12160 INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS



YEARS: 2016-PRESENT

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MAKE: CADILLAC

MODEL: CTS

STYLE: SEDAN

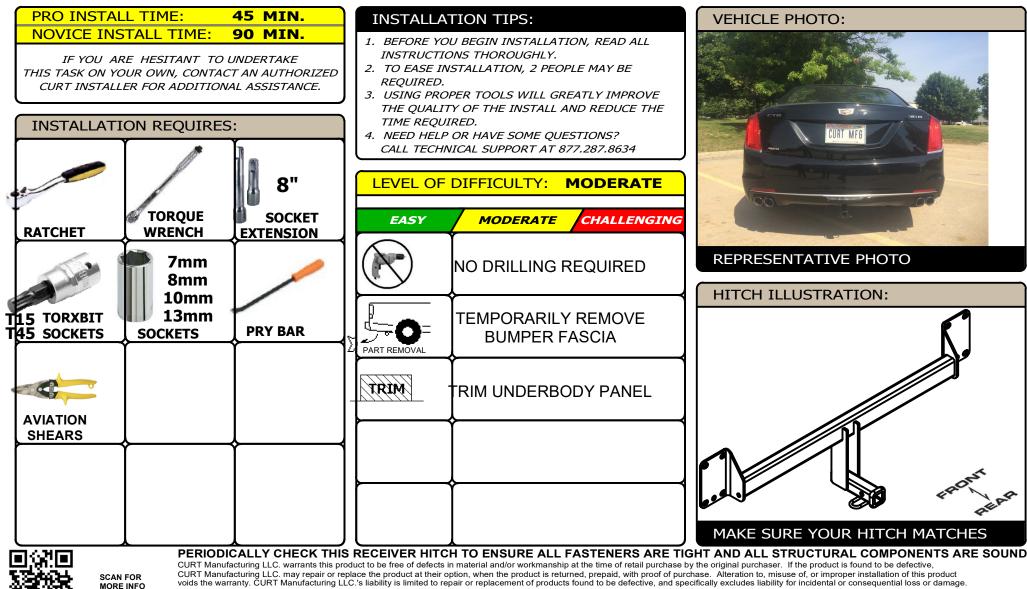
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WEIGHT CARRYING:

TRAILER WEIGHT: 3,500 LBS. TONGUE WEIGHT: 350 LBS.

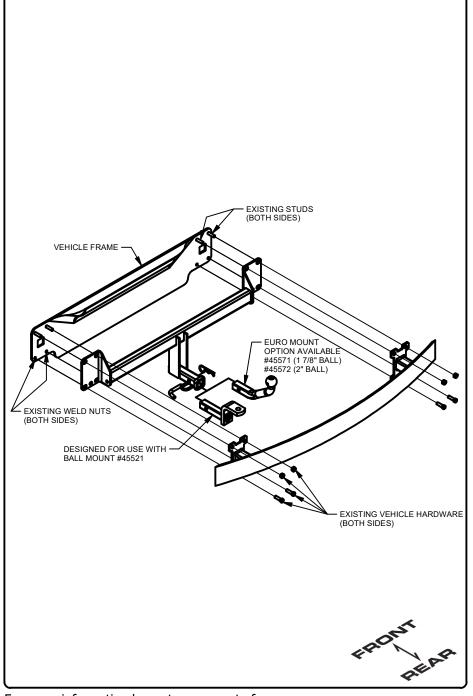
WARNING:

ALL NON-TRAILER (WHEEL-LESS) LOADS APPLIED TO THIS PRODUCT MUST BE SUPPORTED BY 18050 STABILIZING STRAPS. PLEASE SEE THE CURT CATALOG OR VISIT US ONLINE AT WWW.CURTMFG.COM FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.



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INSTALLATION WALKTHROUGH:



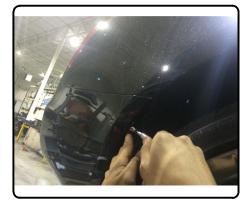
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2. Pull back wheel well cover to remove (4) screws (2) on each side using 7mm socket.





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 Inside the trunk along the plastic liner guard use plastic pry bar to remove (2) caps, (1) on each side, to access and remove (2) bolts, (1) on each side, using T-45 Torxbit Socket. Gently remove plastic trunk liner guard and set aside for reinstallation.





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 Gently remove rear bumper fascia by releasing the press-in tabs along top portion of bumper fascia. Unclip motion sensor harness. Set aside for reinstallation.





