12096 INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

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

YEARS: 2015-PRESENT	MAKE: LINCOLN	MODEL: MKC	STYLE: SUV

WARNING: NEVER EXCEED YOUR VEHICLE MANUFACTURER'S RECOMMENDED TOWING CAPACITY

WEIGHT CARRYING:

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

WARNING:
WE RECOMMEND THE USE OF 18050 STABILIZING STRAPS FOR ALL NON-TRAILER (WHEEL-LESS) LOADS. PLEASE SEE THE CURT CATALOG OR VISIT US ONLINE AT WWW.CURTMFG.COM FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

PRO INSTALL TIME: **45 MIN.**
NOVICE INSTALL TIME: **90 MIN.**

IF YOU ARE HESITANT TO UNDERTAKE THIS TASK ON YOUR OWN, CONTACT AN AUTHORIZED CURT INSTALLER FOR ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE.

INSTALLATION REQUIRES:


TORQUE WRENCH


RATCHET


6" SOCKET EXTENSION


11/16" 10mm SOCKET


DIE GRINDER

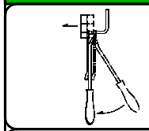
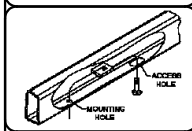

SAFETY GLASSES

INSTALLATION TIPS:

1. *BEFORE YOU BEGIN INSTALLATION, READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS THOROUGHLY.*
2. *TO EASE INSTALLATION, 2 PEOPLE MAY BE REQUIRED.*
3. *USING PROPER TOOLS WILL GREATLY IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF THE INSTALL AND REDUCE THE TIME REQUIRED.*
4. *NEED HELP OR HAVE SOME QUESTIONS? CALL TECHNICAL SUPPORT AT 800.798.0813*

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: MODERATE

EASY | ***MODERATE*** | ***CHALLENGING***

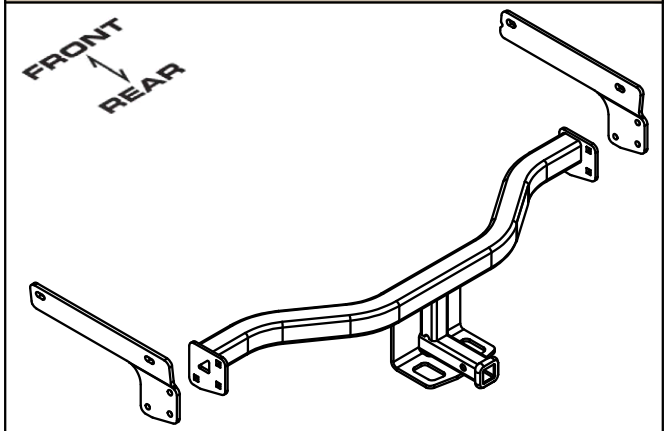
	- TEMPORARILY LOWER EXHAUST
	- ENLARGE ACCESS HOLE
	- FISHWIRE HARDWARE

VEHICLE PHOTO:



REPRESENTATIVE PHOTO

HITCH ILLUSTRATION:



MAKE SURE YOUR HITCH MATCHES

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

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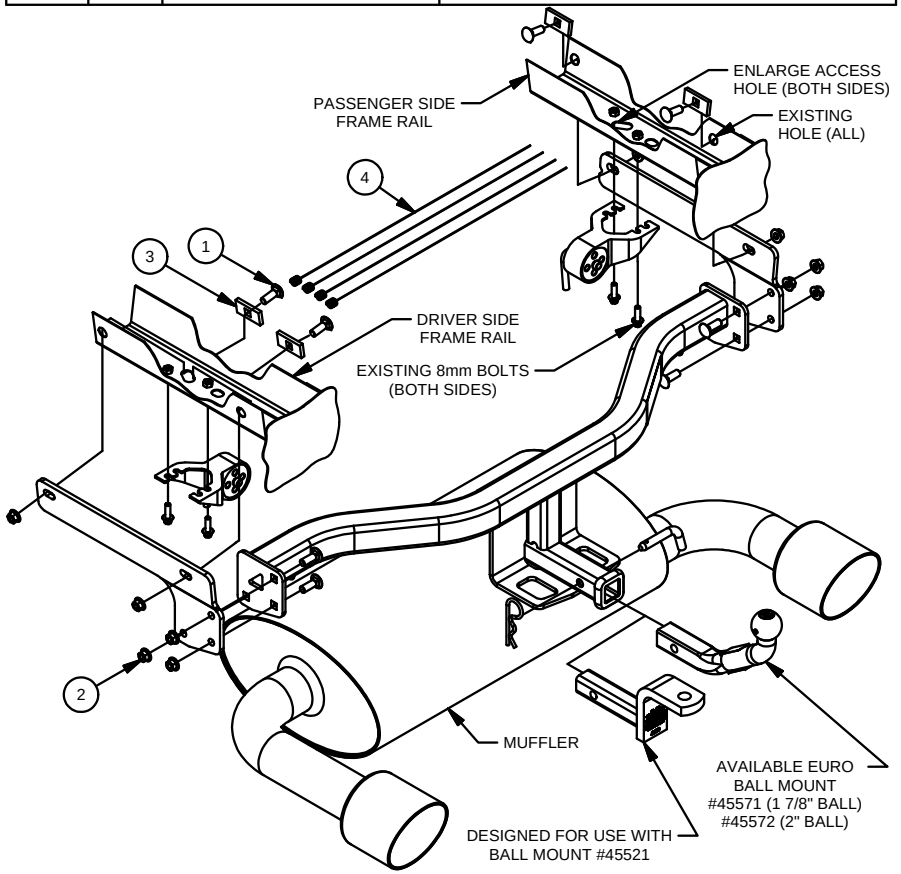
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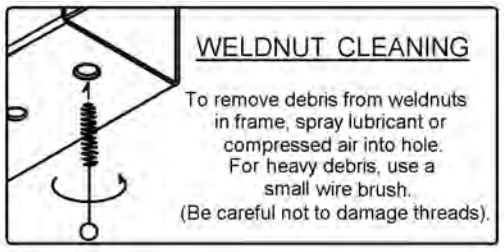
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INSTALLATION WALKTHROUGH:

Parts List			
ITEM	QTY	PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
1	10	7/16-14 x 1 1/4	CARRIAGE BOLT
2	10	7/16-14	HEX FLANGE NUT
3	4	CM-SP7	.250 x 1.00 x 2.00" SQUARE HOLE SPACER
4	4	7_16 FISHWIRE	7/16" FISHWIRE







1. Lower exhaust by removing the (2) 8mm bolts from the muffler bracket on both sides of the vehicle. Retain bolts for reinstallation.





2. Enlarge the access hole to allow 7/16" carriage bolts to pass through on both vehicle frame rails.

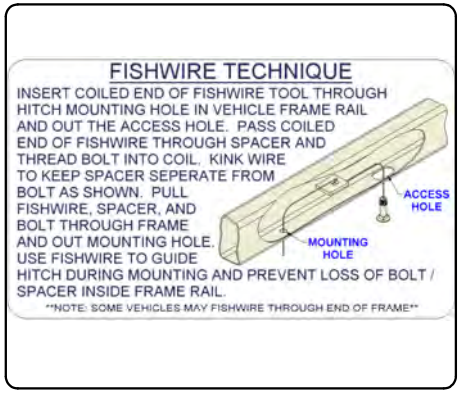


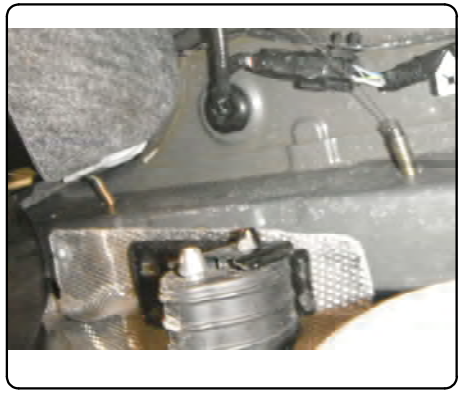


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3. Fishwire the 7/16" carriage bolts and SP7 spacers through the enlarged access hole and out the (2) side mounting holes in the frame rails. Leave fishwires attached, and raise side plates over fishwires. Remove fishwires and loosely install nuts, both sides. See Fishwire Diagram.



