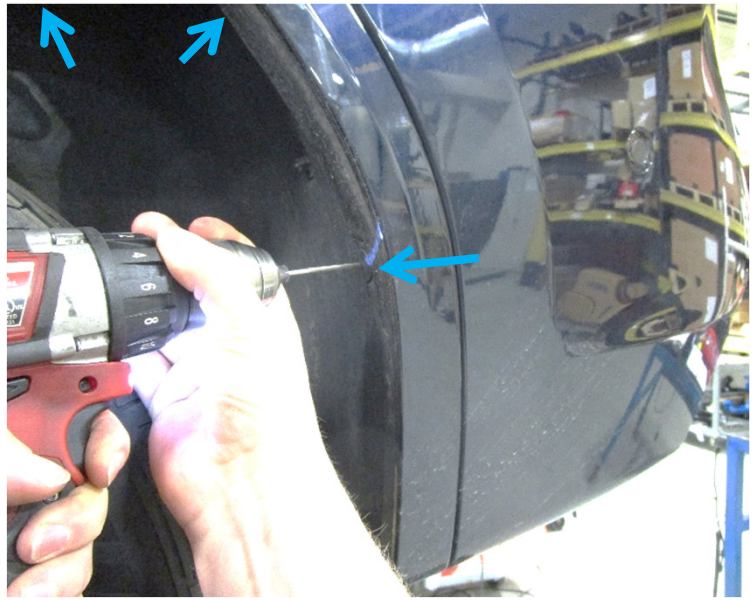




3d. Using a 10mm socket, remove (1) plastic hex nut from wheel well liner.



