

31407**FORD EXPLORER / SPORT TRAC**

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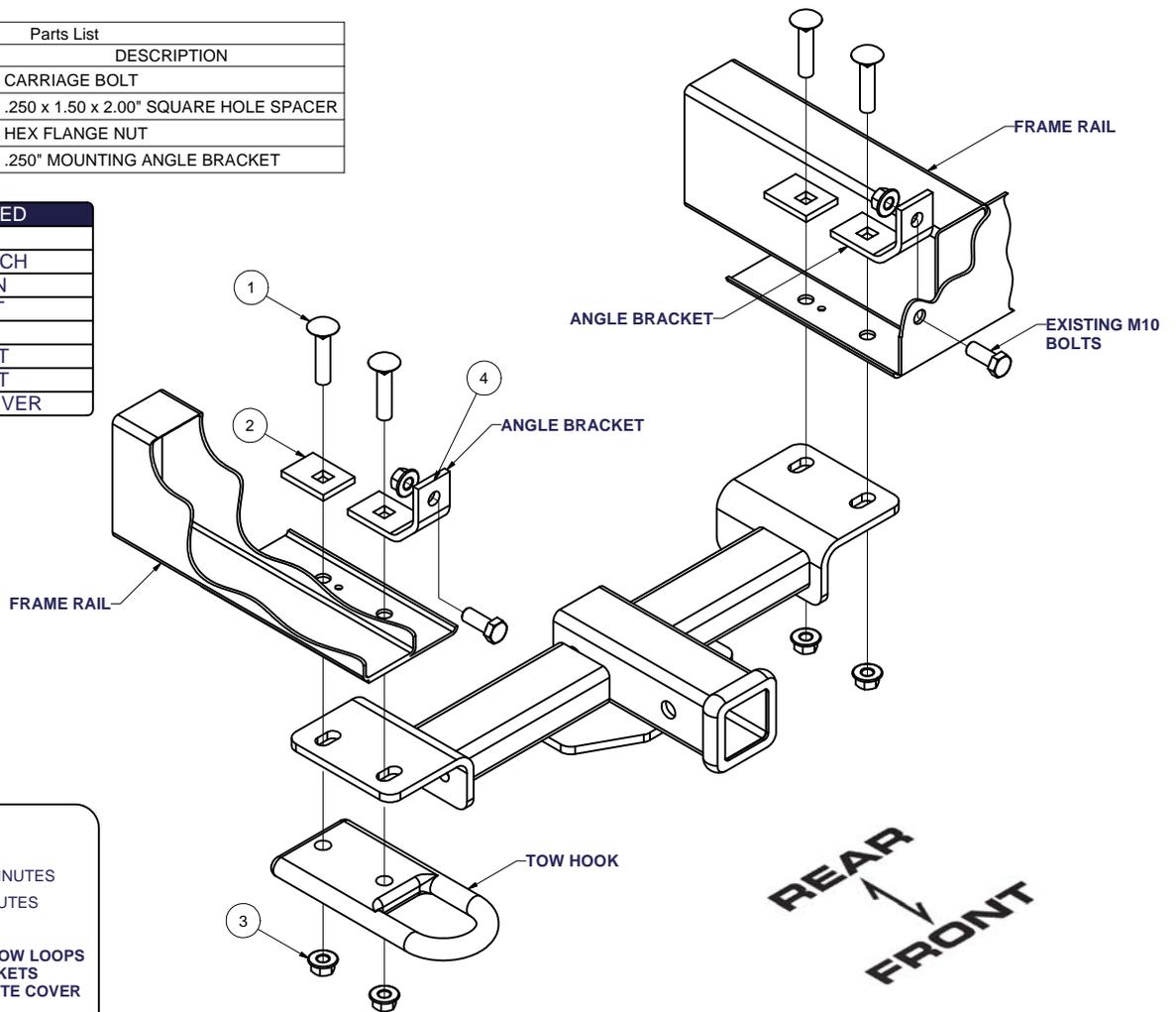
GROSS LOAD CAPACITY WHEN USED AS A WEIGHT CARRYING HITCH: 3,500 LBS. TRAILER WEIGHT & 350 LBS. TONGUE WEIGHT.**GROSS LOAD CAPACITY WHEN USED AS A STRAIGHT LINE PULL: 9,000 LBS. MAX. LINE PULL.**

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HAVING INSTALLATION QUESTIONS? CALL TECHNICAL SUPPORT AT 1-800-798-0813

Parts List			
ITEM	QTY	PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
1	4	1/2 - 13 x 2 1/4	CARRIAGE BOLT
2	2	CM-SP1	.250 x 1.50 x 2.00" SQUARE HOLE SPACER
3	4	HFN 1213	HEX FLANGE NUT
4	2	CM-31407-MT	.250" MOUNTING ANGLE BRACKET

TOOLS REQUIRED
RATCHET
TORQUE WRENCH
6" EXTENSION
5/16" SOCKET
3/4" SOCKET
10mm SOCKET
15mm SOCKET
FLAT SCREW DRIVER



HITCH WEIGHT: 18 LBS.

