



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

YEARS: 2014

MAKE: ACURA

MODEL: RLX

STYLE: SEDAN

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

**WEIGHT CARRYING:**  
 TRAILER WEIGHT: 3500 LBS.  
 TONGUE WEIGHT: 350 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: 30 MIN.**  
**NOVICE INSTALL TIME: 60 MIN.**

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

- 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

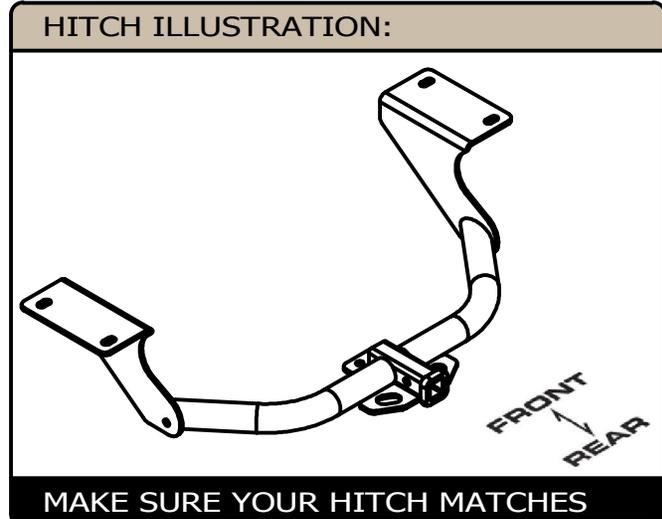


**INSTALLATION REQUIRES:**

|                 |                  |             |
|-----------------|------------------|-------------|
| SAFETY GLASSES  | SPRAY LUBRICANT  | 10mm 3/4"   |
| RATCHET         | DRILL BIT 17/32" | ROTARY TOOL |
| TORQUE WRENCH   | POWER DRILL      | PRY BAR     |
| AVIATION SHEARS |                  |             |

**LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: MODERATE**

| EASY | MODERATE                 | CHALLENGING |
|------|--------------------------|-------------|
|      | FISHWIRE HARDWARE        |             |
|      | DRILLING REQUIRED        |             |
|      | TRIM EXHAUST HEAT SHEILD |             |
|      | FRAME HOLE ENLARGEMENT   |             |
|      | LOWER EXHAUST            |             |



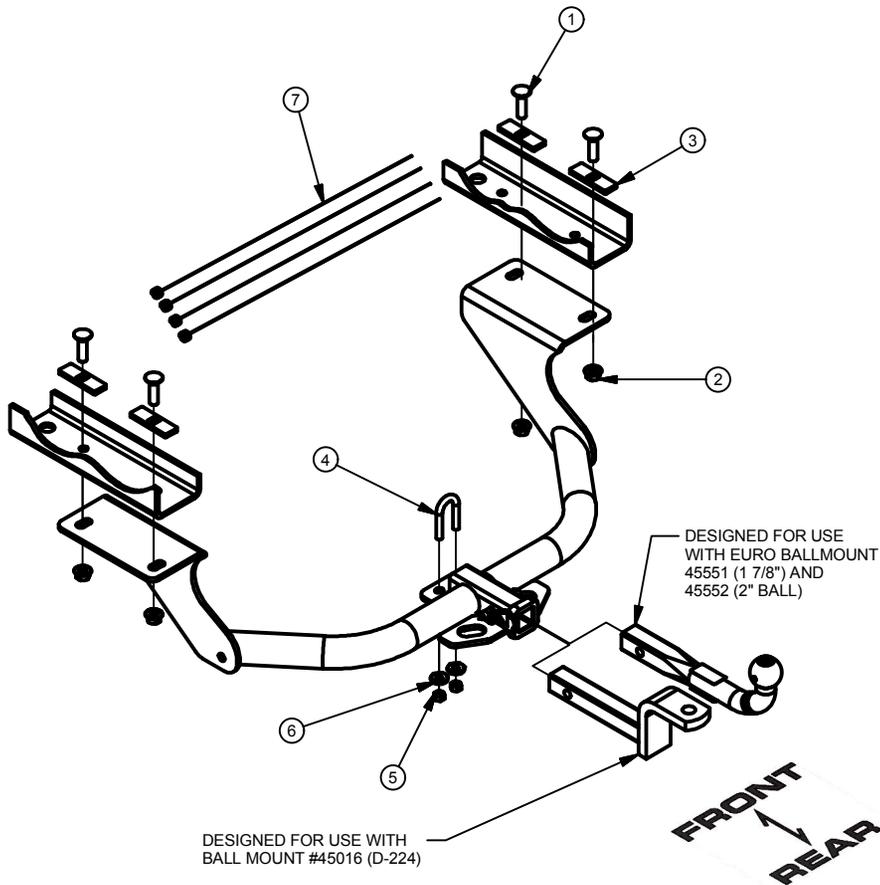
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# INSTALLATION WALKTHROUGH:

