

- 1. Lower muffler(s) by removing (2) rearmost exhaust hangers and (1) forward exhaust hanger.
- 2. Inside trunk, remove the spare tire cover. Remove the plastic protection liner located at the rear of the trunk by removing the (4) net tie downs. Remove the spare tire or storage bin to gain better access to the carpet. To remove storage bin use a long thin blade screwdriver to pry back the edges of the retainer washer, then firmly pull straight up on the storage bin. Roll the carpet and padding back to expose the <u>bare</u> metal floor of the trunk pan.
- 3. Raise hitch into position, being careful not to scratch the fascia. On dual exhaust it is a tight fit. Raising one bracket between the trunk pan and exhaust, slide the other bracket over second exhaust from the front. Align the rear edge of the side bracket on the hitch flush against the frame end panel. Check the location of the hitch on the vehicle.
- 4. Using the hitch as a template mark and center punch the (2) holes on both sides.
- 5. Lower hitch. Drill 1/8 pilot hole up through bottom of trunk pan at center punched locations. Check hole alignment under vehicle and adjust if necessary. Enlarge holes to 1/2.
- 6. Position plate over holes inside trunk and insert the carriage bolts through plate and trunk pan (do not install over carpet). Trim the padding under the carpet if necessary to allow the plate and carpet to lie flat. NOTE: SEAL ALL HOLES DRILLED IN VEHICLE TO PREVENT ENTRY OF EXHAUST FUMES INTO TRUNK.
- 7. Raise hitch back into position over carriage bolts and install lock washers and hex nuts as shown. Tighten all 7/16-14 GR5 fasteners to 50 LB-FT.
- 8. Roll carpet and padding back in place, replace the spare tire or storage bin (to reinstall retainer washer after hitch installation is complete use deep socket) and reinstall spare tire cover. Reinstall the plastic protection liner removed in Step 2.
- 9. Reinstall the all exhaust hangers removed in Step 1.

Tighten all 7/16-14 GR5 fasteners with torque wrench to 50 Lb.-Ft. (68 N*M)

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.