

# Installation Instructions

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## **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. (2043 Kg)	675 lb. (306 Kg)
Weight Distributing	4500 lb. (2043 Kg)	675 lb. (306 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
2018-Current*	Volkswagen	Tiguan

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

Installation Time: **40 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.



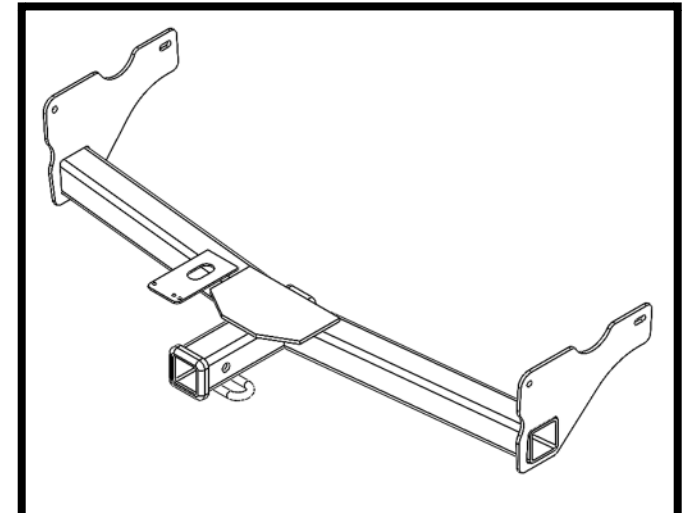
Representative Vehicle Photo

## Equipment Required:

 Safety Glasses	 Ratchet	 10mm 13mm 16mm 11/16" Sockets	 Torque Wrench	 6" Socket Extension
 Tape Measure	 Marker	 Tin Snips	 Utility Knife	 Star Drivers T20

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

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Hitch Illustration

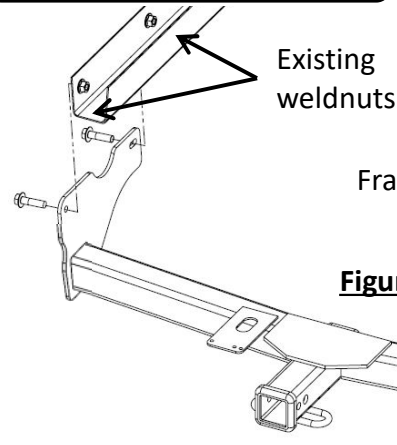
**Always wear SAFETY GLASSES when installing hitch**

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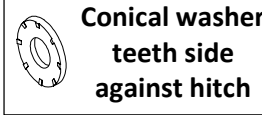
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**Fastener Kit: 76551F**

①	Qty. (4)	Carriage bolt 7/16"-14 x 1.75, GR5	
②	Qty. (4)	Spacer .875 x 2.00 x .109	
③	Qty. (4)	Conical washer 7/16"	
④	Qty. (4)	Hex nut 7/16"-14 GR2	
⑤	Qty. (4)	Pull wire 7/16"	