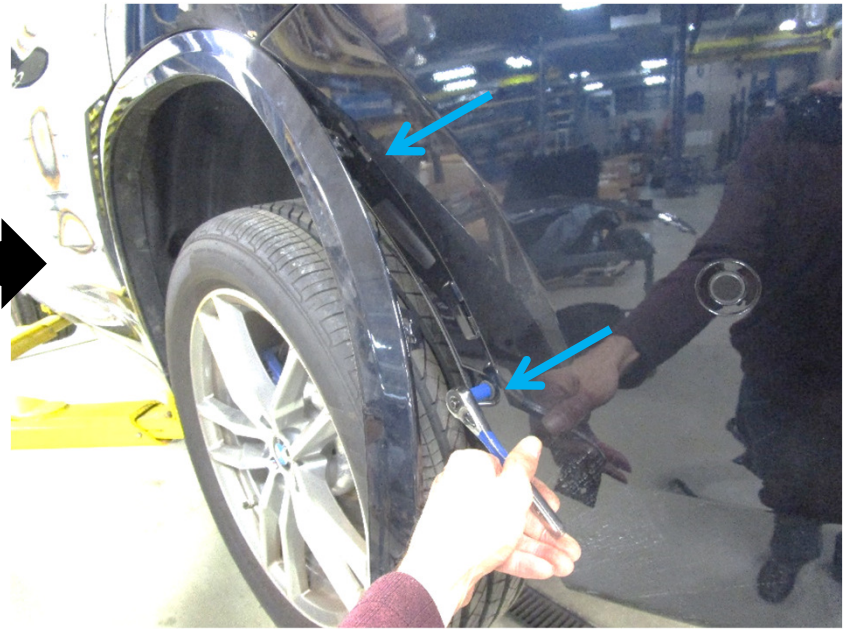
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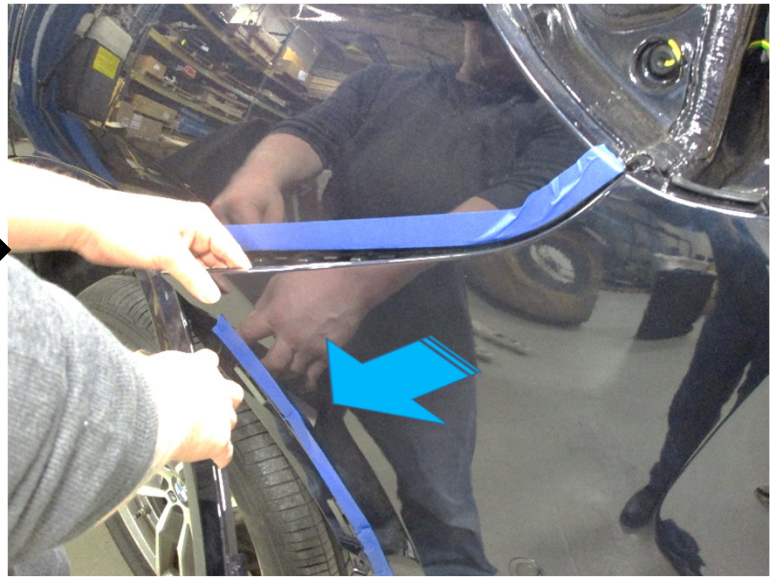
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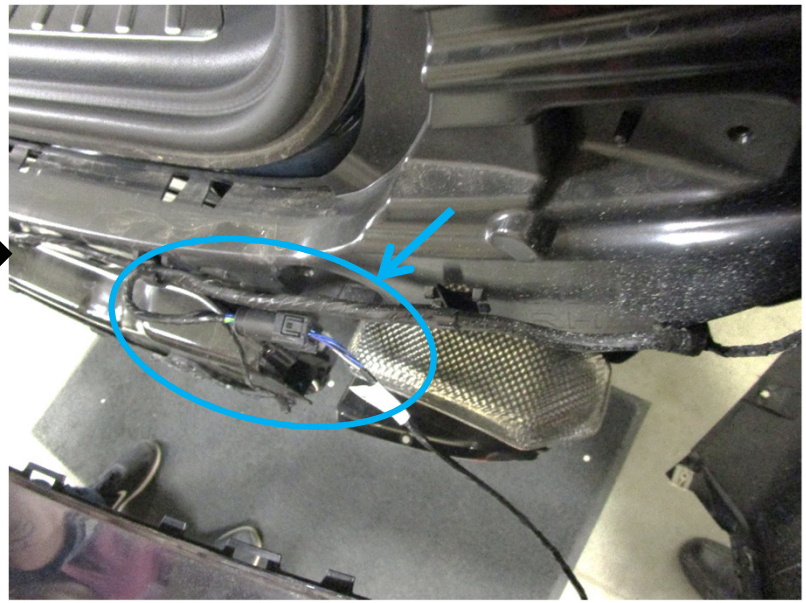
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3h. Using a plastic trim panel tool, remove the fascia starting at the outer edges near wheel wells, and gently pulling the fascia.

