

#### 13271 **INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS**

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

**YEARS: 2016-PRESENT** 

**MAKE: FIAT** 

MODEL: 500X

**STYLE: SUV** 



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**WEIGHT CARRYING:** 

TRAILER WEIGHT: LBS. 3500 **TONGUE WEIGHT:** 525 LBS.

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: 45 MIN. **NOVICE INSTALL TIME:** 90 MIN.

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 OUALITY OF THE INSTALL AND REDUCE THE TIME REQUIRED.
- 4. NEED HELP OR HAVE SOME QUESTIONS? CALL TECHNICAL SUPPORT AT 800.798.0813

# **INSTALLATION REQUIRES: 10**mm **13mm 21**mm 3/4" SOCKET **EXTENSION SOCKET RATCHET TORQUE** SAFETY **WRENCH DIE GRINDER GLASSES** UTILITY **KNIFE**

# LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: MODERATE

**MODERATE** CHALLENGING **EASY** HOLE ENLARGEMENT **REQUIRED** WELDNUT CLEANING





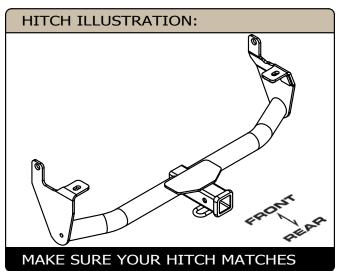
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**FISHWIRE** 



REVERSE FISHWIRE



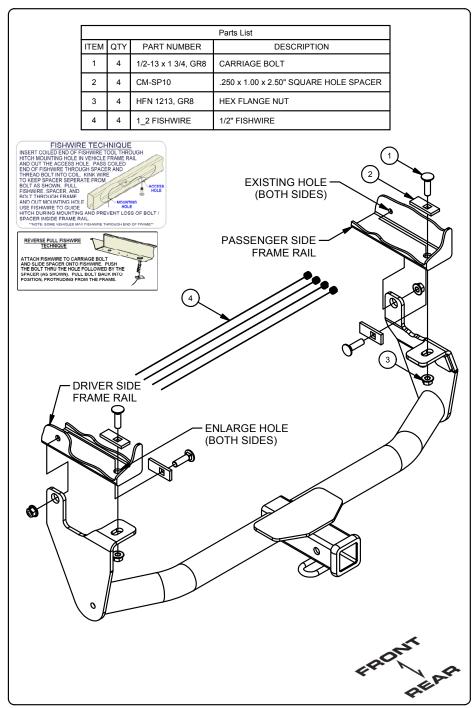




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## **INSTALLATION WALKTHROUGH:**



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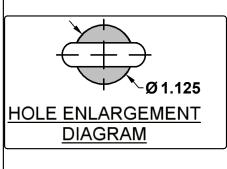
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2. Enlarge the rearmost hole with the die grinder on each frame rail to allow the carriage bolts and spacers to be inserted into the frame rail. See HOLE ENLARGEMENT DIAGRAM.





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3. Clear away caulk as necessary near mounting holes using a knife. Remove (1) plastic nut from each wheel well near the frame rail using a 10mm socket.





4. Fishwire (2) 1/2" carriage bolts and CM-SP10 spacers into the forwardmost holes on the outside of each frame rail. Reverse Fishwire (2) 1/2" carriage bolts and CM-SP10 spacers into the rearmost hole on the bottom of each frame rail. Keep wires attached until hitch is raised into position.





5. Pull fishwires through mounting locations on the hitch. Raise the hitch into position. Carefully remove fishwires, and loosely secure the hitch with hex flange nuts using a 3/4" socket. <a href="Note">Note</a>: For applications with a factory tow hook, loosely install factory M14 hardware.





6. Torque all 1/2" hardware to 110 ft.-lbs. Reinstall plastic nut removed in Step 3.

**Note:** For applications with a factory tow hook, torque factory M14 hardware to 135 ft.-lbs.





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#### TOWING SAFETY INFORMATION

### Gross Trailer Weight / GTW

The Gross Trailer Weight is the weight of the trailer & cargo. Measure this by putting the fully loaded trailer on a vehicle scale.



