

YEARS: 2013-PRESENT

MAKE: FORD

MODEL: ESCAPE (ALL MODELS)

STYLE: SUV

WARNING: NEVER EXCEED YOUR VEHICLE MANUFACTURER'S RECOMMENDED TOWING CAPACITY

WEIGHT CARRYING:
 TRAILER WEIGHT: 3,500 LBS.
 TONGUE WEIGHT: 350 LBS.

WEIGHT DISTRIBUTION:
 TRAILER WEIGHT: 5,000 LBS.
 TONGUE WEIGHT: 500 LBS.

INSTALLATION TIME: 45 MIN.

THE INSTALL TIME LISTED IS FOR PROFESSIONAL INSTALLERS. IF YOU ARE HESITANT TO UNDERTAKE THIS TASK ON YOUR OWN, CONTACT AN AUTHORIZED CURT INSTALLER FOR ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE.

INSTALLATION REQUIRES:

		10 mm 13 mm 11/16"
SAFETY GLASSES	RATCHET	SOCKET
6" SOCKET EXTENSION	DIE GRINDER	AVIATION SHEARS
BOXED END WRENCH 13 mm	TORQUE WRENCH	

INSTALLATION TIPS:

- BEFORE YOU BEGIN INSTALLATION, READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS THOROUGHLY.
- TO EASE INSTALLATION, 2 PEOPLE MAY BE REQUIRED.
- USING PROPER TOOLS WILL GREATLY IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF THE INSTALL AND REDUCE THE TIME REQUIRED.
- NEED HELP OR HAVE SOME QUESTIONS? CALL TECHNICAL SUPPORT AT 800.798.0813

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: MODERATE

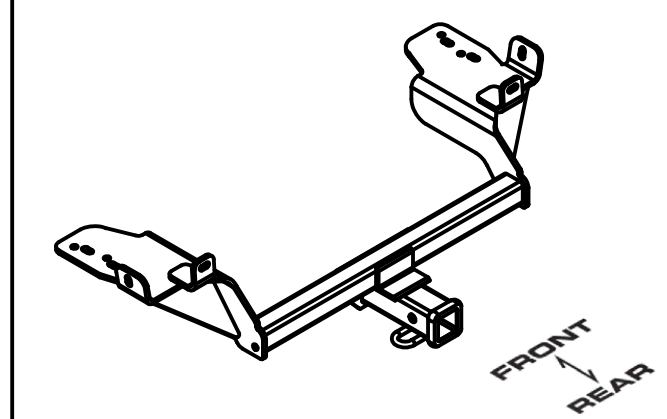
EASY	MODERATE	CHALLENGING
	LOWER EXHAUST TO EASE INSTALLATION	
	HOLE ENLARGEMENT REQUIRED	
	FISHWIRING REQUIRED	
	HEATSHEILD TRIMMING	

VEHICLE PHOTO:



REPRESENTATIVE PHOTO

HITCH ILLUSTRATION:



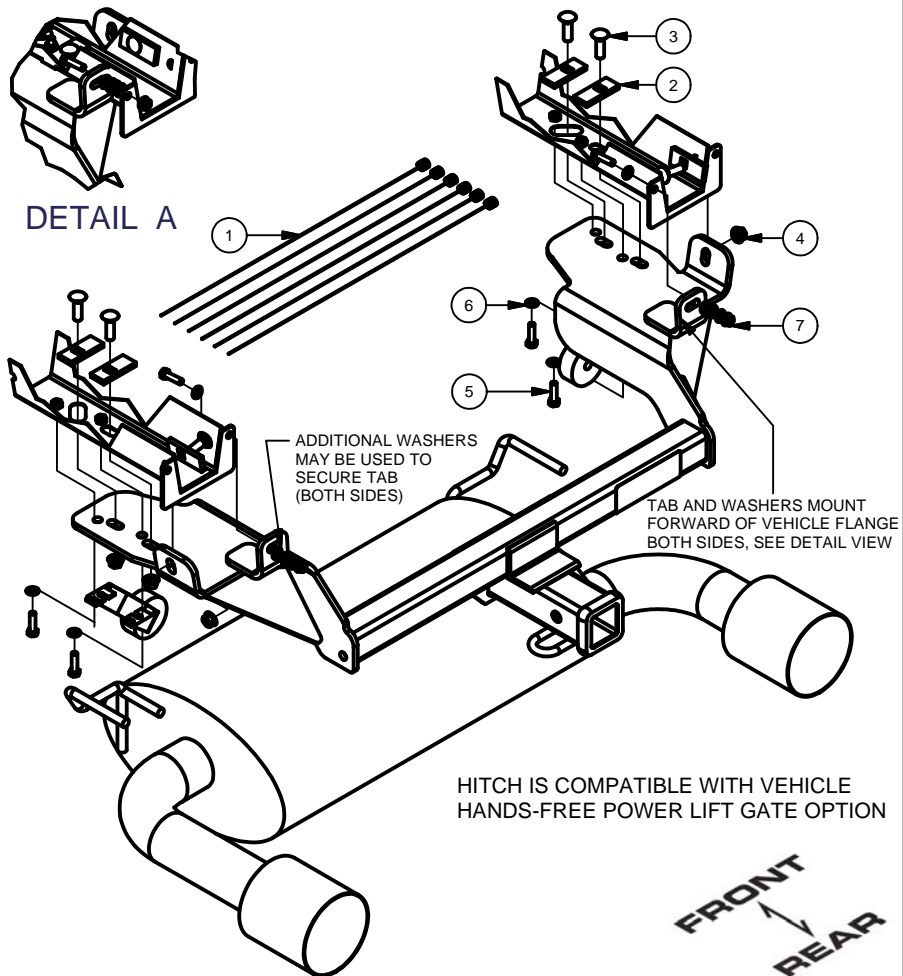
MAKE SURE YOUR HITCH MATCHES

PERIODICALLY CHECK THIS RECEIVER HITCH TO ENSURE ALL FASTENERS ARE TIGHT AND ALL STRUCTURAL COMPONENTS ARE SOUND

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INSTALLATION WALKTHROUGH:

Parts List			
ITEM	QTY	PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
1	6	7_16 FISHWIRE	7/16" FISHWIRE
2	6	CM-SP11	.250 x 1.00 x 2.50" SPACER
3	6	7/16-14 x 1 1/2	CARRIAGE BOLT
4	6	7/16-14	HEX FLANGE NUT
5	6	M8 - 1.25 x 30 HEX BOLT	HEX HEAD BOLT
6	12	5/16"	WASHER
7	2	M8 - 1.25 HEX FLANGE NUT	HEX FLANGE NUT



1. Lower exhaust by removing isolator bracket bolts with an 13 mm socket on each side of vehicle. Exhaust hanger on forward driver side of vehicle will also need to be disconnected for ease of installation.



2. The exhaust heat shield will need to be removed to mount the hitch side brackets. Remove the bolt from the driver side with an 10 mm socket and either bend the heat shield away, or trim as shown and reattach to the existing mounting point.

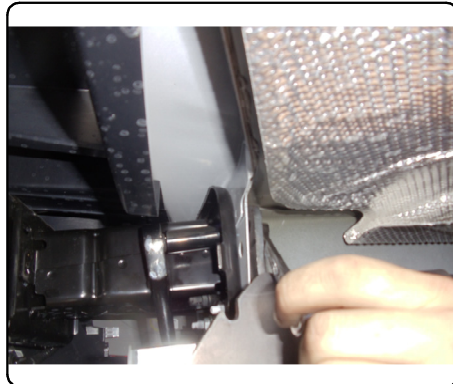


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3. Enlarge access holes for square hole spacers with a die grinder. Fishwire 7/16" bolts and spacers into vehicle frame for the (3) side bracket mounting points on each side of the vehicle.



4. Slide hitch in from rear passenger side of vehicle for ease of installation and mount up to frame and secure to fishwired hardware. Secure rear mounting hardware to rear mounting surface once hitch is in place.



5. Reattach muffler isolator brackets to original mounting locations, at bottom surface of hitch side brackets. Torque all 7/16" fasteners to 70 ft-lbs. Torque all M8 fasteners to 23 ft-lbs.