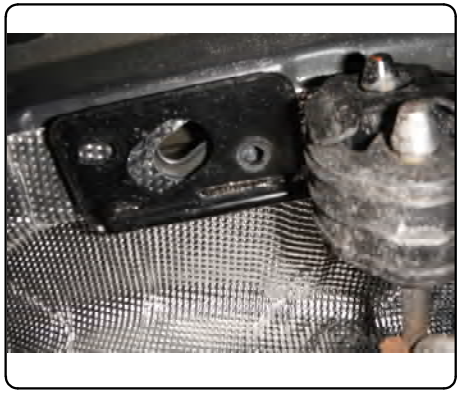


4. Slide the hitch in from the rear passenger side of the vehicle over the exhaust and into position. Secure hitch to side plates with 7/16" carriage bolts and loosely install 7/16" flange nuts as shown below.



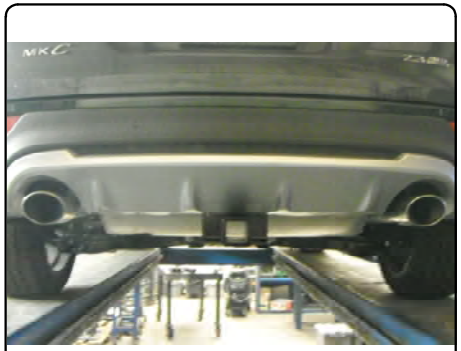


5. Reattach the muffler brackets removed in step 1. Torque to 16 ft-lbs.





6. Torque all 7/16" hardware to 70 ft-lbs.



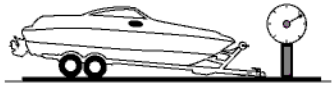


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TOWING SAFETY INFORMATION

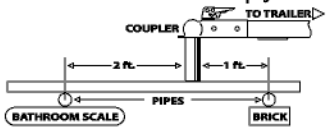
Gross Trailer Weight / GTW

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.

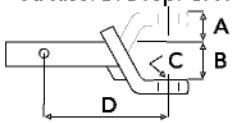
How Much Can You Safely Tow?

TONGUE WEIGHT lbs	1000	2000	3000	4000	5000	6000	7000	8000	10,000	12,000
Tongue weight should be about 10 to 15 percent of the gross trailer weight.	CLASS 1									
	CLASS 2									
	CLASS 3									
TRAILER TYPE	CLASS 4									
	CLASS 5									
Camper	11'	12'	13'	14'	15'	16'				
lbs	1100	1200	1300	1400	1500	1600				
Vacation	14'	16'	18'	20'	22'	24'	26'	28'	30'	32'
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lbs	2800	3200	3600	4000	4400	4800	5200	5600	6000	6400
5th Wheel	*Refer to owner's manual for towing capabilities and limitations.*									

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.

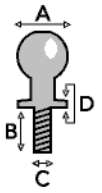
- **A:** Rise. **B:** Drop. **C:** Hole Size. **D:** Length.



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 weight rating.
- 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 Length. **C:** Shank Dia. **D:** Shank Rise.