# Tongue Weight / TW

The downward force that is exerted on the hitch ball by the coupler. The tongue weight will vary depending on where the load is positioned in relationship to the trailer axle(s). To measure the tongue weight, use either a commercial scale or a bathroom scale with the coupler at towing height. When using a bathroom scale with heavier tongue weights, use the method shown and multiply the scale reading by 3.



## Weight Carrying / WC

The total weight of both the trailer and the cargo inside. Never exceed the weight capacity of your trailer hitch.

### Weight Distribution / WD

Used to balance the weight of the cargo between the front and rear wheels throughout the trailer, allowing for better steering, braking, and level riding.





## Sway Control

A device used to reduce the lateral movements of the trailer that are caused by the wind. This works in conjunction with a weight distribution hitch. Do not use this on a class 1 or 2 hitch, or with surge brakes.

# How Much Can You Safely Tow?



#### Ball Mount

The ball mount is placed inside the opening of the receiver hitch which is mounted to the vehicle. Make sure a hitch pin and clip is properly securing the ball mount to the receiver hitch before you begin towing.

A: Rise. B: Drop. C: Hole Size. D: Length.



#### Trailer Ball

The connection from the hitch to the trailer. There are many factors that determine the correct hitch ball:

- Number one is the hitch ball's gross trailer weight rating.
- The mounting platform must be at least 3/8" thick.
- The hole diameter must not be more than 1/16" larger than the threaded shank.
- · Every time you tow, check the nut and lock washer to make sure they are fastened securely.

  • A: Ball Dia. B: Shank Length. C: Shank Dia. D: Shank Rise.



#### Coupler

The component that is placed over the trailer ball to connect the vehicle to the trailer. Be sure that the coupler size matches the size of the hitch ball and that the coupler handle is securely fastened. To determine what size hitch ball you need for your application you will need to know the size of coupler that is on the trailer. Be sure your coupler is properly adjusted to the ball you are using.

NOTE: For added security the use of safety devices such as Coupler Safety Pins and Locks is strongly recommended.

## Safety Chains

Safety chains are a requirement and should be crossed under the tongue of the trailer so that the tongue will not drop to the road if it becomes separated from the hitch. Always leave enough slack so you can turn. Never allow the safety chains to drag on the ground and never attach the chains to the bumper.

Trailer Classification: Safety Chain Breaking Force - Minimum

Class 1: 2,000 lbs. (8.9 kN) Class 2: 3,500 lbs. (15.6 kN) Class 3: 5,000 lbs. (22.2 kN)

The strength rating of each length of safety chain or its equivalent and its attachments shall be equal to or exceed in minimum breaking force the GVWR (Gross Vehicle Weight Rating) of the trailer.

#### Electrical

Trailer lights, Electric Brakes, Break-away systems - Every time you tow, be sure to check that all components are working properly.

Wiring identification by color:



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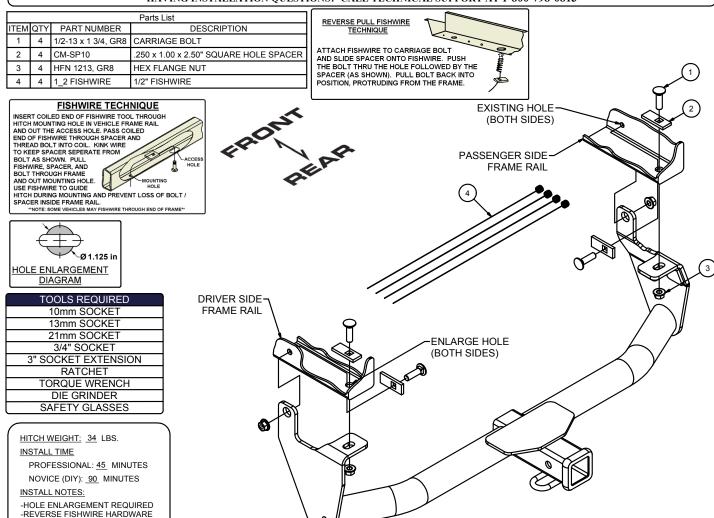
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\*\* FAILURE TO PROPERLY SUPPORT NON-TRAILER LOADS WILL VOID PRODUCT WARRANTY\*\*

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# **INSTALLATION STEPS**

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