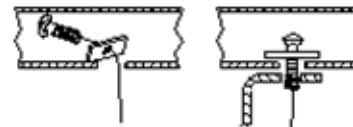


**Figure 1**

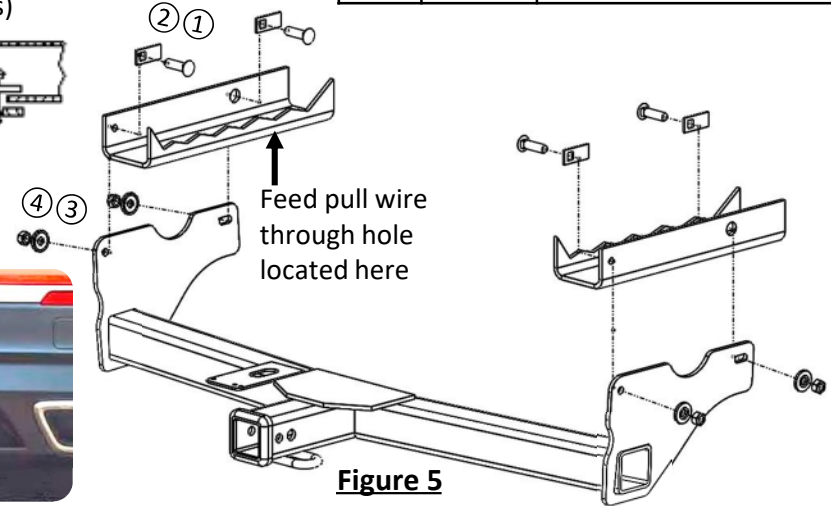


**Fasteners typical both sides**

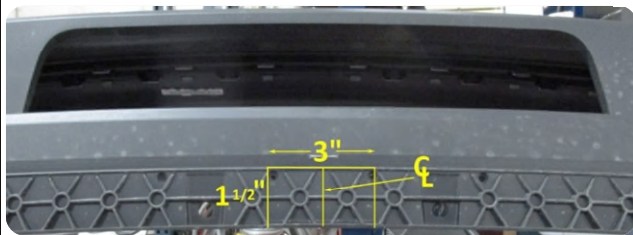
Existing fasteners (M10x1.5x40mm Hex flange bolts)



**Figure 4**

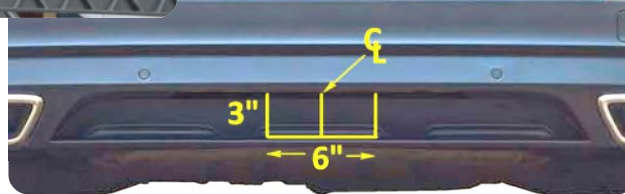


**Figure 5**



**Figure 2**

Bottom View



**Figure 3 Rear View**

Leave the bottom edge

**NOTE:** Remove underbody panel (if present) – Using T20 star driver remove (5) screws from the underbody panel. Using 10mm socket loosen (2) nuts from under body panel. Gently remove panel and return to owner.

**(For vehicles with existing weldnuts on side frame)**

- Trim bumper fascia** – Using tape measure and marker, measure to find the center of the fascia, mark a centerline on the bottom of the fascia and trim as shown in **Figure 2**. Mark a centerline on the vertical portion of fascia and trim as shown in **Figure 3** \* Do not trim away the bottom edge. \*Dimensions are approximate and may be adjusted for fit and aesthetics\*
- Lower exhaust and remove existing fasteners** – Lower the exhaust by removing (2) bolts from each rear exhaust hanger bracket (1 per side) with a 13mm socket. Remove (4) **M10x1.5x40mm** bolts from the outside of the frame rails (2 per side) with a 16mm socket. **NOTE:** Make sure exhaust is supported after lowering.
- Install hitch** – Raise the hitch into position over the exhaust and forward enough so that the receiver clears the bottom edge of fascia. Align the holes in the hitch with the vehicle existing weldnuts and install the bolts removed earlier.
- Tighten the M10 fasteners with torque wrench to 53lb.-Ft. (72 N\*M)** **▲ Proper torque is needed to keep the hitch secure to the vehicle when towing.**
- Re-install exhaust** - Raise exhaust into position, install the bolts removed from the hangers earlier.

**(For vehicles without existing weldnuts on side frame) – Same Step 1-2 as above**

- Install hitch** – Using pull wire ⑤, feed (2) carriage bolts ① and (2) spacers ② through access hole as shown in **Figure 4** and **5**, both sides. Leave pull wires attached to hardware and leave hardware inside the frame temporarily. Raise the hitch and feed pull wire previously installed through hitch bracket slot. Remove pull wires and loosely install conical washer ③ and hex nut ④ to hitch, see **Figure 2**.
- Tighten the 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.**
- Re-install exhaust** - Raise exhaust back into position, install the bolts removed from the hangers earlier.

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.