

## 13131 INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS



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

YEARS: 2013-PRESENT

MAKE: FORD

MODEL: ESCAPE (EXCLUDING S MODEL)

STYLE: SUV

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

**WEIGHT CARRYING:** TRAILER WEIGHT: 3,500 LBS.

**TONGUE WEIGHT:** 525 LBS. WEIGHT DISTRIBUTION:

TRAILER WEIGHT: 5,000 LBS.

**TONGUE WEIGHT:** 525 LBS.

**VEHICLE PHOTO:** 

#### **INSTALLATION TIME:** 20 MIN.

**INSTALLATION REQUIRES:** 

**SAFETY** 

**GLASSES** 

RATCHET

THE INSTALL TIME LISTED IS FOR PROFESSIONAL INSTALLERS. IF YOU ARE HESITANT TO UNDERTAKE THIS TASK ON YOUR OWN, CONTACT AN AUTHORIZED CURT INSTALLER FOR ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE.

**DIE GRINDER** 

SOCKET

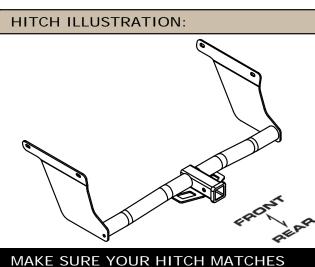
3/4"

### **INSTALLATION TIPS:**

- 1. BEFORE YOU BEGIN INSTALLATION, READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS THOROUGHLY.
- 2. TO EASE INSTALLATION, 2 PEOPLE MAY BE REOUIRED.
- 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: **EASY MODERATE** CHALLENGING **EASY** REQUIRED







**END WRENCH** 

11/16"

**TORQUE** 

**WRENCH** 

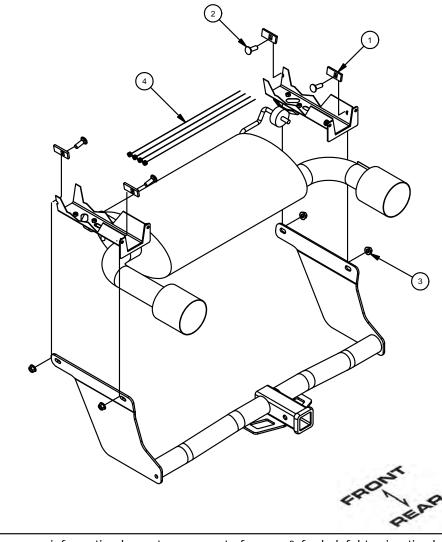
HOLE ENLARGEMENT FISHWIRING REQUIRED

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

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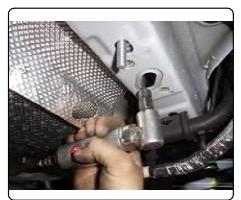
#### **INSTALLATION WALKTHROUGH:**

Parts List			
ITEM	QTY	PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
1	4	CM-SP10	.250 x 1.00 x 2.50" SQUARE HOLE SPACER
2	4	1/2-13 x 1 1/2, GR8	CARRIAGE BOLT
3	4	HFN 1213, GR8	HEX FLANGE NUT
4	4	1_2 FISHWIRE	1/2" FISHWIRE



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Fishwire 1/2" bolts and spacers into vehicle frame for the (2) side plate mounting points on each side of the vehicle.





2. Place hitch underneath vehicle and route fishwire through side plate mounting holes. It may be necessary to use two people to raise the hitch into position. Remove fishwire and loosely secure mounting hardware to hold the hitch into position.





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3. The passenger side plate will have limited access to secure fasteners. Use an 3/4" boxed end wrench to tighten hardware on this side.

The driver side plate can be secured using an 3/4" socket.





5. Installation is complete.



4. Torque all 1/2" fasteners to 110 ft-lbs.



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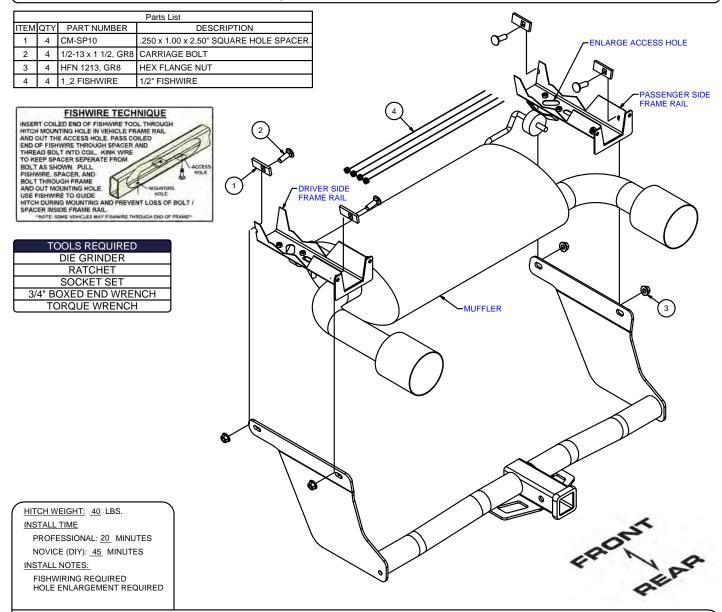
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# FORD ESCAPE (EXCLUDING S MODEL)

#### 1/19/2016

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