INSTALL TIME

PROFESSIONAL: 30 MINUTES

NOVICE (DIY): 60 MINUTES

INSTALL NOTES:

- REMOVE AIR DAM AND TOW LOOPS
- REMOVE BUMPER BRACKETS
- RELOCATE LICENSE PLATE COVER
- NO DRILLING REQUIRED

INSTALLATION STEPS

1. Remove plastic air dam and tow hooks if present.
2. Remove existing bumper bolts and bumper brackets. (Return bumper brackets to customer)
3. Install angle brackets using existing bumper bolts as shown.
4. Raise hitch into position and secure with 1/2" x 2 1/4" carriage bolts, spacer blocks, and flange nuts as shown.
5. If tow hooks are present, sandwich hitch between frame rail and tow hooks and secure with 1/2" x 2 1/4" carriage bolts, spacer blocks, and flange nuts as shown.
6. Torque all M10 fasteners to 48 lb-ft and all 1/2" fasteners to 110 lb-ft.
7. The license plate holder may need to be removed to use receiver.
8. Reinstall air dam removed in step 1.

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

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FRONT MOUNTED ACCESSORIES

1) Do not exceed front axle Gross Weight Rating (GAWR). Consult owners manual or specification plate located on driver's door frame. Measure gross front axle weight by placing front wheels of loaded vehicle on a scale.

WARNING: Exceeding GAWR may overload the front axle and/or suspension. This could result in **accident, property damage and personal injury.**

- 2) Reposition front mounted license plate if obstructed.
- 3) Do not obstruct vehicle lights.
- 4) Allow free air flow into grille opening.
- 5) Rear wheel traction may be reduced. This could effect handling. Reduce speed and drive with caution.
- 6) Accessories extend front of vehicle. This may reduce approach angle. Use caution when parking and maneuvering.
- 7) Do not obstruct driver view.

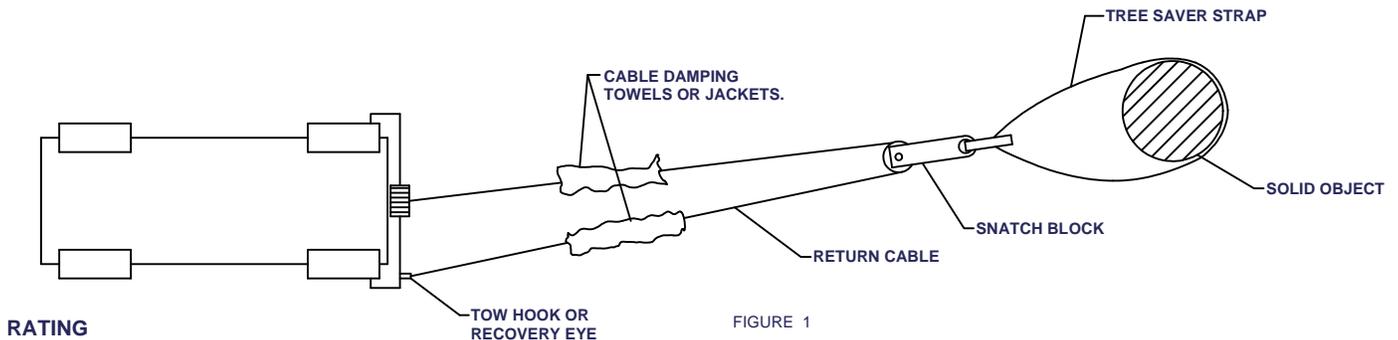
VEHICLE RECOVERY AND WINCHING TIPS

1) Use OEM tow hooks, recovery eyes or a clevis mount for attachment of a tow strap or winch cable.

WARNING: NEVER use a ball and/or ball mount as an anchor point for tow strap or winch cable. Severe personal injury or death could result.

- 2) Observe winch manufacturer's recommendations, cautions and warnings.
- 3) Attach return cable to tow hook or recovery eye when using a snatch block (See figure 1).

CAUTION: Do not attach return cable to winch mount. This may overload winch mount and/or front mounted receiver.



RATING

For **Maximum** line pull rating, winch cable must not exceed:

- 15 degree angle up or down from horizontal (See Figure 2).
- 45 degree angle left or right from straight ahead (See Figure 3).

CAUTION: Exceeding the maximum line pull rating may over load winch, winch mount, and/or front mounted receiver.