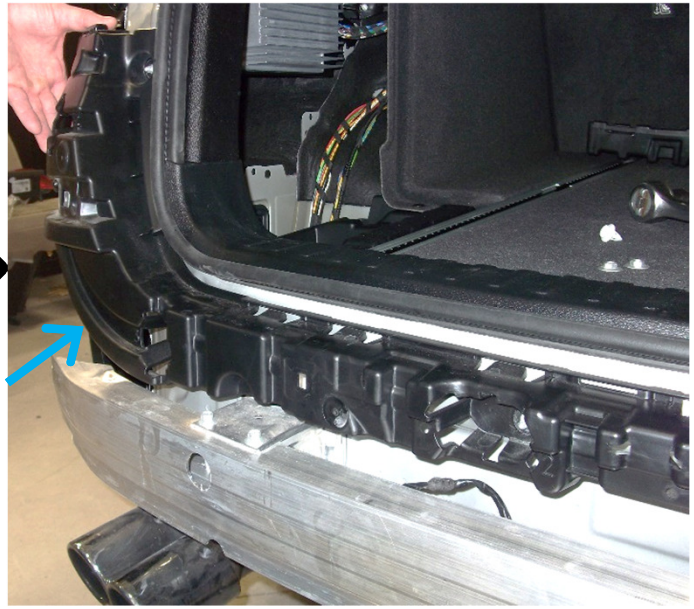


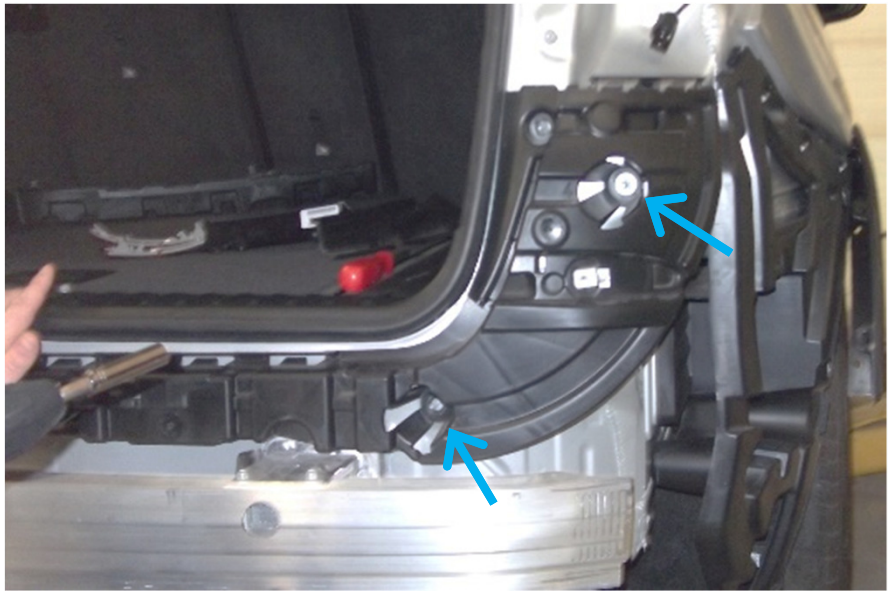
3i. Disconnect the wiring harness from fascia and set fascia aside.



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5. Remove bumper beam:

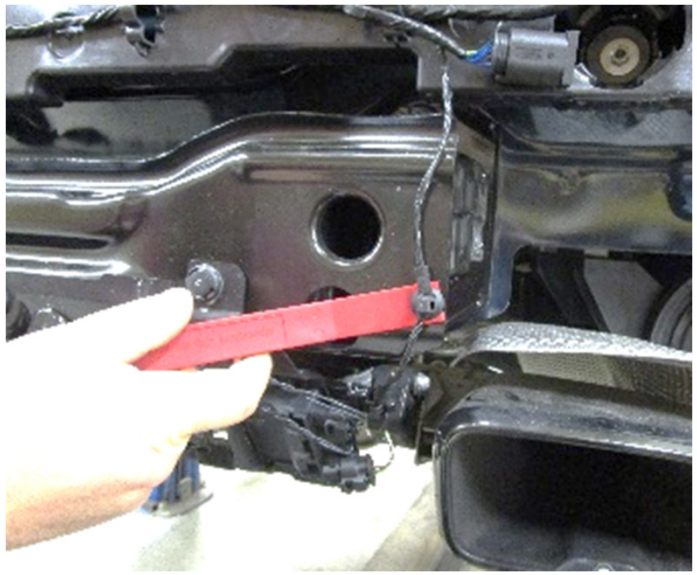
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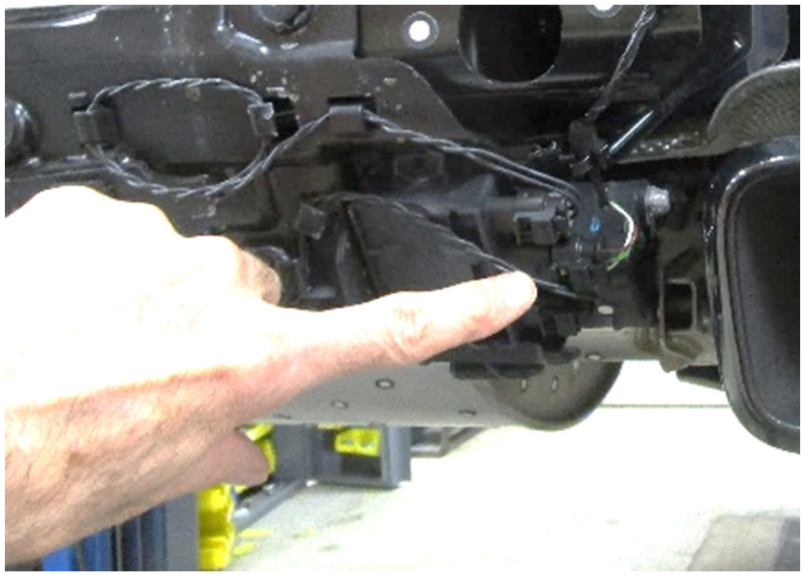
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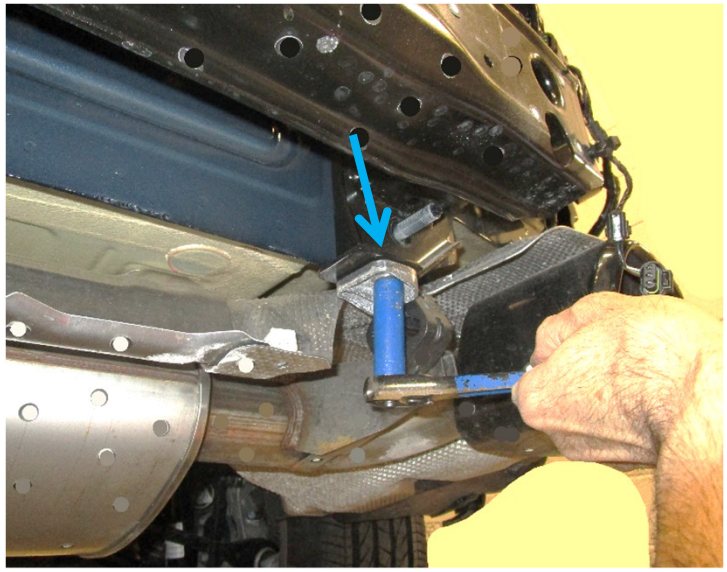
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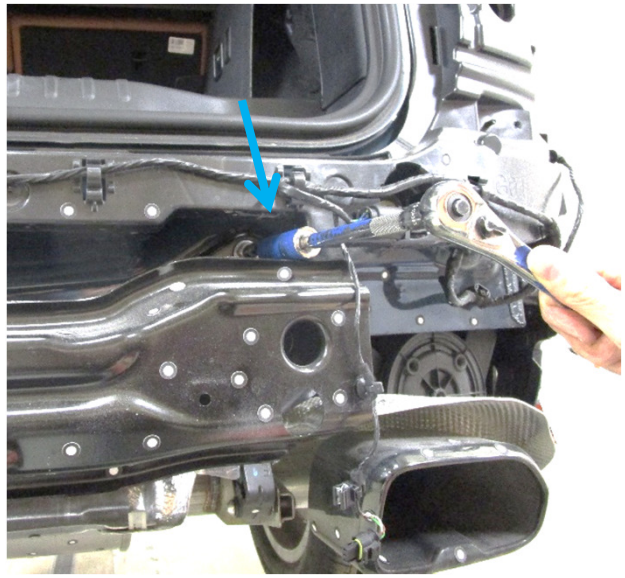
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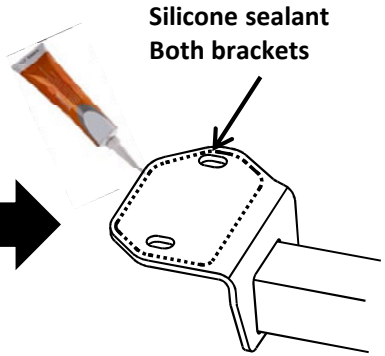
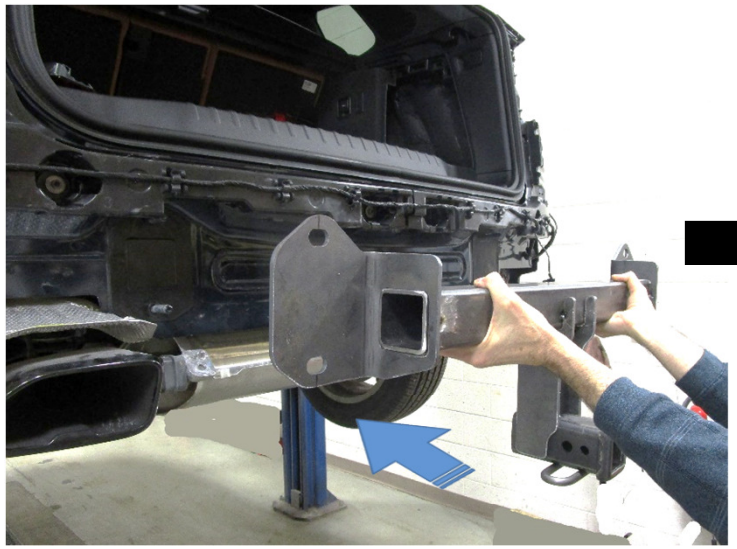
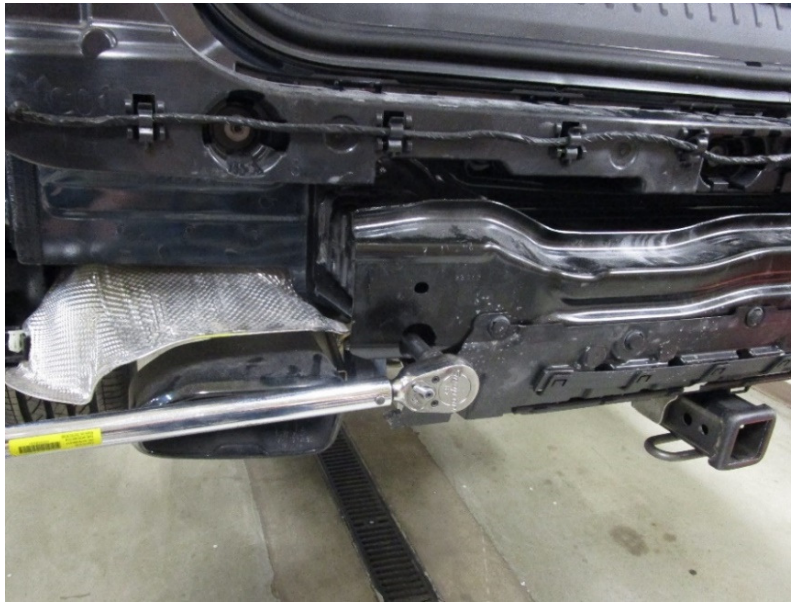


