

## 11376 INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS



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

**YEARS: 2014** 

**MAKE: MERCEDES-BENZ** 

**MODEL: SLK250** 

**STYLE:** CONVERTIBLE

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

**WEIGHT CARRYING:** 

TRAILER WEIGHT: 1,000 LBS. TONGUE WEIGHT: 100 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

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# PRO INSTALL TIME: 120 MIN. NOVICE INSTALL TIME: 240 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 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:** 3/4 in. **10**mm **17**mm SOCKET **EXTENSION** SOCKET **RATCHET SCREW TOROUE MASKING DRIVER WRENCH TAPE TAPE SAFETY MEASURE GLASSES DIE GRINDER** PANEL REMOVAL RECIPROCATING TOOL SAW

#### LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: CHALLENGING

DRILLING / HOLE ENLARGEMENT REQUIRED

FISHWIRE HARDWARE

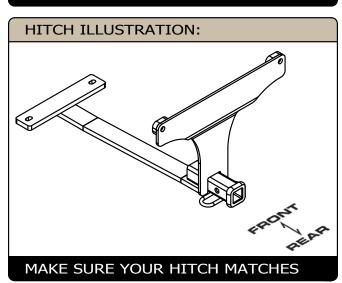
CLEAN EXISTING WELDNUTS

TEMPORARILY REMOVE TRUNK CONTENTS, INTERIOR PANEL, BUMPER COVER

TRIM FOAM BUMPER PAD AND REAR FASCIA

# VEHICLE PHOTO:

REPRESENTATIVE PHOTO

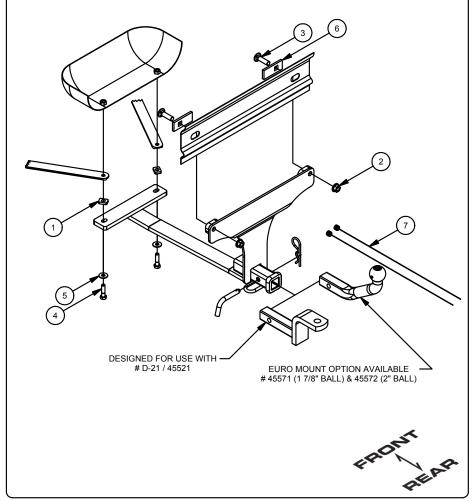


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Parts List				
ITEM	QTY	PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	
1	2	11376-SP	.250" SPACER PLATE	
2	2	HFN 1213, GR8	HEX FLANGE NUT	
3	2	1/2-13 x 1 3/4, GR8	CARRIAGE BOLT	
4	2	M10 - 1.5 x 40mm	HEX BOLT	
5	2	3/8"	CONICAL TOOTHED WASHER	
6	2	CM-SP19	.250 x 1.25 x 3.00" SQUARE HOLE SPACER	
7	2	1_2 FISHWIRE	1/2" FISHWIRE	

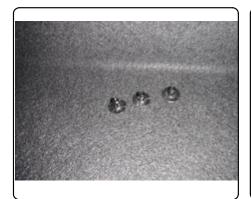


1. Remove trunk contents including the spare tire cover, spare tire, and spare tire tool kit.





2. Using a flat head scrwdriver, remove three (3) plugs from bottom of rear interior panel.





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3. Gently remove rear panel.





4. Using a 10mm socket, remove two (2) underbody screws connecting rear fascia to underbody panel.





5. Using a 10 mm socket, remove two (2) plastic nuts from underbody panel (1 per side). Do not remove middle nut.





6. Using a flat head screwdriver, remove three (3) plastic clips from each wheel well (6 total) connecting the rear fascia.





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7. Gently pull corners of rear fascia loose. Using a panel removal tool, gently detach clips (5 per side) located below tail lights.





8. Using a 10mm socket, remove center nut from inside of trunk.





9. Gently remove rear fascia.





10. Detach foam bumper pad from rear of fascia.





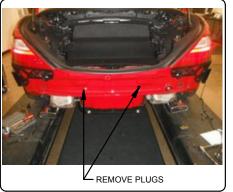
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11. Detach electrical connections (4 connectors and 1 clip) from rear fascia.

13. Remove two (2) plastic plugs from rear body panel.









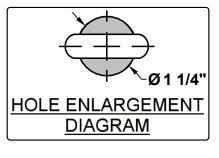
12. Using a T50 Torx bit, remove two (2) M10 screws connecting underbody supports to trunk pan.

14. Using a die grinder, enlarge two (2) holes where plastic plugs were removed. Enlarge holes as little as possible to allow CM-SP19 and carriage bolts to pass through. (See Hole Enlargement Diagram)



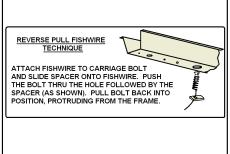






15. Reverse fishwire 1/2" carriage bolts and CM-SP19 spacers into the enlarged holes. Fishwires should remain attached to preven loss of hardware. (See Reverse Fishwire Diagram)





16. Thread fishwires through hitch mounting holes and raise hitch into position and loosely install 1/2" hex flange nuts onto the carriage bolts.