6. Remove the bumper beam by removing (2) nuts and (2) bolts using 13mm socket, on each side. Set aside bumper beam for reinstallation.





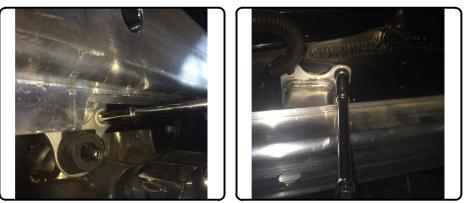
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7. Install hitch on rear of vehicle frame using existing studs. Reinstall bumper beam over hitch. Loosely secure with existing vehicle hardware.





8. Torque all M10 hardware to 45 ft-lbs.



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Trim underbody panel as shown in the trim diagram using 9. aviation shears.

NOTE: All dimensions are approximate, confirm fit prior to trim.

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UNDERBODY PANEL TRIM DIAGRAM

10. Reinstall rear bumper fascia removed in step 5. Reinstall taillights removed in step 4. Reinstall trunk liner guard removed in step 3. Reinstall underbody panel removed in step 1. Reinstall all fasteners removed.

Installation complete.

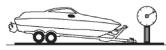




TOWING SAFETY INFORMATION

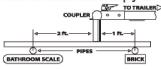
Gross Trailer Weight / GTW

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

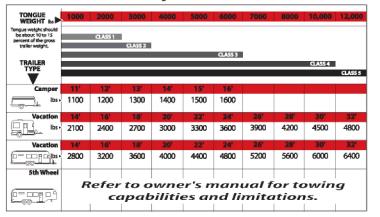
Used to balance the weight of the cargo between the front and rear wheels throughout the trailer, allowing for better steering, braking, and level riding.



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.

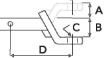
How Much Can You Safely Tow?



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)

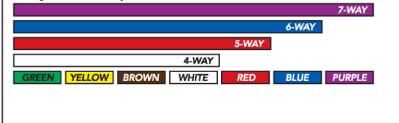
Class 3: 5,000 lbs. (22.2 kN)

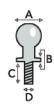
The strength rating of each length of safety chain or its equivalent and its attachments shall be equal to or exceed in minimum breaking force the GVWR (Gross Vehicle Weight Rating) of the trailer.