## Parts List

| ITEM | QTY | PART NUMBER                 | DESCRIPTION                       |
|------|-----|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1    | 4   | 1/2-13 x 1 3/4, GR8         | CARRIAGE BOLT                     |
| 2    | 4   | HFN 1213, GR8               | HEX FLANGE NUT                    |
| 3    | 4   | CM-SP6                      | .188 x 1.00 x 3.00" SQUARE SPACER |
| 4    | 1   | 3_8 - 16 x 1.00 WIDE x 2.25 | U-BOLT                            |
| 5    | 2   | 3/8 - 16                    | HEX NUT                           |
| 6    | 2   | 3/8" CONICAL WASHER         | CONICAL TOOTHED WASHER            |
| 7    | 4   | 1_2 FISHWIRE                | 1/2" FISHWIRE                     |

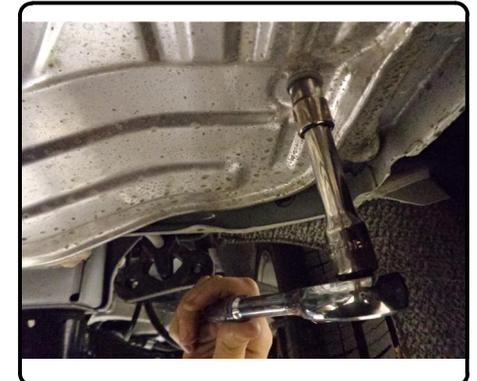


1. Lower exhaust by removing (4) rearmost isolators from the hangers.



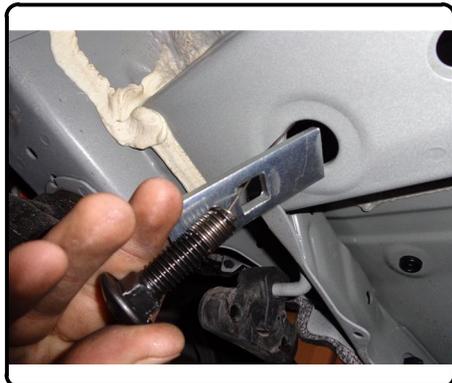
2. Remove the heat shields on each side of the car, (8) bolts using the 10mm socket.

Set heat shields aside for trimming and reassembly.



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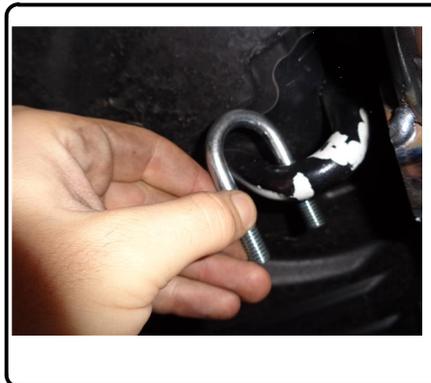
3. Enlarge (1) hole on each frame rail to  $\varnothing 1.00$ , then using the fishwire install (1) bolt with spacer in each frame rail. Using the fishwire feed, the spacer and 1/2" bolt into location. Raise hitch into position and loosely secure with 1/2" flange nuts.



4. Drill (1) hole in each side of the frame rail for the remaining 1/2" fasteners using the hitch front mounting hole as a template. Fish remaining 1/2" bolts and spacers into location using the same technique shown in Step 3.



