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SEDAN, 91-00 MERCURY TRACER, 98-02 FORD ESCORT ZX2

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GROSS LOAD CAPACITY WHEN USED AS A WEIGHT CARRYING HITCH: 2,000 LBS. TRAILER WEIGHT & 200 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 AUXILIARY STABILIZING STRAPS.****** FAILURE TO PROPERLY SUPPORT NON-TRAILER LOADS WILL VOID PRODUCT WARRANTY******HAVING INSTALLATION QUESTIONS? CALL TECHNICAL SUPPORT AT 1-800-798-0813**

Parts List			
ITEM	QTY	PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
1	2	1/2-13	HANDLE NUT
2	2	9/16 - 12	HEX NUT
3	2	9/16	LOCK WASHER
4	2	9/16-12 x 2	HEX BOLT
5	4	CM-SP8	.188 x 1.25 x 1.50" ROUND HOLE SPACER
6	2	1/2"	LOCK WASHER
7	2	1/2-13 x 1 1/4	HEX BOLT
8	2	9_16 WASHER	FLAT WASHER



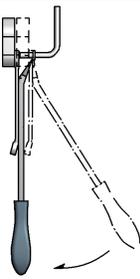
LIP TRIM DIAGRAM

**RUBBER ISOLATOR
REMOVAL DIAGRAM**

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

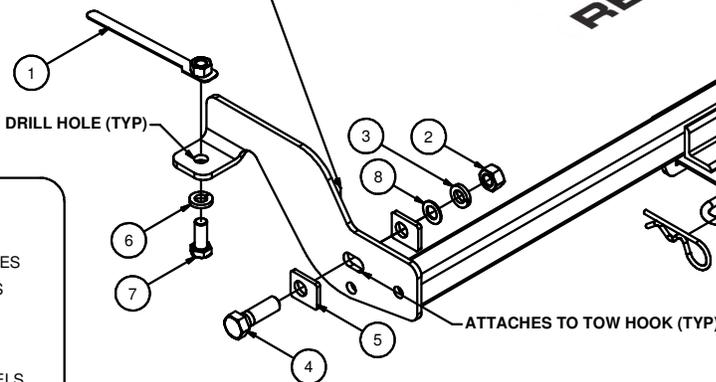
Using a 5/8" open end wrench, slide the wrench up to the rubber isolator, cradling the hanger rod as shown. Next place the flat edge of a pry bar between the wrench and the hanger stop or hanger rod. Then simply rotate the pry bar toward the wrench to remove the rubber isolator.

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



POSITION INSIDE OF
EXISTING TOW HOOK

DRILL HOLE (TYP)



DESIGNED FOR USE WITH
BALL MOUNT # D-20 / 45520

HITCH WEIGHT: 27 LBS.

INSTALL TIME

PROFESSIONAL: 45 MINUTES

NOVICE (DIY): 90 MINUTES

INSTALL NOTES:

- LOWER EXHAUST
- TRIMMING OF METAL LIP
REQUIRED ON SOME MODELS

INSTALLATION STEPS

- 1.) Slide the two (2) rubber exhaust hangers off the exhaust hanger hooks.
- 2.) Lower the exhaust heat shield to locate access hole in frame rail. Remove the tape covering the access hole and enlarge them to provide access for handle nut.
- 3.) Remove the bolt retaining the carbon canister hoses on the drivers side frame rail.
- 4.) Raise hitch into position and loosely install the rearmost fasteners. The drivers side mounting plate should be positioned inside of tow hook and the passenger side mounting plate is positioned outside of the tow hook. Trim lip (if present) so that hitch can be raised into position. (See lip trim diagram)
- 5.) Using the hitch as a template, drill a 1/2" hole in each frame rail.
Note: The existing access hole may need to be enlarged for installation of the handle nut.
Determine the distance between the installation hole and the access hole. Mark this distance on the handle nut and bend it to 90 degrees.
- 6.) Install the remaining fasteners and reattach the exhaust hangers, exhaust heat shield, and carbon canister hoses.
- 7.) Torque all 1/2" hardware to 110 lb/ft. and all 9/16" hardware to 150 lb/ft.

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

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