

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	4500 lb. (2041 kg)	675 lb. (306 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.

Installation Instructions

PART NUMBERS: 76449, 84449, CQT76449

Applications:

Years	Make	Models
2020-Current*	Ford	Escape
2021-Current*	Lincoln	Corsair

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

Installation Time: **60 min**

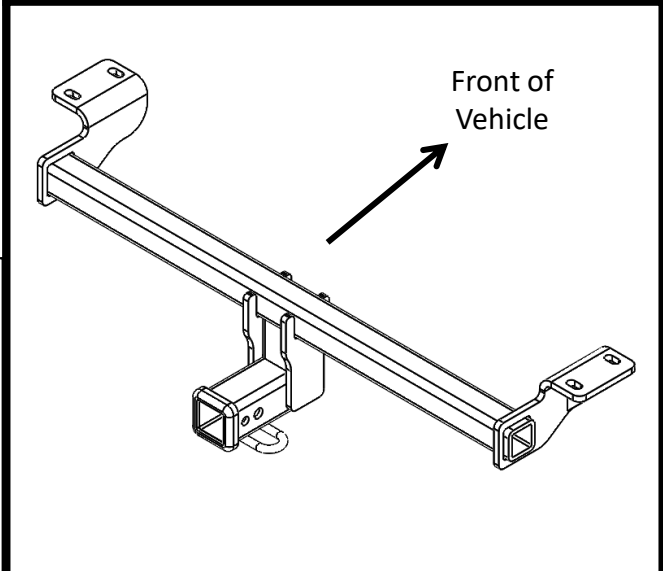
The time listed above is the average time for professional installers. If you do not feel comfortable performing this installation on your own or are in need of assistance, please contact a professional installer.

Equipment Required:

Safety Glasses	Ratchet	3/4" 7 mm Sockets	Die Grinder	Utility Knife	Tin Snip
Exhaust Removal Pliers	6" Socket Extension	Torque Wrench	Tape Measure	Marker	Tape



Representative Vehicle Photo



Hitch Illustration

DO NOT EXCEED LOWER OF TOWING VEHICLE MANUFACTURER'S RATING OR:

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Fastener Kit: 76449F

①	Qty. (4)	Carriage Bolt ½-13x1 ¾" GR5	
②	Qty. (4)	Spacer ¼"x1"x3"	
③	Qty. (2)	Flat Washer 1/2"	
④	Qty. (4)	Conical washer 1/2"	
⑤	Qty. (4)	Hex nut 1/2", GR5	
⑥	Qty. (4)	Pull wire 1/2"-13	

Fasteners typical both sides



Conical Washer
Teeth side
Against hitch

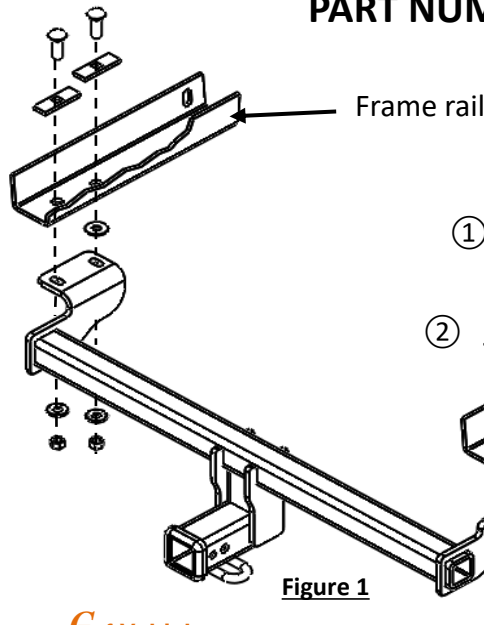


Figure 1

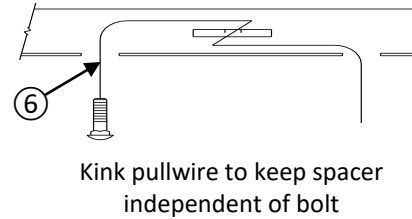


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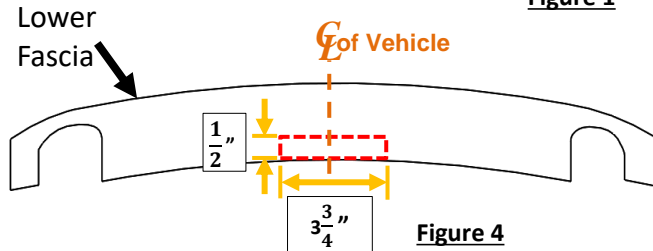