5. Install the U-bolt through the vehicle tow hook and hitch as shown below, install both washers and nuts evenly.



6. Torque all 1/2" fasteners to 110 lb-ft and 3/8" fasteners to 37 lb-ft.



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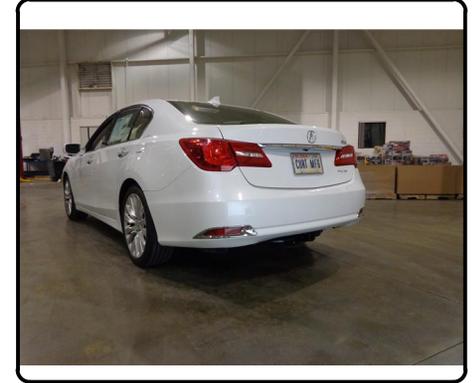
7. Trim each heat shield to clear the hitch and reinstall.



8. Move exhaust back into location, and reinstall rubber exhaust hangers.



9. Installation complete



## TOWING SAFETY INFORMATION

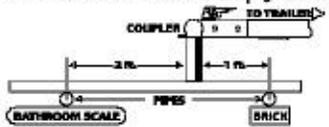
### Gross Trailer Weight / GTW

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?

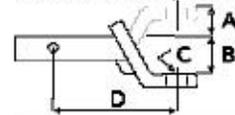
| TONGUE WEIGHT (lb.) | 1500    | 2000 | 2500 | 3000 | 3500 | 4000 | 4500 | 5000 | 5500 | 6000 | 6500 | 7000 | 7500 | 8000 | 8500 | 9000 | 9500 | 10,000 |  |
|---------------------|---------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|--------|--|
| CLASS 1             | CLASS 1 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |        |  |
| CLASS 2             | CLASS 2 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |        |  |
| CLASS 3             | CLASS 3 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |        |  |
| CLASS 4             | CLASS 4 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |        |  |
| CLASS 5             | CLASS 5 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |        |  |
| <b>Coupler</b>      | 11      | 12   | 13   | 14   | 15   | 16   |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |        |  |
| 1st                 | 1100    | 1200 | 1300 | 1400 | 1500 | 1600 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |        |  |
| <b>Weight</b>       | 17      | 18   | 19   | 20   | 21   | 22   | 23   | 24   | 25   | 26   | 27   | 28   | 29   | 30   | 31   |      |      |        |  |
| 1st                 | 2100    | 2400 | 2700 | 3000 | 3300 | 3600 | 3900 | 4200 | 4500 | 4800 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |        |  |
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| 1st                 | 2800    | 3200 | 3600 | 4000 | 4400 | 4800 | 5200 | 5600 | 6000 | 6400 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |        |  |
| <b>2nd 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.

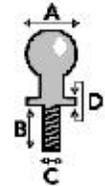
- A: Rise. B: Drop. C: Hole Size. D: Length.



### 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 Length. C: Shank Dia. 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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\*\* FAILURE TO PROPERLY SUPPORT NON-TRAILER LOADS WILL VOID PRODUCT WARRANTY\*\*