Figure 6









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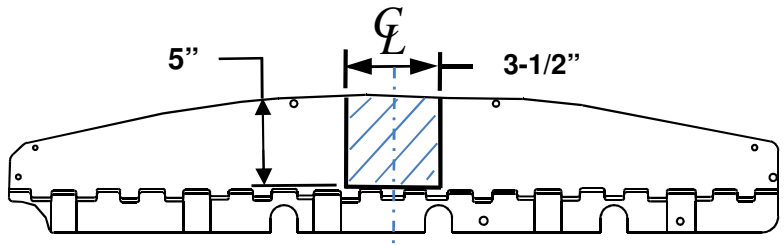
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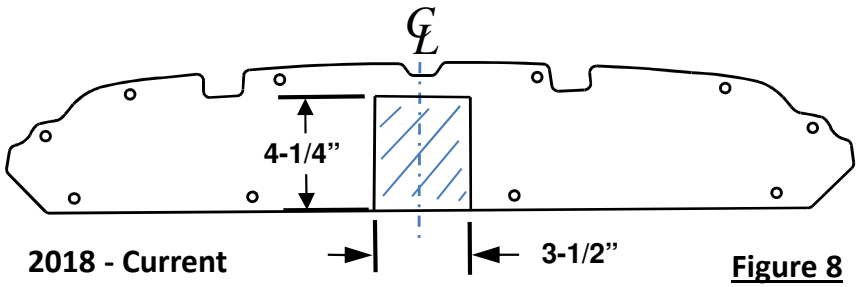
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2011 – 2017 Models **Figure 7**



2018 - Current **Figure 8**