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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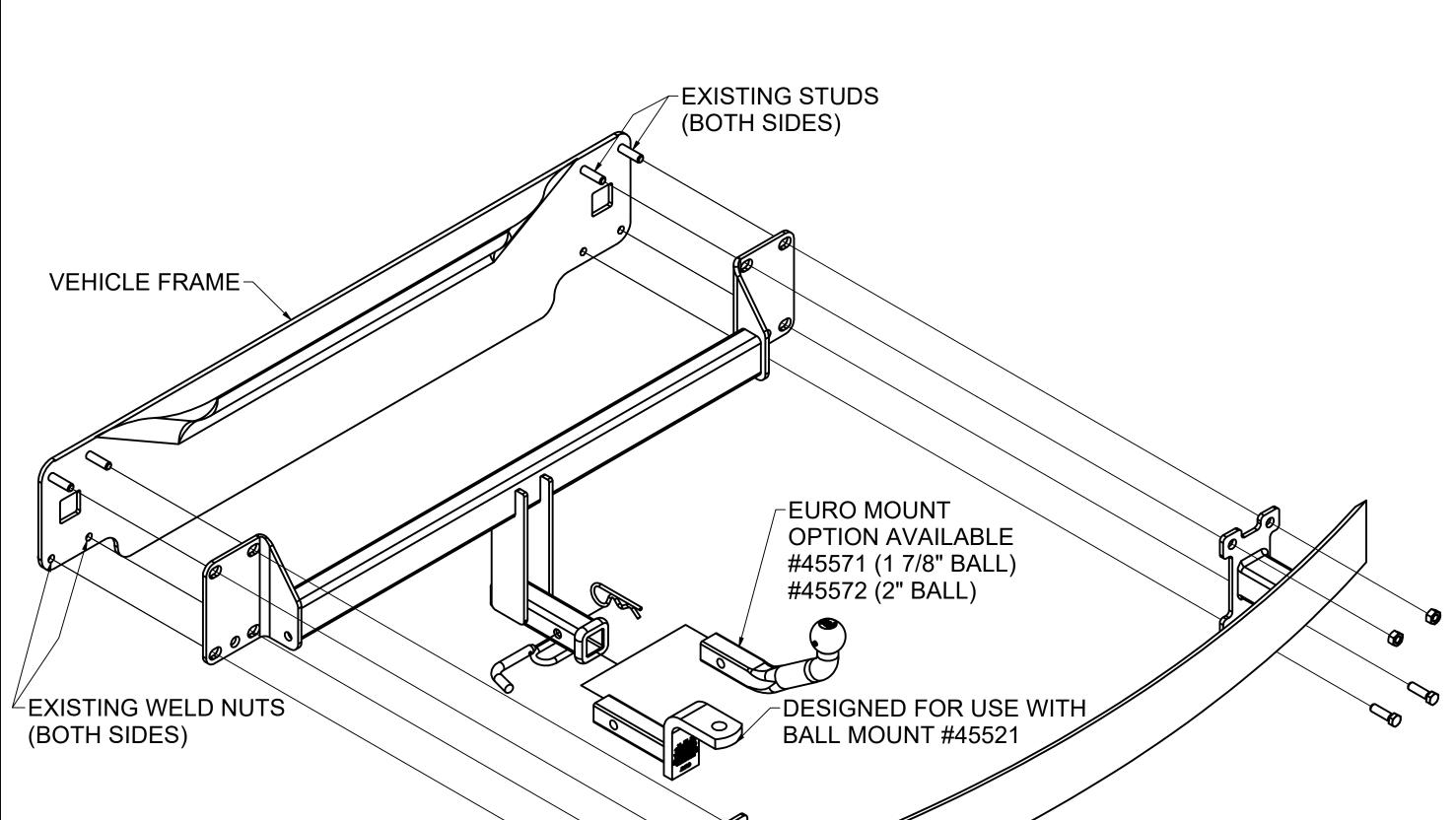
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TOOLS REQUIRED RATCHET TORQUE WRENCH 8" EXTENSION	EXISTING VEHICLE HARDWARE (BOTH SIDES)
T15 TORXBIT SOCKET T45 TORXBIT SOCKET 7mm SOCKET 8mm SOCKET 10mm SOCKET 13mm SOCKET PLASTIC PRY BAR	
AVIATION SHEARS <u>HITCH WEIGHT:</u> <u>23</u> LBS. <u>INSTALL TIME</u> PROFESSIONAL: <u>45</u> MINUTES	
NOVICE (DIY): <u>90</u> MINUTES <u>INSTALL NOTES:</u> - NO DRILLING REQUIRED - USE EXISTING HARDWARE - BUMPER FASCIA REMOVAL - UNDERBODY PANEL TRIM	F.K. NAR
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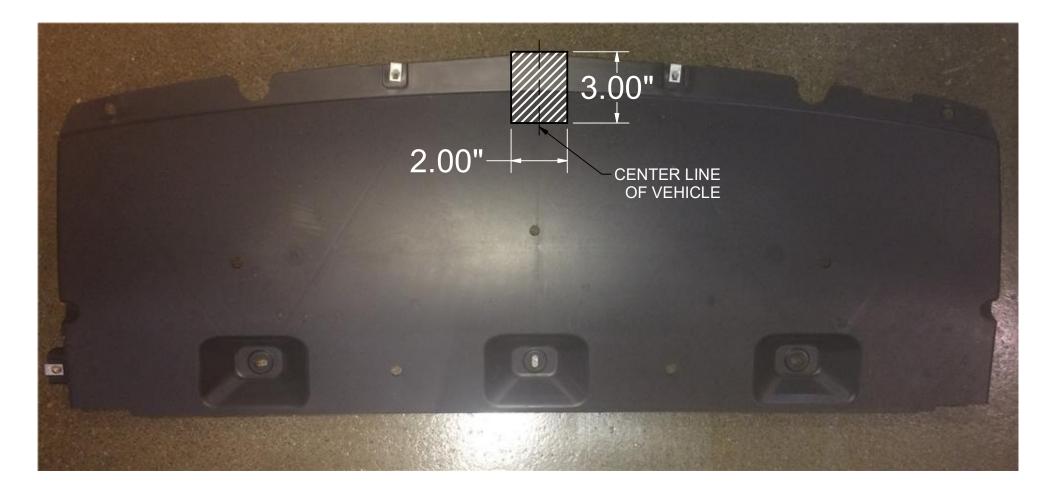
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