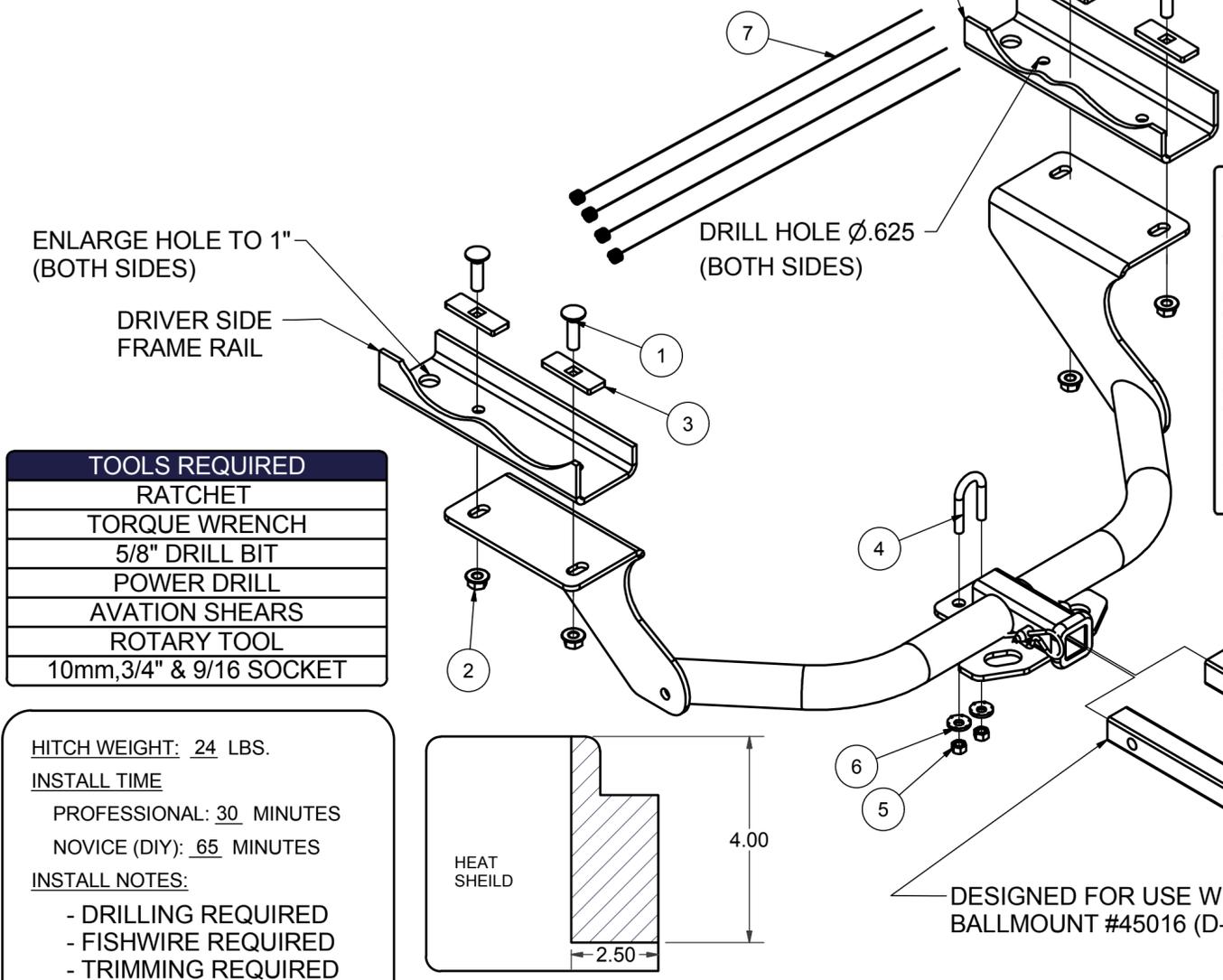
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**FISHWIRE TECHNIQUE**

INSERT COILED END OF FISHWIRE TOOL THROUGH HITCH MOUNTING HOLE IN VEHICLE FRAME RAIL AND OUT THE ACCESS HOLE. PASS COILED END OF FISHWIRE THROUGH SPACER AND THREAD BOLT INTO COIL. KINK WIRE TO KEEP SPACER SEPERATE FROM BOLT AS SHOWN. PULL FISHWIRE, SPACER, AND BOLT THROUGH FRAME AND OUT MOUNTING HOLE. USE FISHWIRE TO GUIDE HITCH DURING MOUNTING AND PREVENT LOSS OF BOLT / SPACER INSIDE FRAME RAIL.

\*\*NOTE: SOME VEHICLES MAY FISHWIRE THROUGH END OF FRAME\*\*



**RUBBER ISOLATOR REMOVAL DIAGRAM**

This technique can be used if an 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.

**TOOLS REQUIRED**

|                          |
|--------------------------|
| RATCHET                  |
| TORQUE WRENCH            |
| 5/8" DRILL BIT           |
| POWER DRILL              |
| AVATION SHEARS           |
| ROTARY TOOL              |
| 10mm, 3/4" & 9/16 SOCKET |

HITCH WEIGHT: 24 LBS.  
 INSTALL TIME  
 PROFESSIONAL: 30 MINUTES  
 NOVICE (DIY): 65 MINUTES  
 INSTALL NOTES:  
 - DRILLING REQUIRED  
 - FISHWIRE REQUIRED  
 - TRIMMING REQUIRED

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