Figure 4



Figure 2

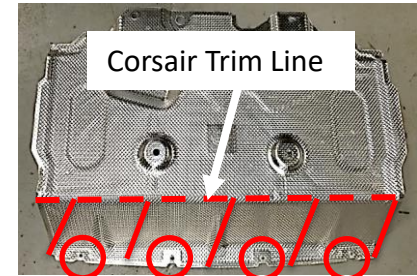


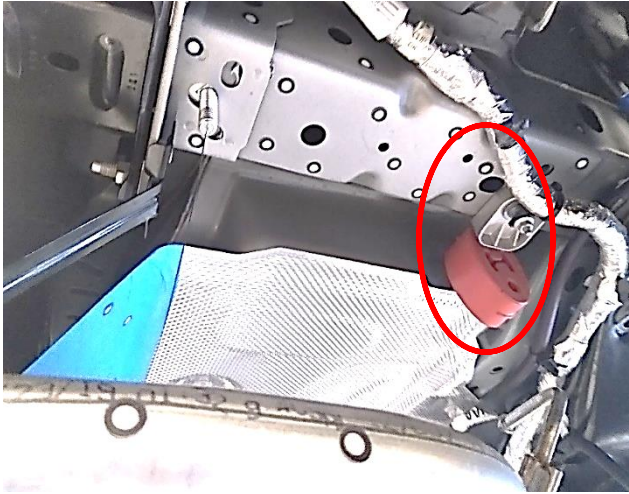
Figure 3

- Lower vehicle exhaust** - Using an exhaust hanger removal tool, lower muffler by removing (1) rearmost driver side rubber hanger and (1) rearmost passenger side rubber hanger. **Note:** Be sure that exhaust is supported before removing rubber hangers. A spray lubricant or soapy water on rubber hangers makes them slide off metal pins more easily.
- Trim Heat Shield** - Remove (4) screws securing heat shield and trim as shown in **Figure 2** (Ford Escape) & **Figure 3** (Lincoln Corsair). Return screws and trimming area to owner. **Note:** Heat shield can be trimmed without fully removal.
- Enlarge access hole** - Using a die grinder, enlarge the access holes big enough to fit 1/2" carriage bolt ①, both sides, see **Figure 1**.
- Trim lower fascia (Ford Escape only)** - Using a tape measure, marker, and utility knife, measure, mark, and trim the lower fascia as shown in **Figure 4**.
- Install hitch** - Using tape, secure the flat washer ③ at front attachment holes on frame rails, see **Figure 1**. Using pull wires ⑥ feed carriage bolts ① and spacers ② into the vehicle frame rails through the access holes, see **Figure 1 & 5**. Leave pull wires attached. Raise the hitch and feed pull wire previously installed through hitch bracket slot. Remove pull wires and loosely install conical washer ④ and hex nut ⑤ to hitch, see Figure 1.
- Tighten all ½"-13 Gr 5 fasteners with torque wrench to 75 Ft.Lb. (102 N*M).**
- Reinstall exhaust** - Raise exhaust back into position.



Proper torque is needed to keep the hitch secure to the vehicle when towing.

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2. Trim Heat Shield – Remove (4) screws securing heat shield and trim as shown in **Figure 2** (Ford Escape) & **Figure 3** (Lincoln Corsair). Return screws and trimming area to owner. **Note:** Heat shield can be trimmed without fully removal.

