



13131 INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS



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

YEARS: 2013

MAKE: FORD

MODEL: ESCAPE

STYLE: SUV

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

WEIGHT CARRYING:

TRAILER WEIGHT: 3,500 LBS.
TONGUE WEIGHT: 525 LBS.

WEIGHT DISTRIBUTION:

TRAILER WEIGHT: 5,000 LBS.
TONGUE WEIGHT: 525 LBS.


INSTALLATION TIME: **20 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.


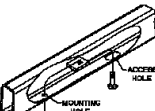
INSTALLATION TIPS:

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

INSTALLATION REQUIRES:

 SAFETY GLASSES	 DIE GRINDER	 BOXED END WRENCH 11/16"
 RATCHET	 11/16" SOCKET	 TORQUE WRENCH

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: EASY

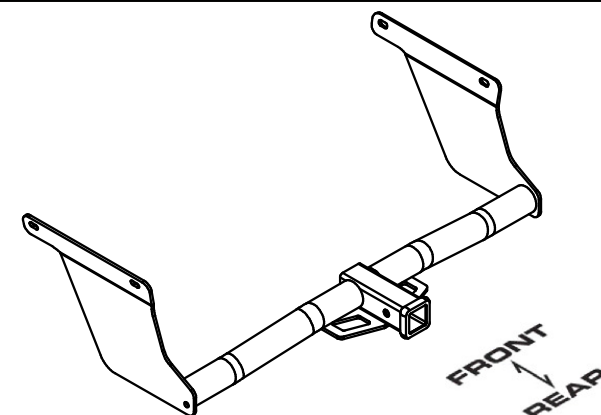
EASY	MODERATE	CHALLENGING
	HOLE ENLARGEMENT REQUIRED	
	FISHWIRING REQUIRED	

VEHICLE PHOTO:



REPRESENTATIVE PHOTO

HITCH ILLUSTRATION:



MAKE SURE YOUR HITCH MATCHES

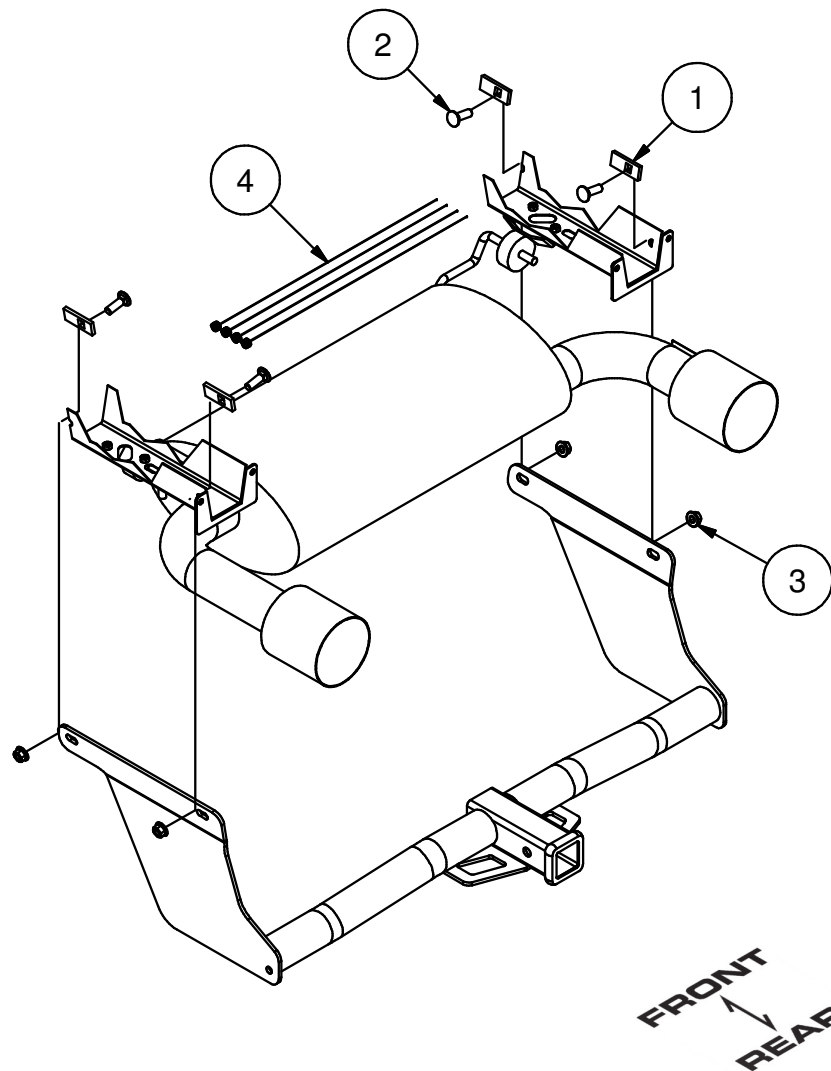
PERIODICALLY CHECK THIS RECEIVER HITCH TO ENSURE ALL FASTENERS ARE TIGHT AND ALL STRUCTURAL COMPONENTS ARE SOUND

