

# **INSTALLATION MANUAL**

13544

#### **Level of Difficulty**

#### Moderate

Installation difficulty levels are based on time and effort involved and may vary depending on the installer level of expertise, condition of the vehicle and proper tools and equipment.

## **Weight Carrying Capacity**

Tongue weight (TW) 200 lbs.

Parts List			
Item	Qty	Description	
1	1	Accessory frame	
2	4	Carriage bolt, 1/2"	
3	4	Square-hole spacer, 1/4" x 1" x 2-1/2"	
4	4	Serrated-flange nut, 1/2"	
5	4	Fishwire, 1/2"	

Tools Required			
Ratchet	Cut-off wheel		
Torque wrench	Die grinder		
Socket, 10mm	Rotary tool		
Socket, 3/4"	Tape measure		
Socket extension, 10"	Tape		
Flathead screwdriver			

<sup>\*</sup> For a tools reference guide visit curtmfg.com/trailer-hitch-installation

#### **⚠ WARNING**

Never exceed the vehicle manufacturer's recommended towing capacity.

Not intended for towing use

#### **Product Photo**



## NOTICE

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Before you begin installation, read all instructions thoroughly.

Proper tools will improve the quality of installation and reduce the time required.

This installation requires:

- Temporary removal of underbody panels
- Trimming of lower bumper fascia
- · Hole enlargement

Periodic inspection of the trailer hitch should be performed to ensure all mounting hardware remains tight and structural components are secure.

To help prevent damage to the product or vehicle, refer to the specified torque specifications when securing hardware during the installation process.

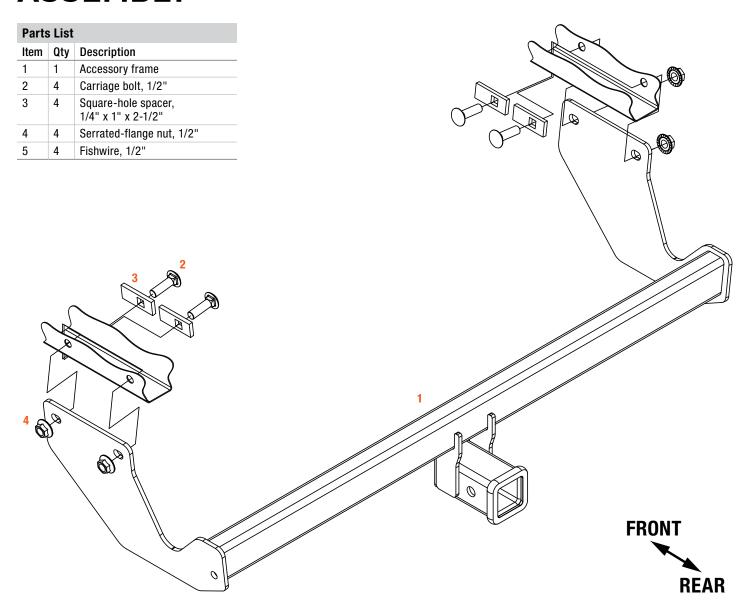
## **SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS**

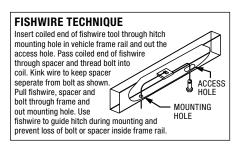
Safety glasses should be worn at all times while installing this product.

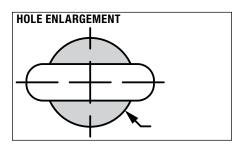
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# **ASSEMBLY**







## Step 1

Remove the driver-side underbody panel by removing the five plastic push fasteners and plastic nut using a 10mm socket and extension towards the front of the vehicle. Loosen the three retained nuts while pulling down on the panel.

Repeat on the passenger-side panel.





# Step 2

Remove the stickers covering the holes on the outside of the frame rails and the rubber plug from the bottom of each frame rail.

Enlarge the bottom access hole.





# Step 3

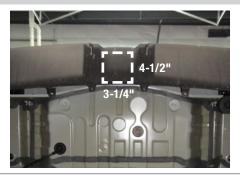
Temporarily remove the backup alarm by disconnecting the electrical connector and removing the nut with a 10mm socket.





# Step 4

Trim the bumper cover using the trim diagram as reference.



# Step 5

Fishwire 1/2" carriage bolts (#2) and square-hole spacers (#3) through the enlarged access hole and leave the hardware in the frame with the fishwires attached.



# Step 6

Raise the hitch into position, sliding the center through the cutout and the main body up behind the bumper cover. Guide the fishwires through the holes in the side plates, then rotate the side plates into position.



# Step 7

Pull the hardware through the hitch and carefully remove the fishwires. Secure the carriage bolts with the 1/2" serrated flange nuts (#4).

Torque the 1/2" hardware to 90 ft-lbs.

Reinstall the parts removed following steps 1 through 3 in reverse order.





# **Final Installed Image**





### **TOWING BASICS & SAFETY INFORMATION**

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