

Installation Instructions

PART NUMBERS: 76271, 84271, CQT76271

⚠ 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	3500 lb. (1589 kg)	525 lb. (238 kg)
Weight Distributing	3500 lb. (1589 kg)	525 lb. (238 kg)

- **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.

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Applications:

Years	Make	Models
2019-Current*	Subaru	Forester

*Visit our website for the most up to date information regarding application years and trim levels.

Installation Time: **30 min**

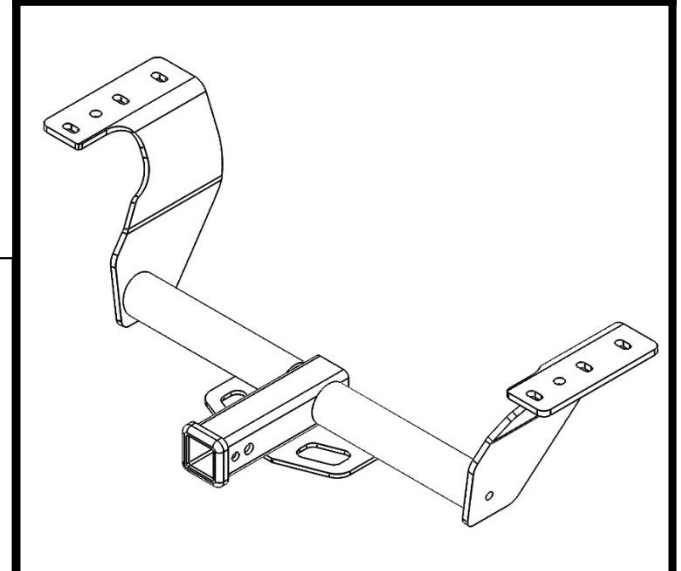
The time listed above is the average time for professional installers. If you do not feel comfortable performing this installation on your own or are in need of assistance, please contact a professional installer.

Equipment Required:

Safety Glasses	Ratchet	10 mm 13/16 Sockets	Exhaust Removal Pliers	Tin Snips
Torque Wrench	6" Socket Extension	Prybar	Flat Head Screw Driver	



Representative Vehicle Photo



Hitch Illustration

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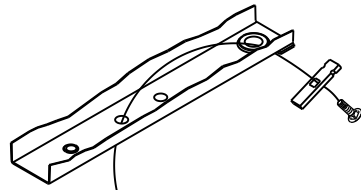


Figure 3

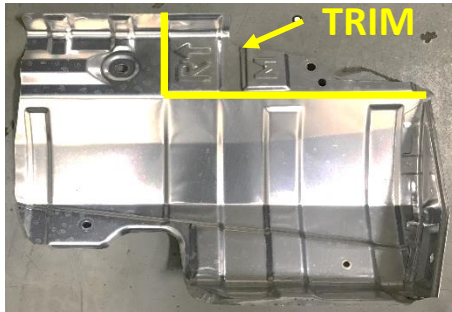


Figure 2

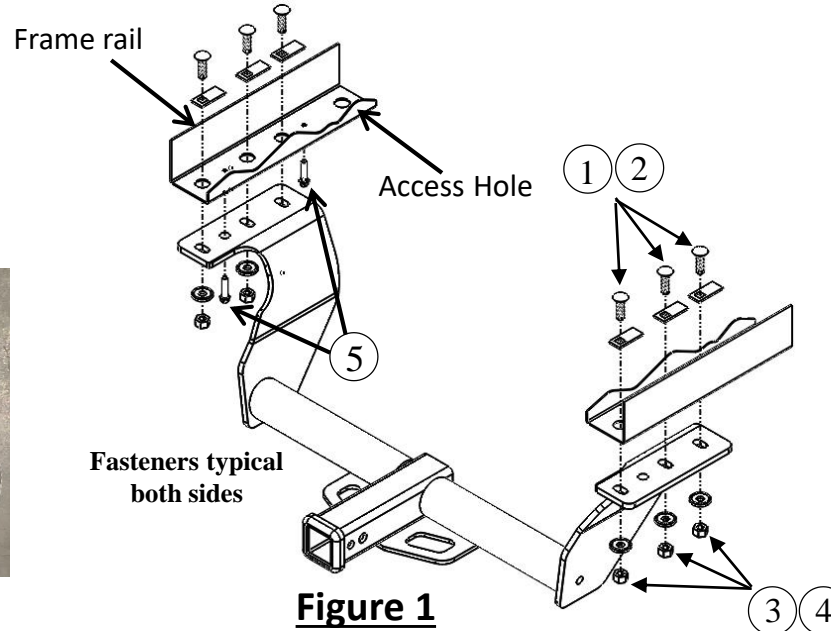









Figure 1

Fastener Kit: 76271F		
①	Qty. (6)	Carriage Bolt 7/16-14 X 1.50 Gr5 
②	Qty. (6)	Conical Washer 7/16" Part No. 01292007 
③	Qty. (6)	Spacer Part No. 01204 
④	Qty. (6)	Hex Nut 7/16-14 Gr5 
⑤	Qty. (2)	Flange Hex bolt M6 x 1.0 x 35mm 
⑦	Qty. (6)	Wireform 7/16" Part No. 5481 