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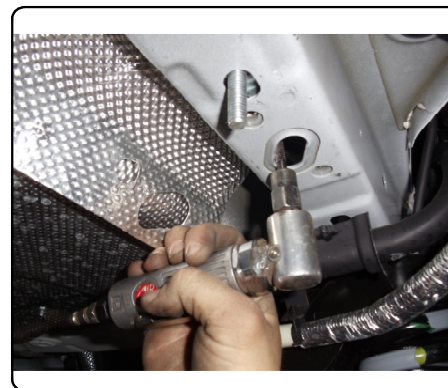
For more information log onto www.curtmfg.com, & for helpful towing tips log onto www.hitchinfo.com

INSTALLATION WALKTHROUGH:

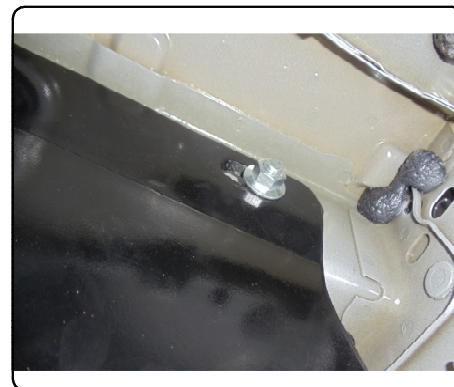
Parts List			
ITEM	QTY	PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
1	4	1/2-13 x 1 1/2, GR8	CARRIAGE BOLT
2	4	1_2 FISHWIRE	1/2" FISHWIRE
3	4	CM-SP10	.250 x 1.00 x 2.50" SPACER
4	4	HFN 1213, GR8	HEX FLANGE NUT



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Fishwire 7/16" bolts and spacers into vehicle frame for the (2) side plate mounting points on each side of the vehicle.



2. Place hitch underneath vehicle and route fishwire through side plate mounting holes. It may be necessary to use two people to raise the hitch into position. Remove fishwire and loosely secure mounting hardware to hold the hitch into position.



INSTALLATION WALKTHROUGH:

3. The passenger side plate will have limited access to secure fasteners. Use an 11/16" boxed end wrench to tighten hardware on this side.

The driver side plate can be secured using an 11/16" socket.



4. Torque all 7/16" fasteners to 70 ft-lbs.



5. Installation is complete.



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2013 FORD ESCAPE

2/6/2013

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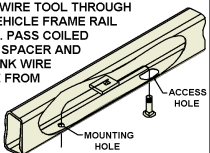
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FISHWIRE TECHNIQUE

