



11358 INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS



Safety glasses should be worn at all times while installing this product.

YEARS: 2013

MAKE: BUICK/CHEVROLET

MODEL: ENCORE/TRAX

STYLE: CROSSOVER

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

WEIGHT CARRYING:

TRAILER WEIGHT: 2,000 LBS.
TONGUE WEIGHT: 250 LBS.

WARNING:

WE RECOMMEND THE USE OF 18050 STABILIZING STRAPS FOR ALL NON-TRAILER (WHEEL-LESS) LOADS. PLEASE SEE THE CURT CATALOG OR VISIT US ONLINE AT WWW.CURTMFG.COM FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

PRO INSTALL TIME: 30 MIN.

NOVICE INSTALL TIME: 60 MIN.

IF YOU ARE HESITANT TO UNDERTAKE THIS TASK ON YOUR OWN, CONTACT AN AUTHORIZED CURT INSTALLER FOR ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE.

INSTALLATION REQUIRES:



SAFETY GLASSES



SPRAY LUBRICANT



DIE GRINDER



CUT-OFF WHEEL



RATCHET



6" SOCKET EXTENSION



11/16"

SOCKET



TORQUE WRENCH

INSTALLATION TIPS:

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

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: MODERATE

EASY

MODERATE

CHALLENGING



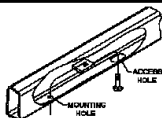
LOWER EXHAUST FOR EASE OF INSTALLATION



HOLE ENLARGEMENT REQUIRED



TRIMMING REQUIRED



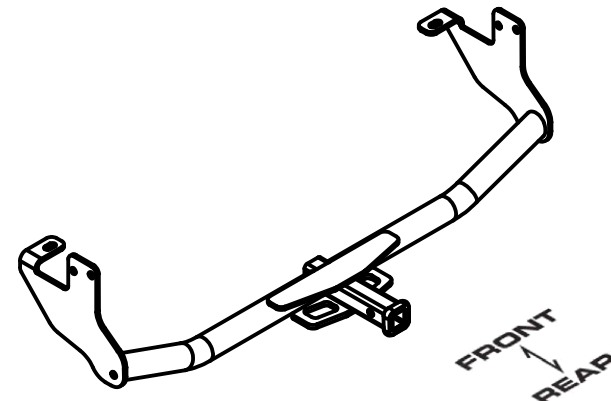
FISHWIRING REQUIRED

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

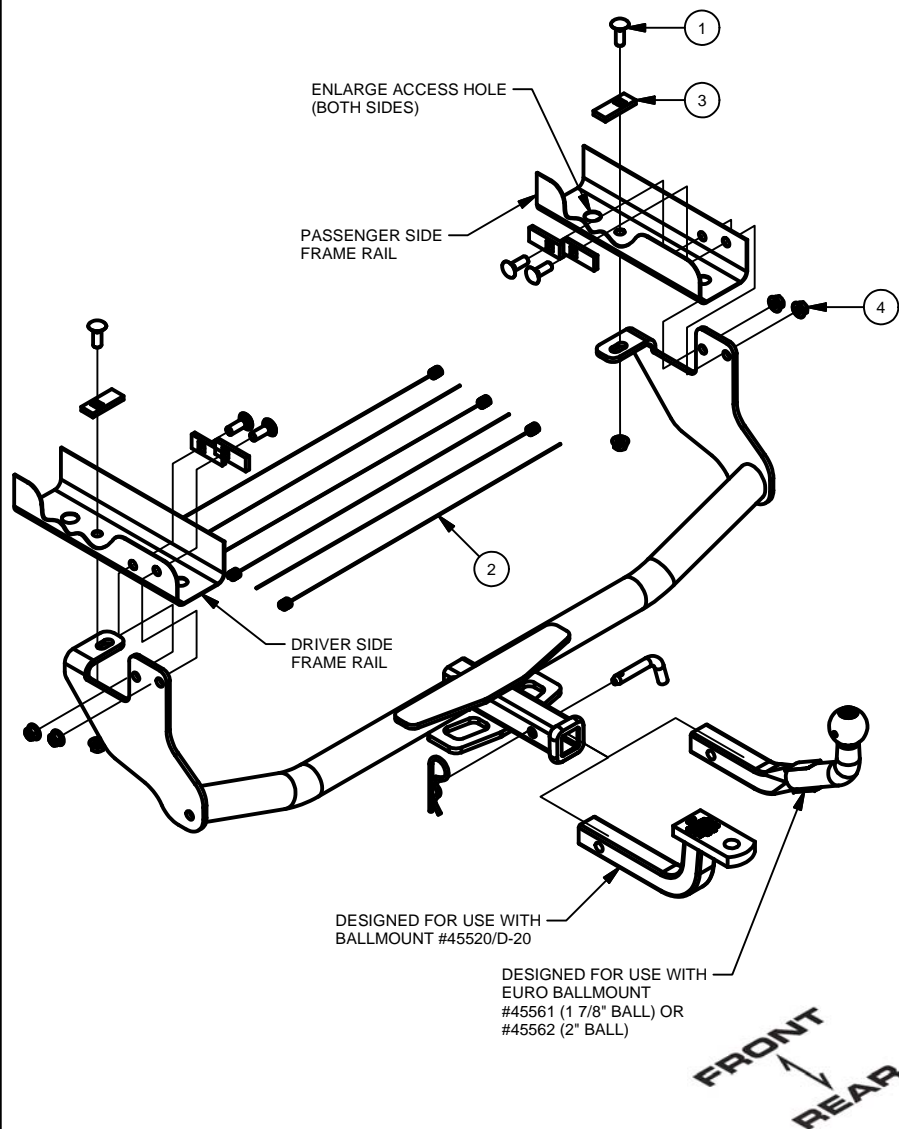
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INSTALLATION WALKTHROUGH:

| Parts List | | | |
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| ITEM | QTY | PART NUMBER | DESCRIPTION |
| 1 | 6 | 7_16 - 14 x 1 1/4 CARRIAGE (GRADE 8) | CARRIAGE BOLT |
| 2 | 6 | 7_16 FISHWIRE | 7/16" FISHWIRE |
| 3 | 6 | CM-SP2 | .250 x .88 x 2.25" SQUARE HOLE SPACER |
| 4 | 6 | 7/16-14 | HEX FLANGE NUT |



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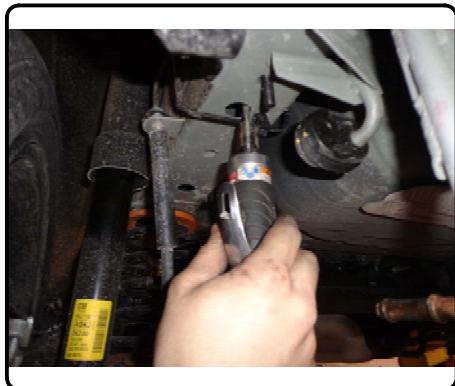
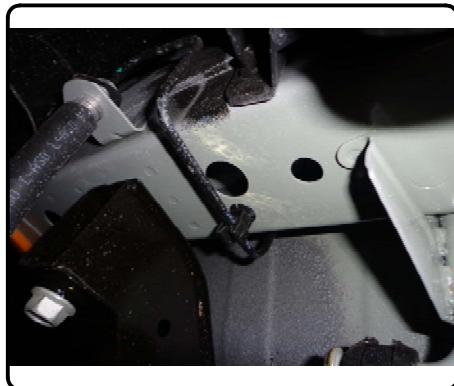
- 2) The wheel well plastic on each side of the vehicle near the frame rails will need to be trimmed to provide a flush fit for the hitch side plates. Be sure to avoid the vehicle brake lines when cutting the plastic away.



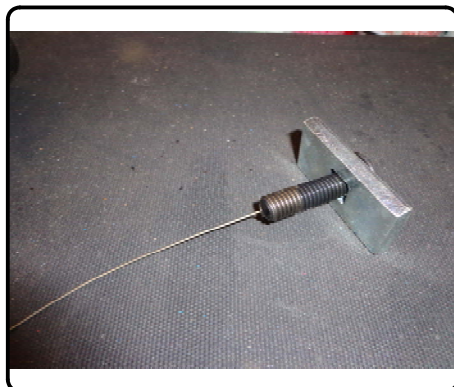
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- 3) Enlarge the access holes in the vehicle frame in order to fit the SP2 spacers provided in the hardware kit. Be sure to avoid the vehicle brake lines when cutting the frame material away.



