



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

YEARS: 2017-CURRENT

MAKE: AUDI

MODEL: A4

STYLE: SEDAN

**WARNING: NEVER EXCEED YOUR VEHICLE MANUFACTURER'S RECOMMENDED TOWING CAPACITY**  
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**WEIGHT CARRYING:**  
 TRAILER WEIGHT: 2000 LBS.  
 TONGUE WEIGHT: 200 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 [WWW.CURTMFG.COM](http://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 REQUIRES:**

RATCHET	10mm 3/4" SOCKET	TORQUE WRENCH
6" SOCKET EXTENSION	MASKING TAPE	UTILITY KNIFE
ROTARY TOOL	SILICONE CAULK	TAPE MEASURE
SAFETY GLASSES		

**INSTALLATION TIPS:**

- BEFORE YOU BEGIN INSTALLATION, READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS THOROUGHLY.
- TO EASE INSTALLATION, 2 PEOPLE MAY BE REQUIRED.
- USING PROPER TOOLS WILL GREATLY IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF THE INSTALL AND REDUCE THE TIME REQUIRED.
- NEED HELP OR HAVE SOME QUESTIONS? CALL TECHNICAL SUPPORT AT 800.798.0813

**LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: MODERATE**

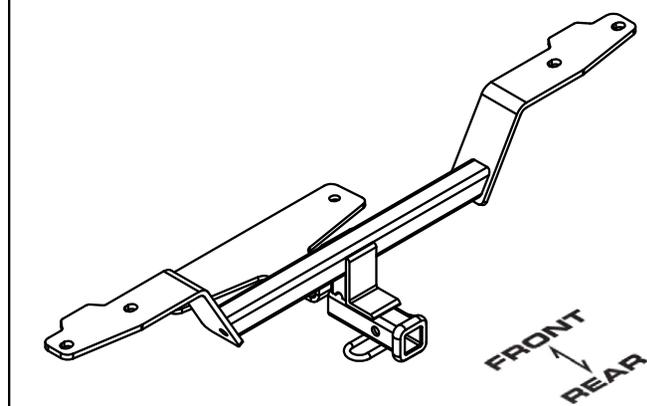
EASY	MODERATE	CHALLENGING
	NO DRILLING REQUIRED	
	FASCIA TRIMMING REQUIRED	
	REMOVE DRAIN PLUGS	