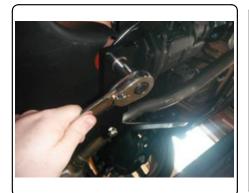


17. Place CM-11376-SP spacers between forward mounting plate and underbody supports. Loosely install M10 hex bolts and 3/8" conical toothed washers into the existing vehicle weldnuts.





18. Using a 3/4" socket, torque 1/2" hardware to 110 lb-ft. Using a 17mm socket, torque M10-1.50 hardware to 56 lb-ft.





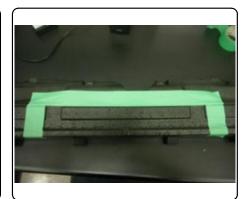
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19. Mark with masking tape and trim with reciprocating saw the foam bumper pad. (See Foam Bumper Pad Trim Diagram)

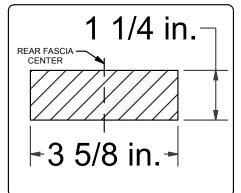
3 1/4 in.

BUMPER PAD 3 1/4 in.

1 in. DEEP



20. Mark with masking tape and trim with die grinder the rear fascia. (See Rear Fascia Trim Diagram)





21. Reassemble rear fascia with foam bumper pad and reattach electrical connections.





22. Reattach rear fascia in reverse order of removal.





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24. Reattach interior panel in reverse order of removal.





25. Reinstall spare tire kit, spare tire and spare tire cover.





26. Install complete.



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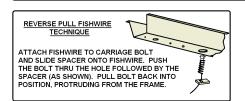
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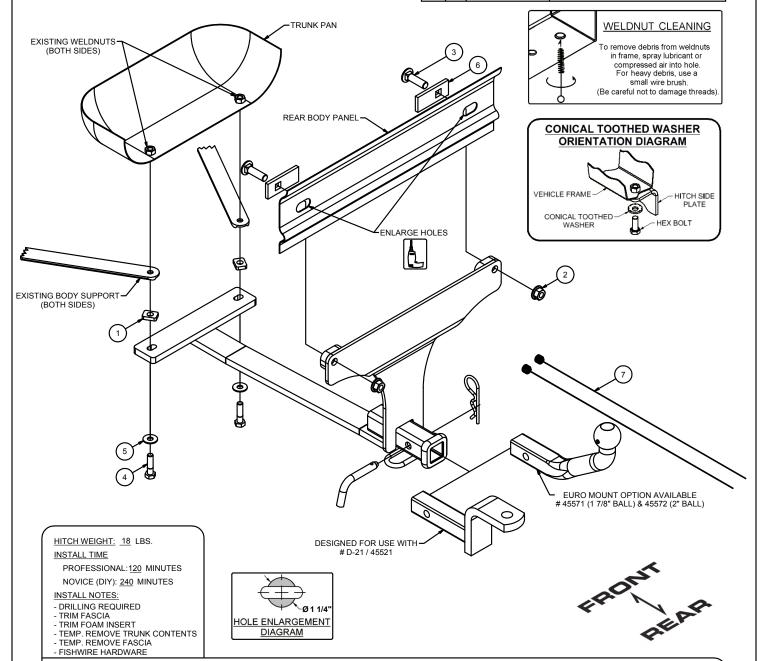
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\*\* FAILURE TO PROPERLY SUPPORT NON-TRAILER LOADS WILL VOID PRODUCT WARRANTY\*\*

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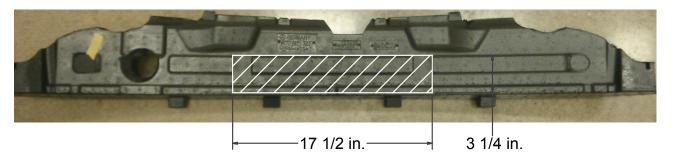
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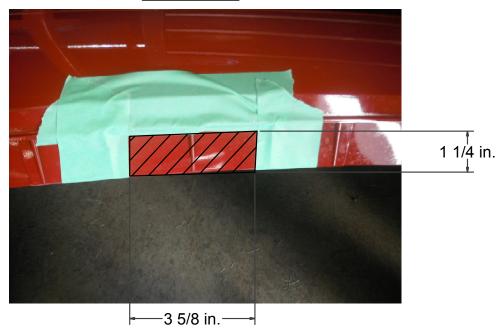
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TOOLS REQUIRED
RATCHET
6" SOCKET EXTENSION
3/4" SOCKET
10mm SOCKET
17mm SOCKET
FLAT HEAD SCRWDRIVER
TORQUE WRENCH
MASKING TAPE
SAFETY GLASSES
PANEL REMOVAL TOOL
DIE GRINDER
TAPE MEASURE
RECIPROCATING SAW



# FOAM BUMPER PAD TRIM DIAGRAM CUT 1 in. DEEP



REAR FASCIA TRIM DIAGRAM

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- 24. Reattach interior panel in reverse order of removal.
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