

# Installation Instructions

## Ford Explorer

## Mercury Mountaineer

Part Numbers:

**75437**

**44542**

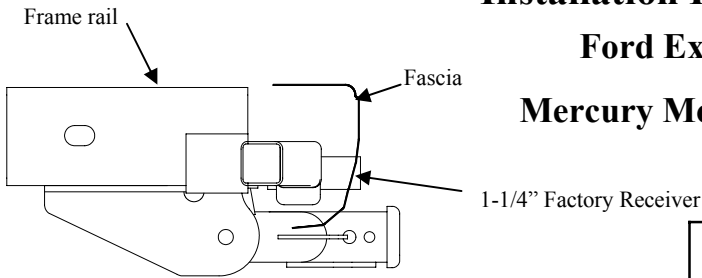
**70648**

**Do Not Exceed Lower of Towing Vehicle  
Manufacturer's Rating or**

Hitch type	Max Gross Trailer WT (LB)	Max Tongue WT (LB)
Weight Distributing	<b>8000</b>	<b>800</b>
Weight Carrying Ball Mount	<b>5000</b>	<b>500</b>

**Wiring Access Location:** Ford Explorer Suv1, Suv2

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### Hitch Shown In Proper Position

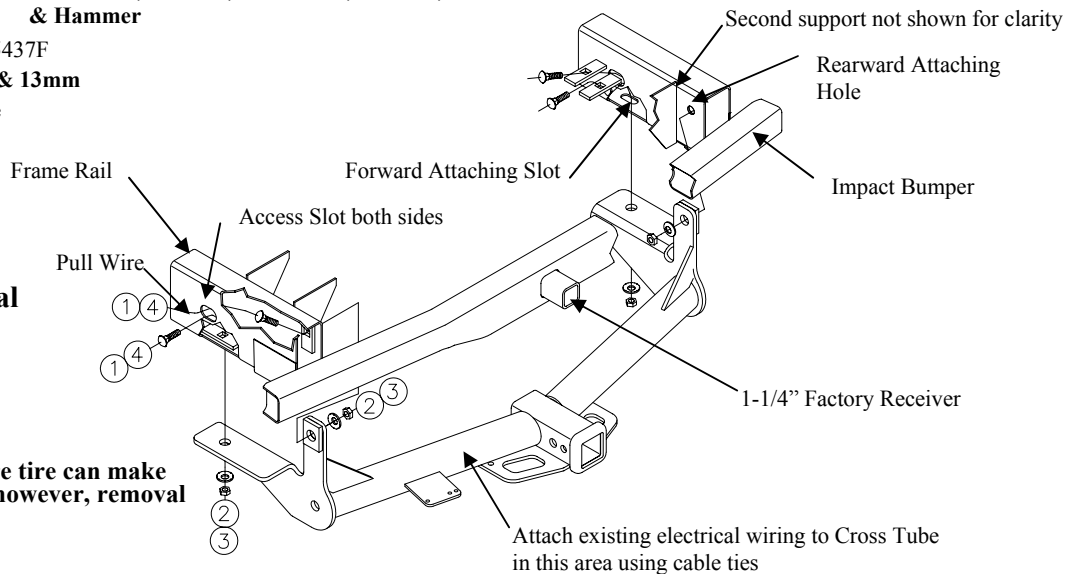
**Equipment Required: Pull Wire (Provided) Cable Tie (Provided) & Hammer**

**Fastener Kit: 75437F**

**Wrenches: 3/4 & 13mm**

**Drill Bits: None**

**Fasteners typical both sides.**



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①	Qty. (4)	Carriage Bolt 1/2-13 x 2.00	④	Qty. (4)	Blocks
②	Qty. (4)	Conical Washer 1/2	⑤	Qty. (2)	Pull Wire
③	Qty. (4)	Hex Nut 1/2-13	⑥	Qty. (2)	Cable Tie

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- Remove the electrical bracket from the impact bumper. Disconnect the rubber electrical connector from the metal bracket. Replace the bolt and return the bracket to the owner.
- Install the carriage bolt and block using the pull wire for the forward attachment, insert fasteners thru the access slot on either side of the frame rail.
- Raise the hitch into position (being careful not to push the carriage bolt and block back into the frame) and hand tighten conical washer and hex nut.

Note: On some vehicles the rearward attachment hole may have some minor deformation. Use the hammer to flatten frame rail if there is interference with raising the hitch into position

- Install the remaining carriage bolt and block using the pull wire for the rearward attachment, insert fasteners thru the same access slot on either side of the frame rail. Tighten all 1/2-13 fasteners with torque wrench to 75 Lb.-Ft.
- Using the cable ties attach one tie to the other and fasten existing electrical wiring to the round cross tube in area shown. (Being careful to attach the wiring for future access).
- Reinstall spare tire, if it was removed prior to hitch installation.

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.