**VEHICLE PHOTO:**



REPRESENTATIVE PHOTO

**HITCH ILLUSTRATION:**



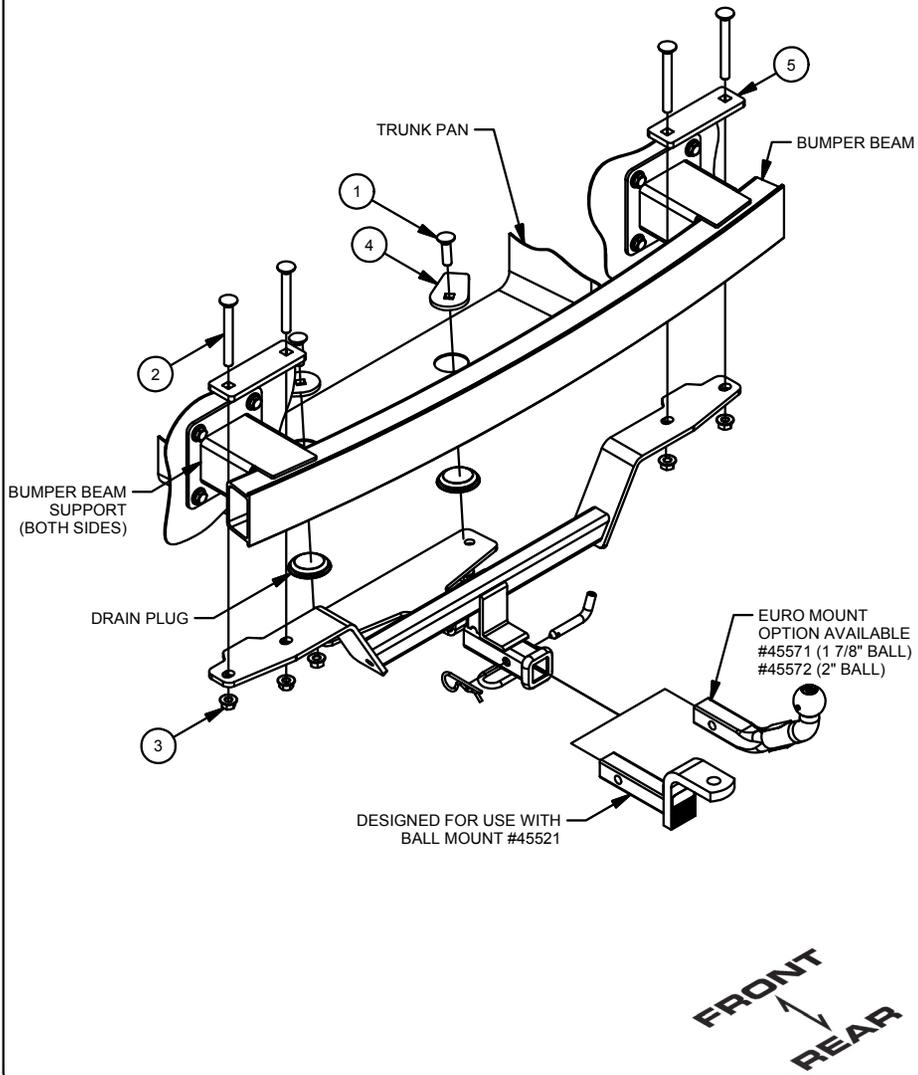
MAKE SURE YOUR HITCH MATCHES



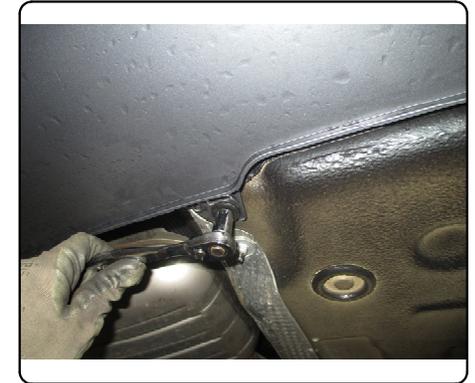
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## INSTALLATION WALKTHROUGH:

Parts List			
ITEM	QTY	PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
1	2	1/2-13 x 1 3/4	CARRIAGE BOLT
2	4	1_2 - 13 x 4 1_2 CARRIAGE GR5	CARRIAGE BOLT
3	6	HFN 1213, GR8	HEX FLANGE NUT
4	2	11448-SP	.250" SPACER
5	2	11448-BP	BOLT PLATE



1. Using a 10mm socket remove (2) hex nuts holding rear plastic fascia to bottom of trunk pan. Save (2) nuts for reinstallation in STEP 9.