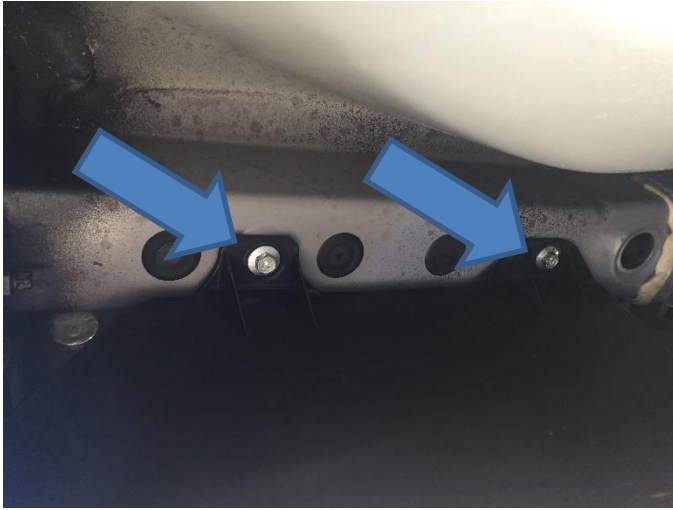


- 1. Lower underbody panel** – Remove (2) M6 bolts from the driver side frame rail. The panel will be reinstalled over the hitch.
- 2. Lower exhaust** – Using exhaust removal pliers or prybar remove the rubber exhaust hangers from in front of the muffler and behind the muffler and near the rear axle. Be sure to support the exhaust to prevent damage.
- 3. Trim heatshield** - Using a 10mm socket, remove (4) screws holding heat shield to vehicle. Using tin snips, trim the heat shield as shown in figure 2. Reinstall after trimming leaving out the rearmost M6 bolt on the frame rail for the heat shield.
- 4. Fishwire fasteners** - Remove (4) hole plugs from each frame rail. Fishwire the spacers and 7/16" carriage bolts through the access hole and down through the holes in both frame rails, see example in figure 3.
- 5. Install hitch** – Raise the hitch into position over the muffler and over the plastic underbody panel, aligning the attachment holes in the hitch to the holes in the frame rail. Install the supplied nuts and conical washers (teeth side toward hitch) onto the bolts on each side.
- 6. Torque fasteners** - Tighten all 7/16" fasteners with torque wrench to 50Lb.-Ft. (68 N*M)
 -  Proper torque is needed to keep the hitch secure to the vehicle when towing.
- 7. Reinstall exhaust and underbody panel** – Raise the exhaust back into position and reinstall all hangers that were removed in step 2. Reinstall the underbody panel, install the supplied M6 bolts into the weldnuts for the underbody panel on the frame rail.

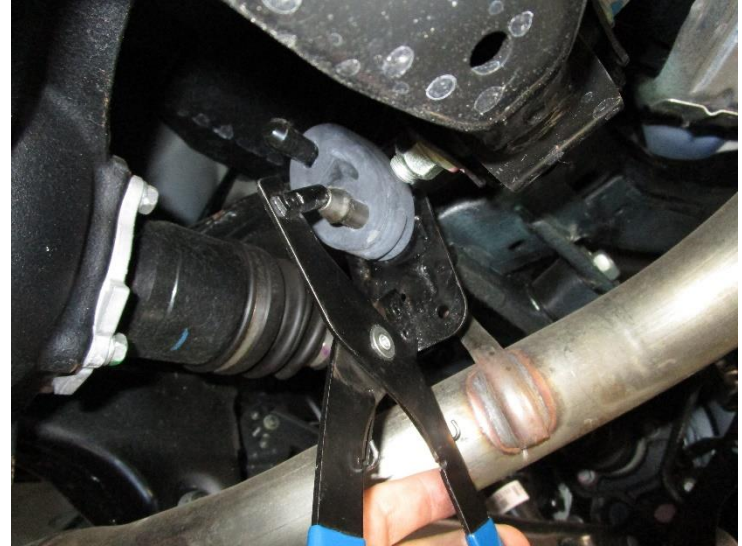
Note: check hitch frequently, making sure all fasteners and ball are properly tightened. If hitch is removed, plug all holes in trunk pan or other body panels to prevent entry of water and exhaust fumes. A hitch or ball which has been damaged should be removed and replaced. Observe safety precautions 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.

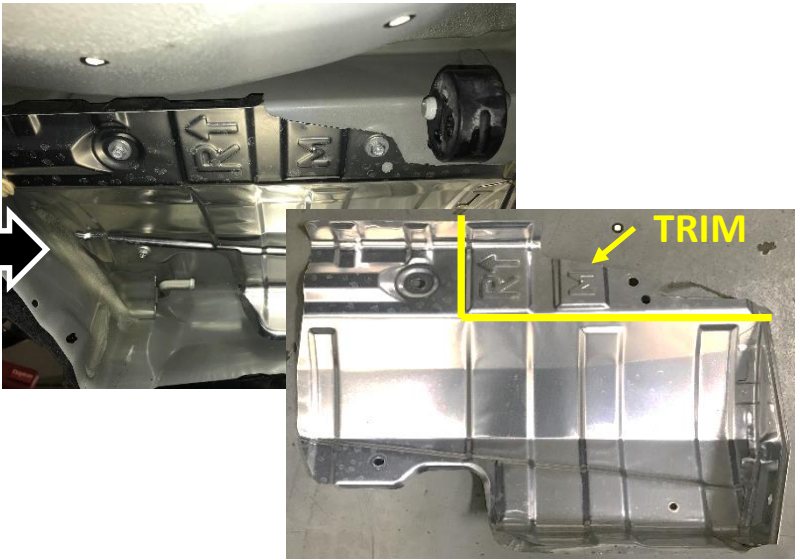
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