6. Installation is complete.



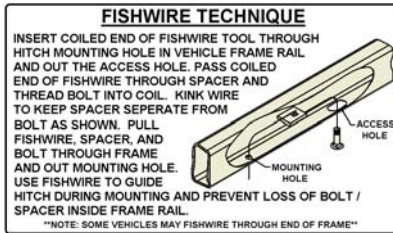
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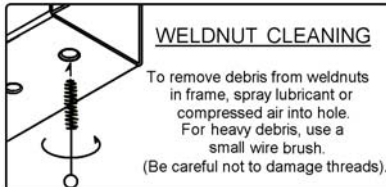
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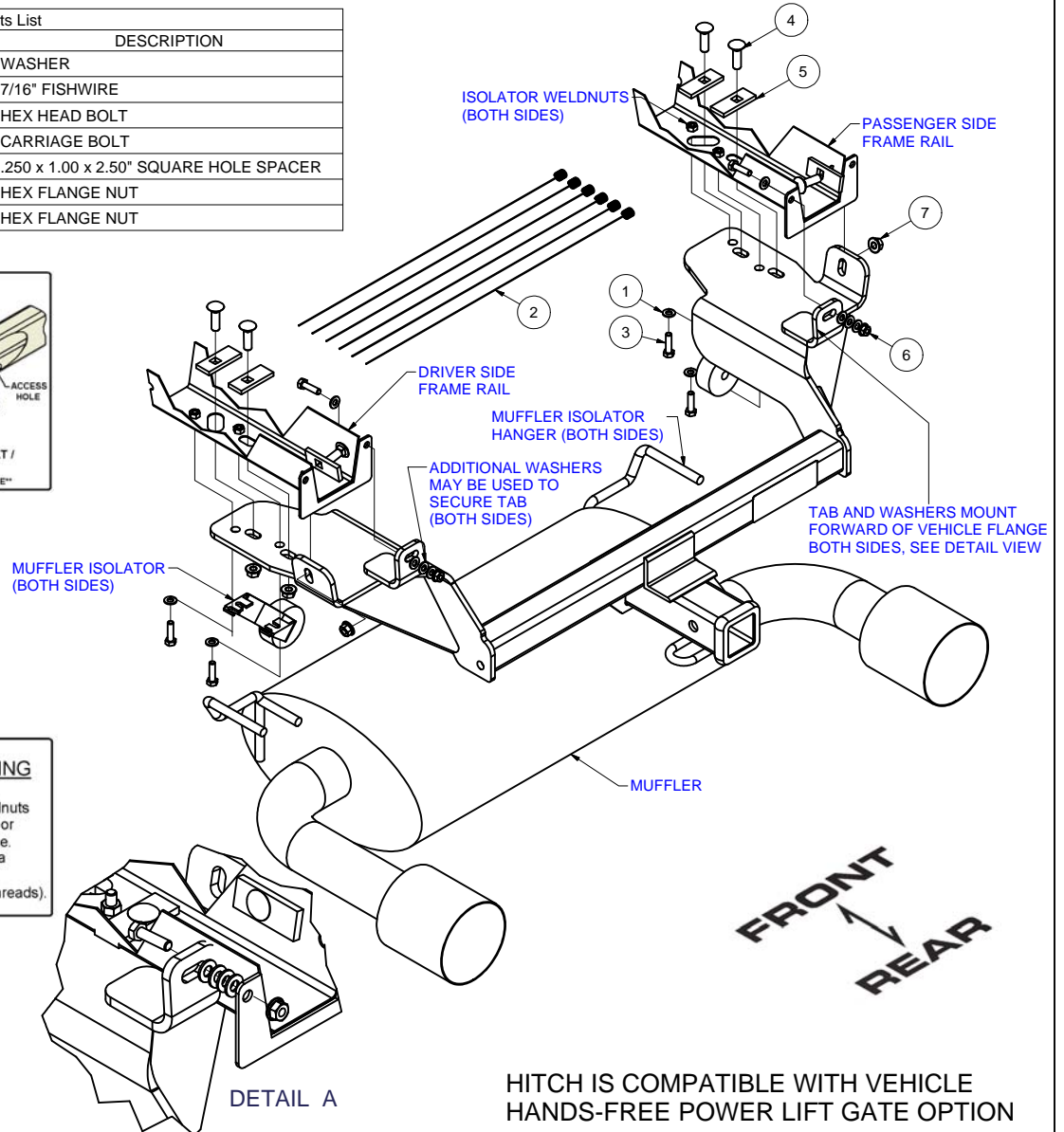
INSTALL TIME

PROFESSIONAL: 45 MINUTES

NOVICE (DIY): 90 MINUTES

INSTALL NOTES:

- HOLE ENLARGEMENT
- FISHWIRING REQUIRED
- TRIMMING RECOMMENDED



HITCH IS COMPATIBLE WITH VEHICLE HANDS-FREE POWER LIFT GATE OPTION

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