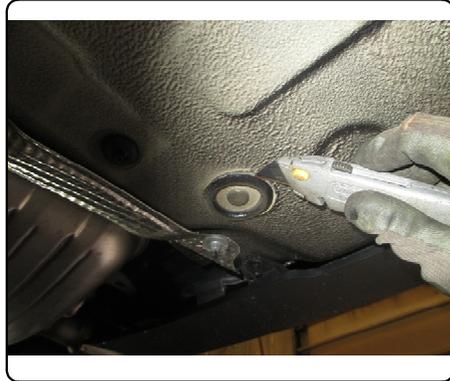


2. Remove spare tire and jack tool kit from inside trunk using a 10mm socket.



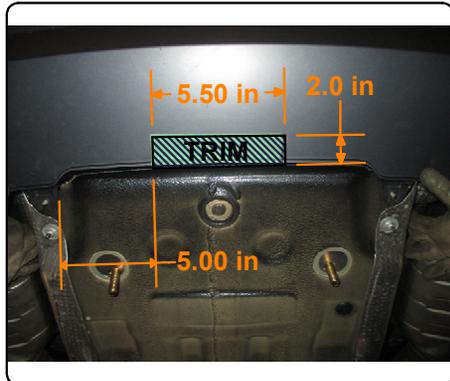
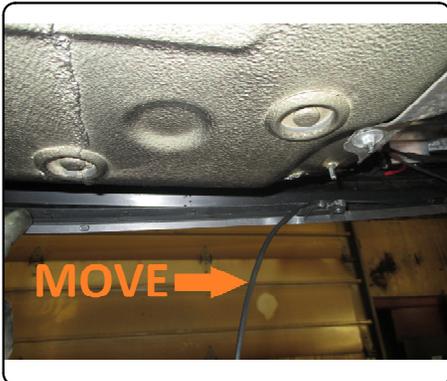
## INSTALLATION WALKTHROUGH:

3. Use a utility knife to cut frame sealer. Remove (2) rearmost rubber drain plugs from bottom of trunk pan, return to owner.



**NOTE:** Detach hands-free trunk release cable from rear fascia and move away from trim area.

4. Mark trim area on fascia using masking tape and tape measure. Use rotary cutting tool to trim fascia.



5. Insert (2) 1/2-13 x 4.5" in each bolt plate. Gently pull fascia down and place bolt plate with bolts on top of each bumper beam extension.

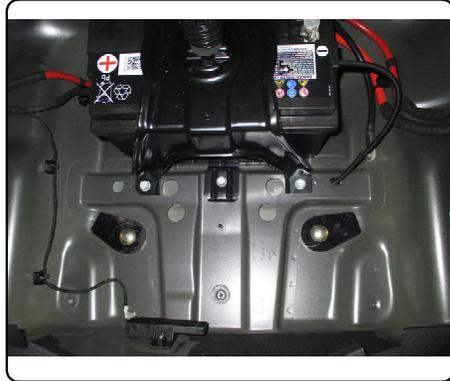


6. Raise hitch into position, guiding bolts through slots in hitch. Loosely secure hitch into position using (4) 1/2" hex flange nuts.



## INSTALLATION WALKTHROUGH:

7. Seal drain holes in trunk pan with silicone caulk. Insert 1/2-13 x 1 1/2" carriage bolt into each drain hole in orientation shown, secure hardware to hitch with 1/2" hex flange nut.



8. Torque (4) hex flange nuts securing 1/2-13 x 4 1/2" bolts to side plates to 75 ft-lbs. Torque (2) hex flange nuts securing mounting plate to 110 ft-lbs.

Return spare tire and jack tool kit to trunk. Secure hex nut with 10mm socket.



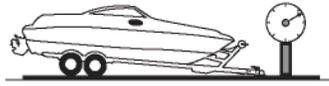
9. Reinstall hands-free trunk sensor into clips. Guide sensor across trim area and behind mounting plate. Reinstall (2) hex nuts removed in STEP 1 with a 10mm socket.



## TOWING SAFETY INFORMATION

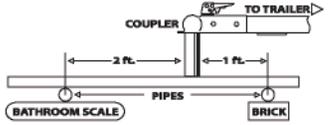
### Gross Trailer Weight / GTW

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.

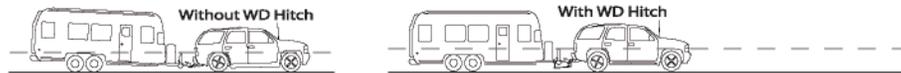


### Weight Carrying / WC

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?

