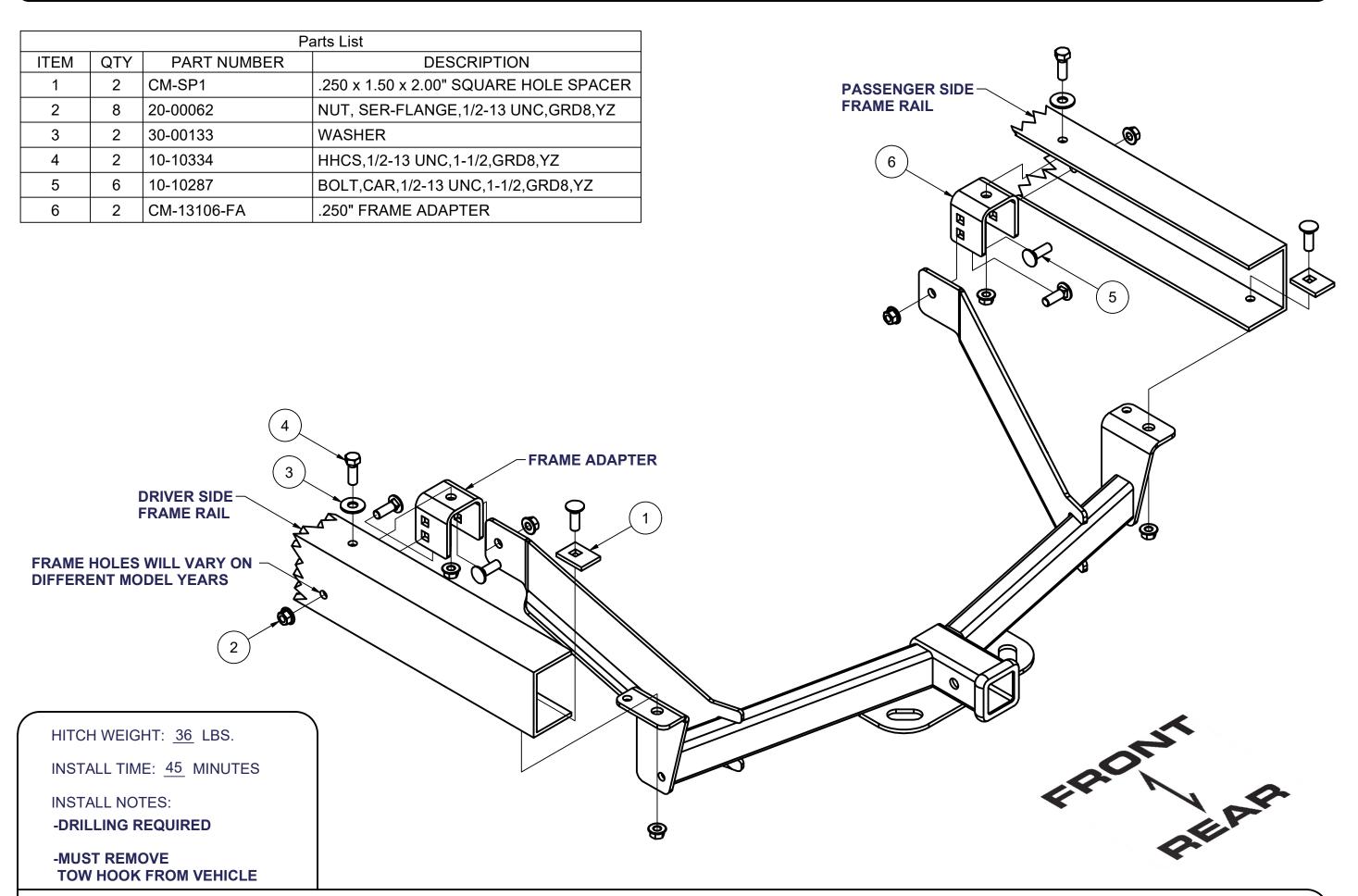
1991-2001 FORD EXPLORER 4 DR, 1991-2003 FORD EXPLORER SPORT 2 DR, 1996-2001 MERCURY MOUNTAINEER

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GROSS LOAD CAPACITY WHEN USED AS A WEIGHT CARRYING HITCH: 5000 LBS. TRAILER WEIGHT & 500 LBS. TONGUE WEIGHT. GROSS LOAD CAPACITY WHEN USED AS A WEIGHT DISTRIBUTION HITCH: 6000 LBS. TRAILER WEIGHT & 600 LBS. TONGUE WEIGHT

DO NOT EXCEED VEHICLE MANUFACTURER'S RECOMMENDED TOWING CAPACITY.



INSTALLATION STEPS

- 1) Attach adapter brackets to the existing holes which are located approximately 18" from the rear end of the frame. Remove spare tire to make installation easier.
- 2) Orient the adapter brackets as shown. Place the brackets in the vehicle frame and align with existing holes which were located in step 1. Install all bracket-frame fasteners as shown.

NOTE: Unless adapter brackets are properly positioned, hitch cannot be installed.

- 3) Check the spacing between the long hitch brackets. The brackets may need to be deflected to achieve proper measurement, 33 7/8".
- 4) Raise the hitch into position. Align the holes in the long hitch bracket with hole in the adapter bracket. Use the lower holes in the adapter bracket on passenger side and the upper holes on the driver side. Long brackets are placed on the inboard surface of the adapter bracket (nearest the spare tire).

94 and Prior Models

5) Using the hole in the hitch bracket as a template, drill 1/2" hole through the frame rail. Install hitch-frame fasteners as shown.

95 and Later Models

- 6) The hole in the hitch bracket should align with the existing frame holes.
- 7) Torque all fasteners to 110 lb.-ft.

PERIODICALLY CHECK THIS RECEIVER HITCH TO ENSURE THAT ALL FASTENERS ARE TIGHT AND THAT ALL STRUCTURAL COMPONENTS ARE SOUND.

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