- 4) Fishwire spacers and 7/16" bolts through access holes and into the bottom mounting holes in the vehicle frame. Raise hitch into position and loosely secure in place with the 7/16" nuts provided.

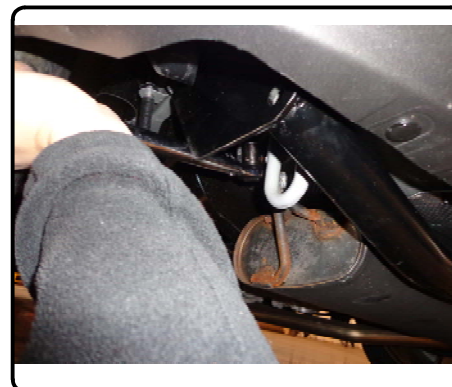


- 5) With the hitch loosely secured in place, fishwire the hardware for the vertical mounting points through the framerail and the hitch side plates. Secure all 7/16" hardware.



- 6) Torque all 7/16" hardware to 70 lb-ft.

Installation is complete



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BUICK ENCORE/CHEVROLET TRAX

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GROSS LOAD CAPACITY WHEN USED AS A WEIGHT CARRYING HITCH: 2,000 LBS. TRAILER WEIGHT & 250 LBS. TONGUE WEIGHT.

DO NOT EXCEED VEHICLE MANUFACTURER'S RECOMMENDED TOWING CAPACITY.

WARNING: ALL NON-TRAILER LOADS APPLIED TO THIS PRODUCT MUST BE SUPPORTED BY 18050 STABILIZING STRAPS.

** FAILURE TO PROPERLY SUPPORT NON-TRAILER LOADS WILL VOID PRODUCT WARRANTY**

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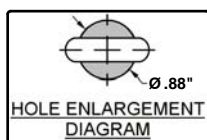
**RUBBER ISOLATOR
REMOVAL DIAGRAM**

This technique can be used if an Exhaust Hanger Removal Pliers is not available.

Using a 5/8" open end wrench, slide the wrench up to the rubber isolator, cradling the hanger rod as shown. Next place the flat edge of a pry bar between the wrench and the hanger stop or hanger rod. Then simply rotate the pry bar toward the wrench to remove the rubber isolator.

Note: Using a spray lubricant or soapy water on the hanger rod and the rubber isolator helps removal.

ENLARGE ACCESS HOLE
(BOTH SIDES)

**TOOLS REQUIRED**

SPRAY LUBRICANT

DIE GRINDER

RATCHET

SOCKET EXTENSION

11/16" SOCKET

TORQUE WRENCH

FISHWIRE TECHNIQUE

INSERT COILED END OF FISHWIRE TOOL THROUGH HITCH MOUNTING HOLE IN VEHICLE FRAME RAIL AND OUT THE ACCESS HOLE. PASS COILED END OF FISHWIRE THROUGH SPACER AND THREAD BOLT INTO COIL. KINK WIRE TO KEEP SPACER SEPARATE FROM BOLT AS SHOWN. PULL FISHWIRE, SPACER, AND BOLT THROUGH FRAME AND OUT MOUNTING HOLE. USE FISHWIRE TO GUIDE HITCH DURING MOUNTING AND PREVENT LOSS OF BOLT / SPACER INSIDE FRAME RAIL.

NOTE: SOME VEHICLES MAY FISHWIRE THROUGH END OF FRAME

PASSENGER SIDE
FRAME RAIL

DRIVER SIDE
FRAME RAIL

DESIGNED FOR USE WITH
EURO BALLMOUNT
#45561 (1 7/8" BALL) OR
#45562 (2" BALL)

DESIGNED FOR USE WITH
BALLMOUNT #45520/D-20

FRONT
↑
REAR

HITCH WEIGHT: 25 LBS.

INSTALL TIME

PROFESSIONAL: 30 MINUTES

NOVICE (DIY): 60 MINUTES

INSTALL NOTES:

- LOWER EXHAUST
- PLASTIC TRIMMING
- HOLE ENLARGEMENT
- FISHWIRING REQUIRED

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