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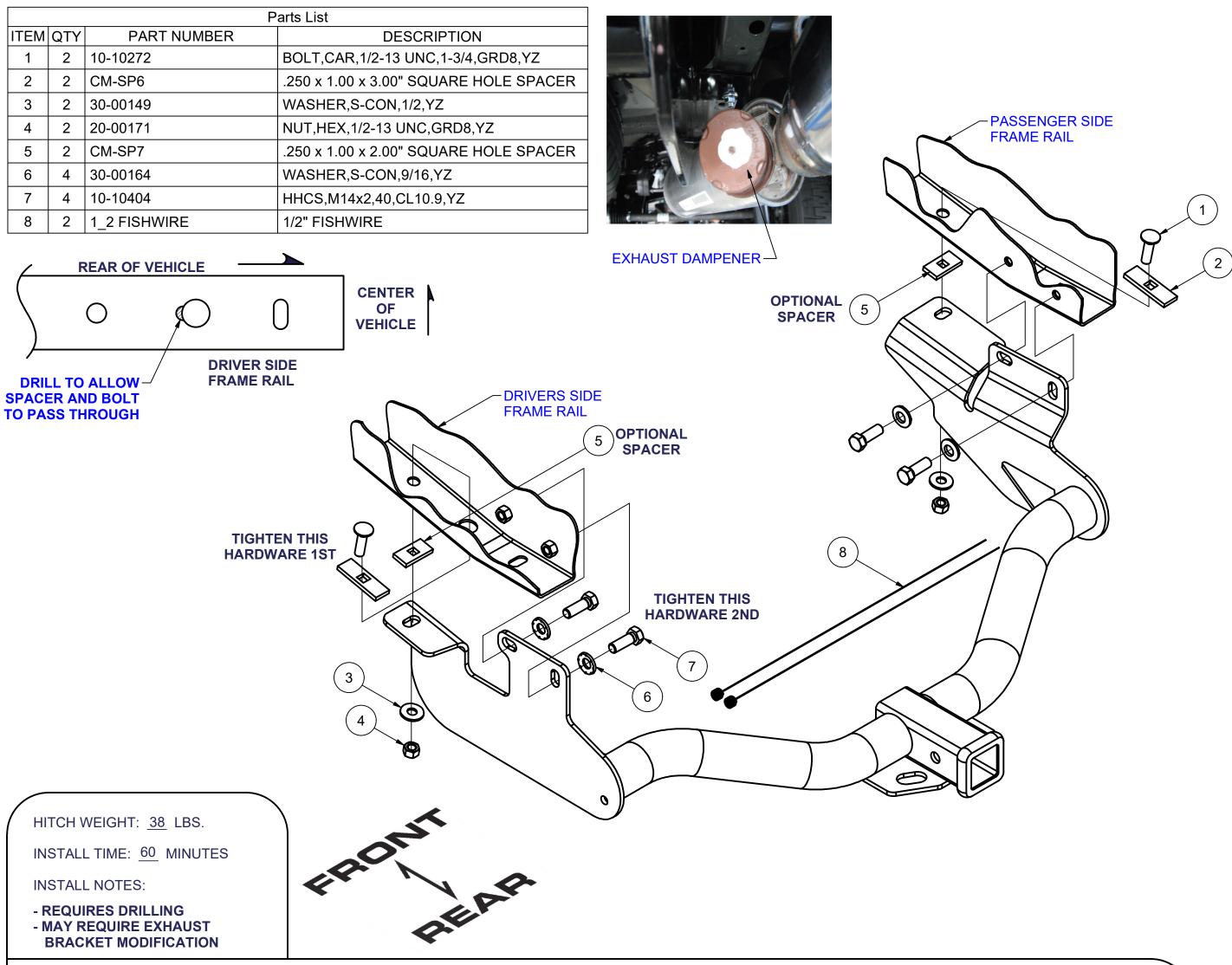
### FORD ESCAPE / MAZDA TRIBUTE / MERCURY MARINER

10/26/2020

(VEHICLES WITH O.E.M. HITCHES)

GROSS LOAD CAPACITY WHEN USED AS A WEIGHT CARRYING HITCH: 3,500 LBS. TRAILER WEIGHT & 350 LBS. TONGUE WEIGHT.
GROSS LOAD CAPACITY WHEN USED AS A WEIGHT DISTRIBUTION HITCH: 5,000 LBS. TRAILER WEIGHT & 500 LBS. TONGUE WEIGHT

#### \*\*\*DO NOT EXCEED VEHICLE MANUFACTURER'S RECOMMENDED TOWING CAPACITY.\*\*\*



## **INSTALLATION STEPS**

#### **NOTES**:

- If vehicle is equiped with an exhaust vibration dampener that interfers with the side plate, bend or pry the dampener away from the side plate as needed.
- 1) Remove four existing bolts from inside frame rails. Relocate existing electrical bracket by removing two screws and rotating the bracket 180°, repositioning connector to face toward the rear of the vehicle as before.
- 2) Using the fishwire, pull the carriage bolts and spacers through the previously enlarged frame rail holes and into position.
- 3) Raise hitch into position and install conical tooth washers and hex bolts into existing weldnuts. (Optional spacers can be assembled at this time). 1/2" hardware to be tightened 1st. M14 hardware 2nd.
- 4) Torque all 1/2" hardware to 110 ft-lbs and all M14 hardware to 126 ft-lbs.

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

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