Coupler

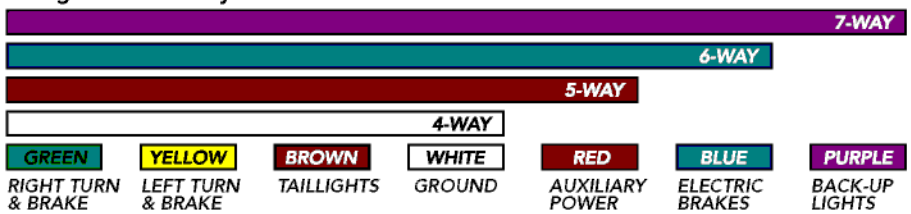
The component that is placed over the trailer ball to connect the vehicle to the trailer. Be sure that the coupler size matches the size of the hitch ball and that the coupler handle is securely fastened. To determine what size hitch ball you need for your application you will need to know the size of 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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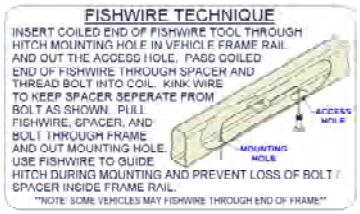
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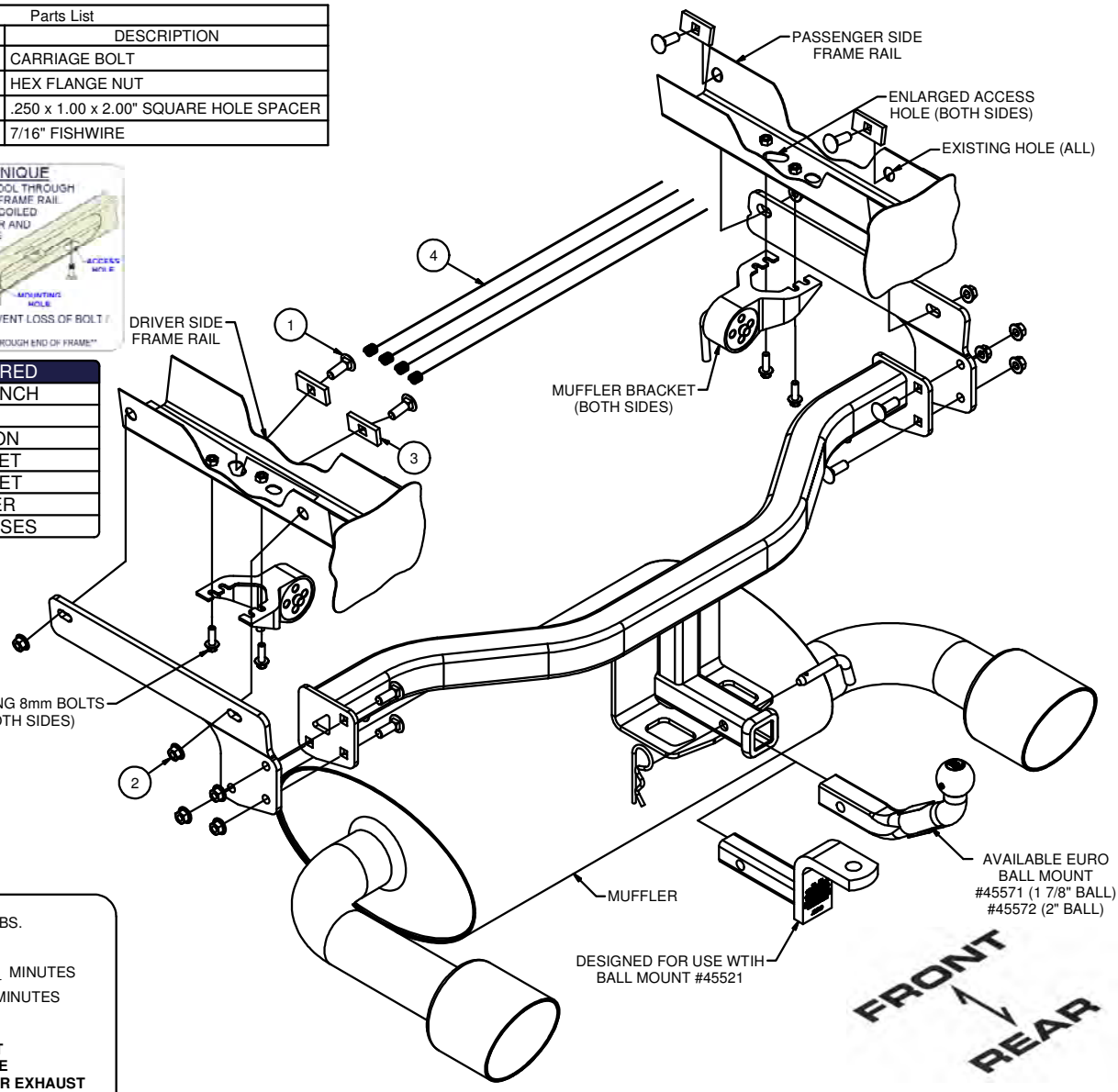
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RATCHET
6" EXTENSION
13mm SOCKET
11/16" SOCKET
DIE GRINDER
SAFETY GLASSES



HITCH WEIGHT: 26 LBS.

INSTALL TIME

PROFESSIONAL: 45 MINUTES

NOVICE (DIY): 90 MINUTES

INSTALL NOTES:

- HOLE ENLARGEMENT
- FISHWIRE HARDWARE
- TEMPORARILY LOWER EXHAUST

INSTALLATION STEPS

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