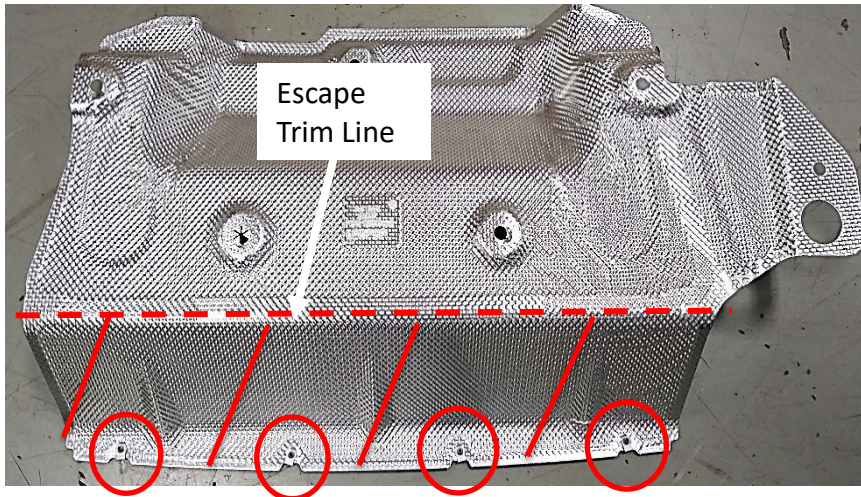


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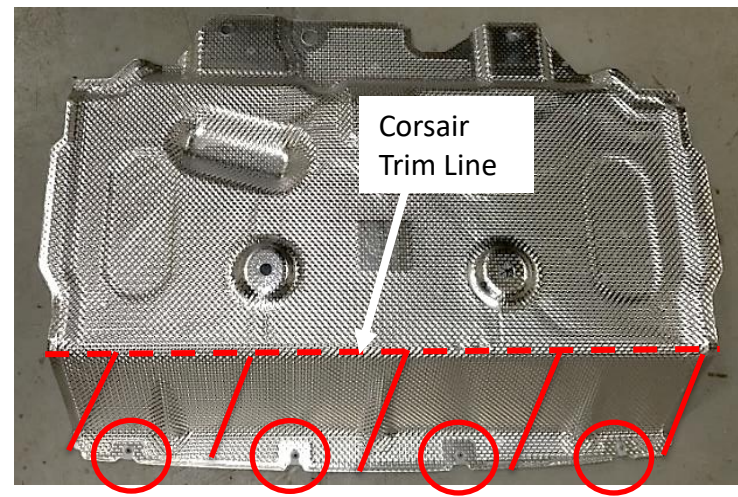
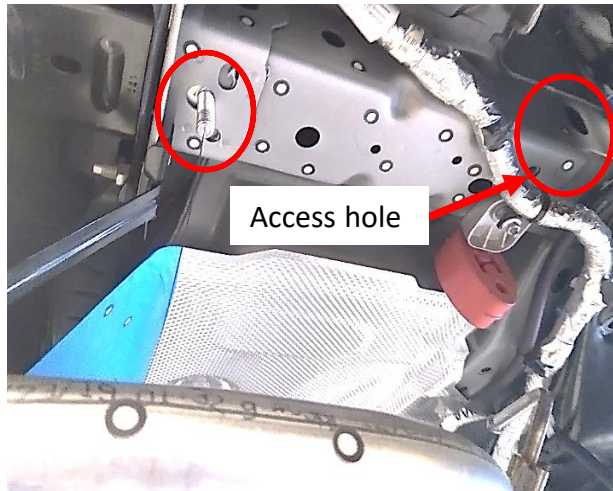


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3. **Enlarge access hole** – Using a die grinder, enlarge the access holes big enough to fit 1/2" carriage bolt ①, both sides, see **Figure 1**.



4. **Trim lower fascia (Ford Escape only)** – Using a tape measure, marker, and utility knife, measure, mark, and trim the lower fascia as shown in **Figure 4**.

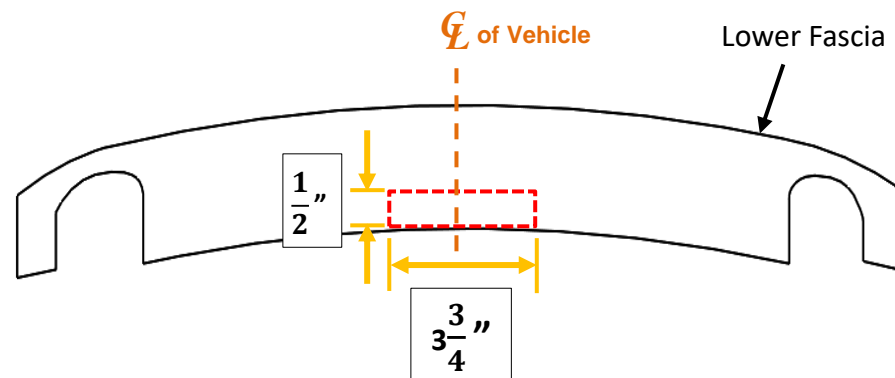



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5. Install hitch – Using tape, secure the flat washer ③ at front attachment holes on frame rails, see **Figure 1**. Using pull wires ⑥ feed carriage bolts ① and spacers ② into the vehicle frame rails through the access holes, see **Figure 1 & 5**. Leave pull wires attached. Raise the hitch and feed pull wire previously installed through hitch bracket slot. Remove pull wires and loosely install conical washer ④ and hex nut ⑤ to hitch, see Figure 1.



6. Tighten all ½"-13 Gr 5 fasteners with torque wrench to 75 Ft.Lb. (102 N*M).

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7. Reinstall exhaust – Raise exhaust back into position.



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