

11411 INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS



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

YEARS: 2015-present

MAKE: VW

MODEL: GOLF SPORTWAGEN

STYLE: WAGON

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

WEIGHT CARRYING:

TRAILER WEIGHT: 2,000 LBS. **TONGUE WEIGHT:** 200 LBS.

> **10**mm **13mm**

> > 3/4"

SOCKET

TAPE

MEASURE

SAFETY

GLASSES

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: 50 MIN. NOVICE INSTALL TIME: 100 MIN.

INSTALLATION REQUIRES:

RATCHET

SOCKET

10"

SOCKET

EXTENSION

UTILITY

KNIFE

IF YOU ARE HESITANT TO UNDERTAKE THIS TASK ON YOUR OWN, CONTACT AN AUTHORIZED CURT INSTALLER FOR ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE.

TORQUE

WRENCH

AVIATION

SHEARS

MASKING

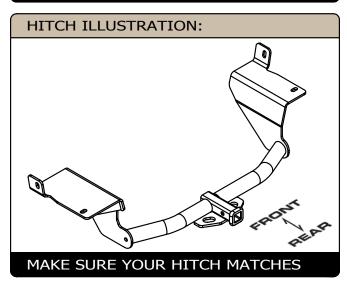
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INSTALLATION TIPS:

- 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

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: MODERATE **MODERATE** CHALLENGING **EASY LOWER THE EXHAUST** (2) HANGERS PART REMOVAL TEMPORARILY REMOVE THE **EXHAUST HEAT SHIELD AND UNDERBODY PANEL** PART REMOVAL TRIM THE EXHAUST HEAT TRIM SHIELD AND UNDERBODY **PANEL FISHWIRE (4) BOLTS AND SPACERS** NO DRILLING REQUIRED







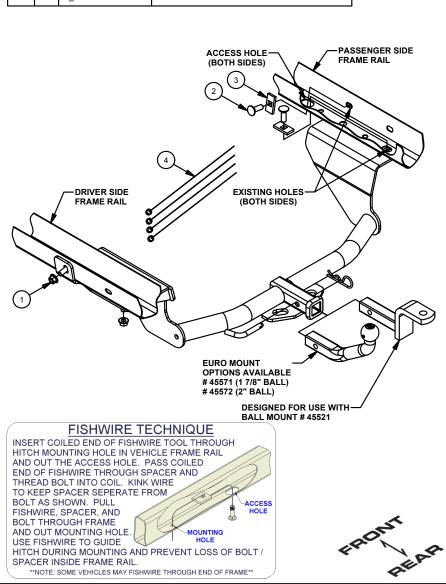
SCAN FOR MORE INFO PERIODICALLY CHECK THIS RECEIVER HITCH TO ENSURE ALL FASTENERS ARE TIGHT AND ALL STRUCTURAL COMPONENTS ARE SOUND

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INSTALLATION WALKTHROUGH:

| Parts List | | | |
|------------|-----|---------------------|--|
| ITEM | QTY | PART NUMBER | DESCRIPTION |
| 1 | 4 | HFN 1213, GR8 | HEX FLANGE NUT |
| 2 | 4 | 1/2-13 x 1 1/2, GR8 | CARRIAGE BOLT |
| 3 | 4 | CM-SP12 | .250 x 1.00 x 2.00" SQUARE HOLE SPACER |
| 4 | 4 | 1_2 x 30 FISHWIRE | 1/2" x 30" FISHWIRE |



1) Lower the exhaust by removing the bolts in the (2) hangers by the muffler using a 13mm socket. The exhaust will be supported by the rear axle.





2) Remove the exhaust heat shield from the driver side and the plastic underbody panel on the passenger side. Keep fasteners for later re-installation.



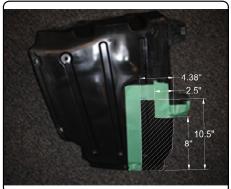


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3) Trim the exhaust heat shield so the tab in the driver side plate passes through leaving access to tighten the nut. Trim the underbody panel as shown below.





- 4) Hold the heat shield in position and mark and trim for the rearward most mounting hole.
- 5) Fishwire the supplied carriage bolts and spacers into the mounting positions through the access holes.