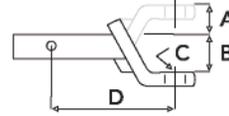
TONGUE WEIGHT lbs	1000	2000	3000	4000	5000	6000	7000	8000	10,000	12,000
Tongue weight should be about 10 to 15 percent of the gross trailer weight.										
CLASS 1										
CLASS 2										
CLASS 3										
CLASS 4										
CLASS 5										
<b>Camper</b>	11'	12'	13'	14'	15'	16'				
lbs	1100	1200	1300	1400	1500	1600				
<b>Vacation</b>	14'	16'	18'	20'	22'	24'	26'	28'	30'	32'
lbs	2100	2400	2700	3000	3300	3600	3900	4200	4500	4800
<b>Vacation</b>	14'	16'	18'	20'	22'	24'	26'	28'	30'	32'
lbs	2800	3200	3600	4000	4400	4800	5200	5600	6000	6400
<b>5th Wheel</b>										

Refer to owner's manual for towing capabilities and limitations.

### 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.

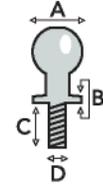
- A: Rise. B: Drop. C: Hole Size. D: Length.



### 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 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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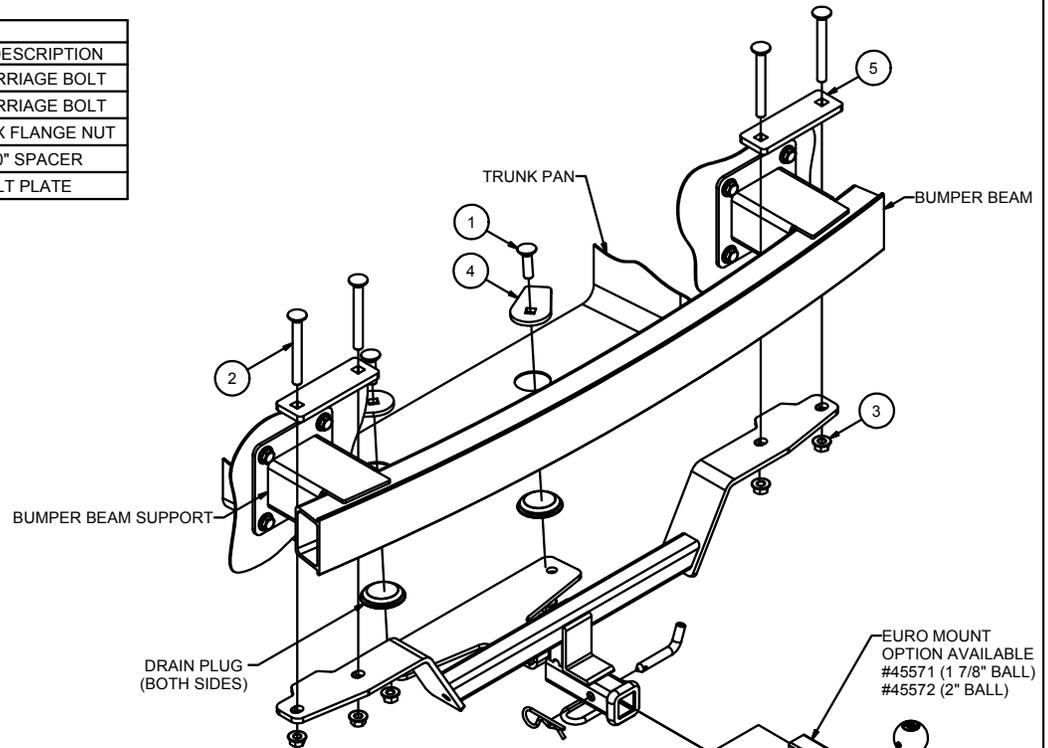
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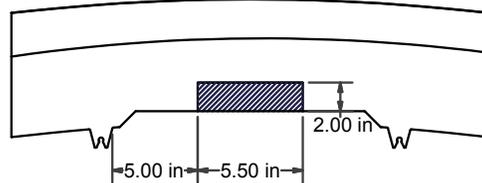
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TRIM DIAGRAM



DESIGNED FOR USE WITH BALL MOUNT #45521

HITCH WEIGHT: 20 LBS.

## INSTALL TIME

PROFESSIONAL: 45 MINUTES

NOVICE (DIY): 90 MINUTES

## INSTALL NOTES:

- TRIMMING REQUIRED
- NO DRILL APPLICATION
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