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**

TOOLS REQUIRED

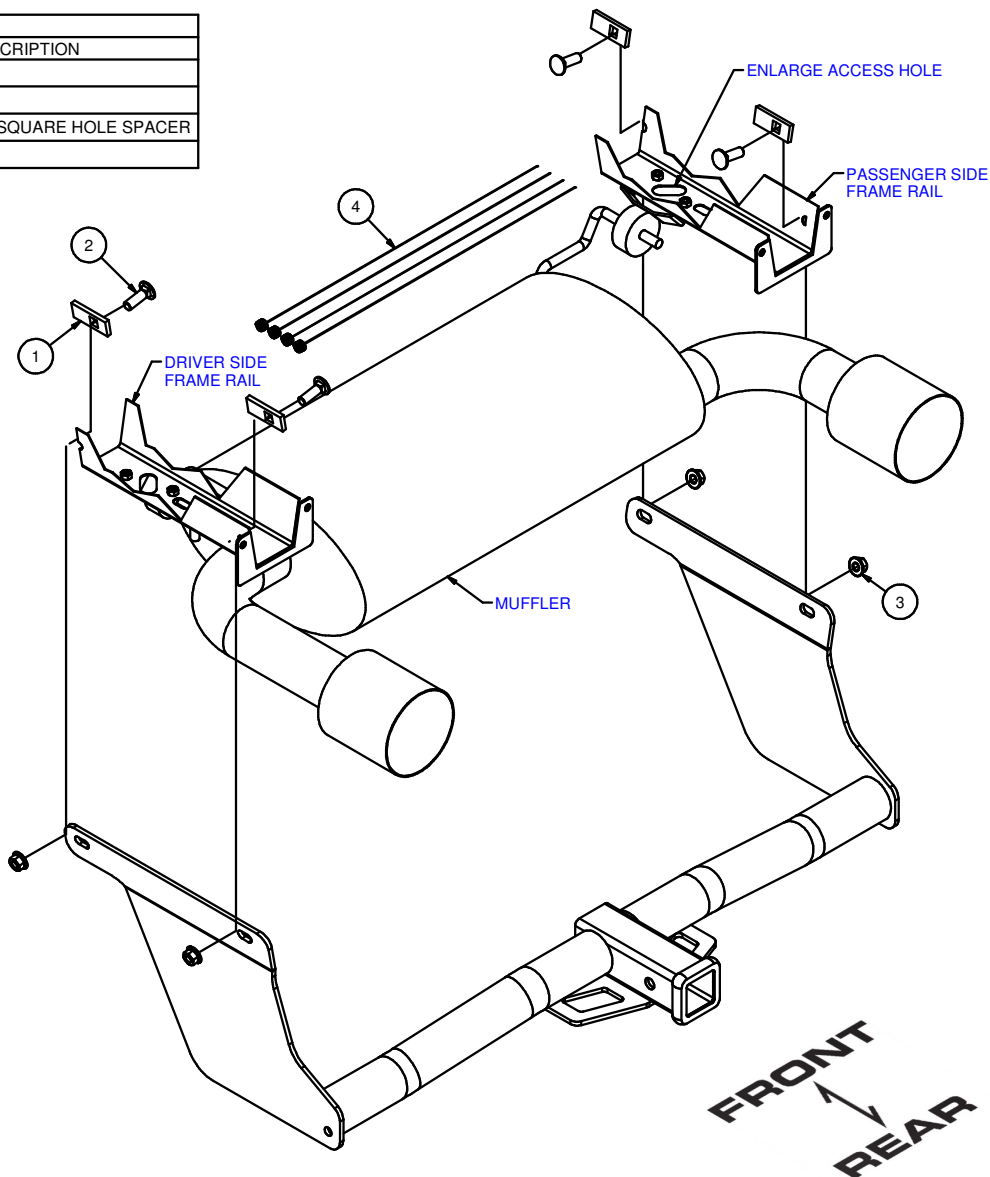
DIE GRINDER

RATCHET

SOCKET SET

BOXED END WRENCH

TORQUE WRENCH



HITCH WEIGHT: 40 LBS.

INSTALL TIME

PROFESSIONAL: 20 MINUTES

NOVICE (DIY): 45 MINUTES

INSTALL NOTES:

FISHWIRING REQUIRED
 HOLE ENLARGEMENT REQUIRED

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