6) Reinstall the exhaust heat shield and raise the hitch with the exhaust back into positon. Loosely install the supplied 1/2" hex flange nuts.





7) Torque all 1/2" fasteners to 110 lb-ft.





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- 8) Reinstall the bolts into the exhaust hangers removed in step 1.
- 9) Reinstall the plastic underbody panel removed in step 2.





TOWING SAFETY INFORMATION

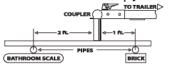
Gross Trailer Weight / GTW

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.

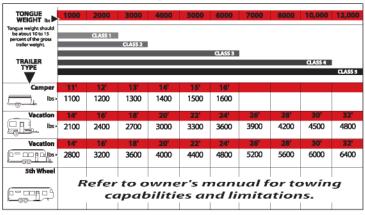




Sway Control

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.

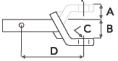
How Much Can You Safely Tow?



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.

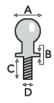


Trailer Ball

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 weightrating.
- 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 Dia. C: Shank Length. 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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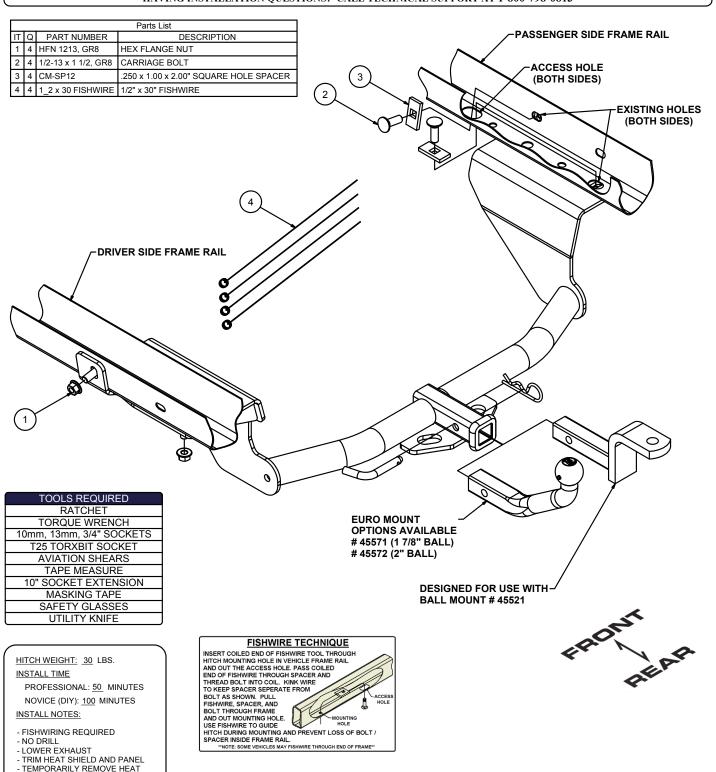
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GROSS LOAD CAPACITY WHEN USED AS A WEIGHT CARRYING HITCH: 2,000 LBS. TRAILER WEIGHT & 200 LBS. TONGUE WEIGHT.

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WARNING: ALL NON-TRAILER LOADS APPLIED TO THIS PRODUCT MUST BE SUPPORTED BY 18050 STABILIZING STRAPS.

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

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SHIELD AND PANEL

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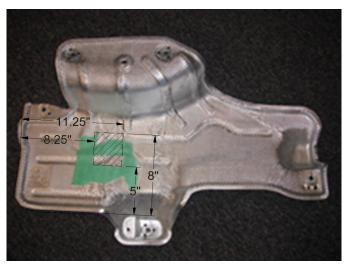
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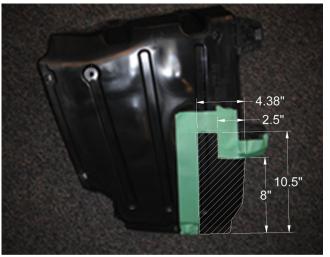
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EXHAUST HEAT SHIELD TRIM DIAGRAM



UNDERBODY PANEL TRIM DIAGRAM

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