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## 96-98 BMW 5 SERIES SEDAN

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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 3/8-16 X 1 1/2 HEX BOLT 1 2 3/8 - 16 x 1 1/4 HEX BOLT 3 8 HFN3816 HEX FLANGE NUT CM-SP123 4 4 188 x 1.50 SPACER .188 x 1.00 SPACER CM-SP109 SPARE DRILL HOLES ABOVE TRUNK RIB HITCH WEIGHT: 19 LBS. **INSTALL TIME** PROFESSIONAL: 45 MINUTES NOVICE (DIY): 90 MINUTES INSTALL NOTES: -DRILLING REQUIRED DESIGNED FOR USE WITH

## **INSTALLATION STEPS**

-TEMPORARII Y REMOVE SPARE TIRE

1. This hitch mounts to the trunk and tire well structure. Temporarily remove the spare tire from inside the tire well, and plastic trim panel at the inside rear of the trunk area. This panel is removed by removing (2) 6mm nuts, one on each side, and carefully pulling out the plastic clips.

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- 2. Temporarily remove the rear bumper by unbolting (6) retaining nuts, (3) per side around the bumper mounting struts. Remove the fasteners attaching the bumper fascia to the tire well on both sides. Slide the bumper assembly rearward to remove it.
- Temporarily unclip the wires from the retainers running along the lip inside the trunk area to be drilled. Position the hitch resting on the rear body ledge, centered to the left and right.
- 4. Using the hitch as a template, drill holes for fasteners in the upper part of the trunk. Install fasteners as shown. Be sure to install the backing plates inside the trunk as shown.
- 5. Using the hitch as a template, drill holes in lower part of trunk through trunk ribs. Install the backing plates inside the tire well as shown.
- 6. Torque all 3/8" fasteners to 45 lb-ft.
- 7. Trim bumper fascia to allow clearance for receiver hitch. Once cut reinstall bumper fascia back on to vehicle.

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

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