

13290 **INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS**

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

STYLE: SUV

YEARS: 2016-PRESENT

MAKE: MERCEDES

MODEL: GLC 300, GLC43 AMG



TORQUE

WRENCH

SOCKETS

AVIATION SHEARS

8mm

10mm

18mm

WARNING: NEVER EXCEED YOUR VEHICLE MANUFACTURER'S RECOMMENDED TOWING CAPACITY For more information log onto www.curtmfg.com & for helpful towing tips log onto www.hitchinfo.com

WEIGHT CARRYING:

TRAILER WEIGHT: 6,000 LBS. **TONGUE WEIGHT:** 900 LBS.

SOCKET

EXTENSION

SCREW

DRIVER

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.

INSTALLATION REQUIRES:

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

RATCHET

T40 TORXBIT

E12 SOCKETS

SAFETY

GLASSES

INSTALLATION TIPS:

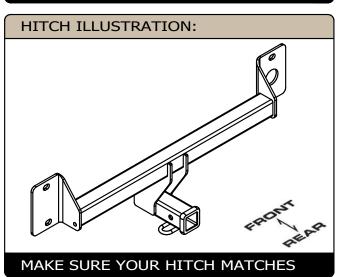
- 1. BEFORE YOU BEGIN INSTALLATION, READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS THOROUGHLY.
- 2. TO EASE INSTALLATION, 2 PEOPLE MAY BE REOUIRED.
- 3. USING PROPER TOOLS WILL GREATLY IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF THE INSTALL AND REDUCE THE TIME REQUIRED.
- 4. NEED HELP OR HAVE SOME QUESTIONS? CALL TECHNICAL SUPPORT AT 877.287.8634

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: MODERATE EASY **MODERATE** CHALLENGING **TEMPORARILY** REMOVE HEAT SHIELD & LOWER FASCIA PART REMOVAL NO DRILLING REQUIRED LOWER EXHAUST **EXHAUST HEAT SHIELD** TRIM TRIMMING REQUIRED

VEHICLE PHOTO:



REPRESENTATIVE PHOTO



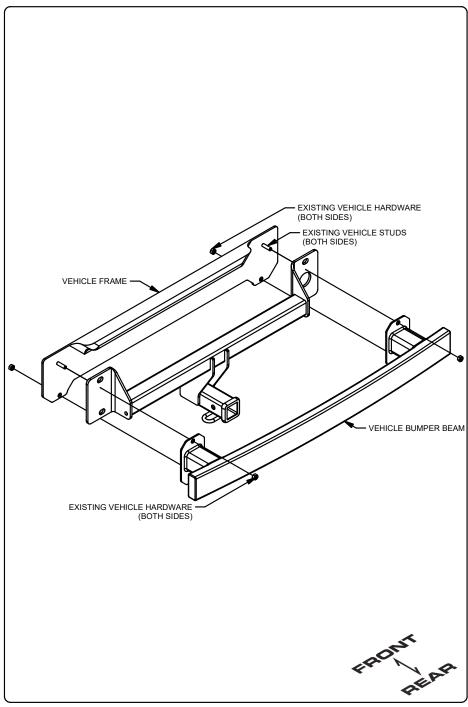


PERIODICALLY CHECK THIS RECEIVER HITCH TO ENSURE ALL FASTENERS ARE TIGHT AND ALL STRUCTURAL COMPONENTS ARE SOUND

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INSTALLATION WALKTHROUGH:



1. Remove exhaust tips by removing (4) screws (2) on each side using T-40 Torxbit socket. After screws are removed gently remove exhaust tips and set aside for reinstallation.





2. Lower exhaust by removing (3) rubber isolators. (As shown in the rubber isolator removal diagram)



RUBBER ISOLATOR REMOVAL DIAGRAM

This technique can be used if an Exhaust Hanger Removal Pliers is not available.

Using a 5/8" open end wrench, slide the wrench up to the rubber isolator, cradling the hanger rod as shown. Next place the flat edge of a pry bar between the wrench and the hanger stop or hanger rod. Then simply rotate the pry bar toward the wrench to remove the rubber isolator.

Note: Using a spray lubricant or soapy water on the hanger rod and the rubber isolator helps removal.



INSTALLATION WALKTHROUGH:

2A. Open vehicle cargo area. Lift up and remove rear floor panel. On the rear wall of the cargo area locate and remove (1) Torx screw from the threshold, see image below. Use a plastic pry tool to dislodge the threshold, then lift up to remove.



2B. Inside the rear cargo area, remove the floor pan to access the (2) electrical sensor plug. Locate electrical sensor plugs against the rear trunk wall, on the passenger side. Unplug the electrical sensor plugs. Dislodge the grommet and push to the rear/outside of the vehicle. These harnesses are connected to the vehicle fascia.





3. Remove lower rear fascia by locating and removing (6) screws (3) on each side using 10mm socket and (4) push pins (2) on each side using pry tool. Unclip electrical harnesses.

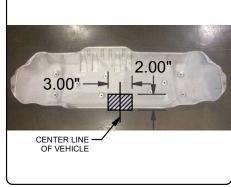
NOTE: To remove lower rear fascia start by partially removing rear wheel trim piece and gently pull away from vehicle by releasing press in tabs along top portion of fascia.





Remove heat shield by removing (10) nuts using 8mm socket, and trim 2.00" x 3.00 " using avaition shears as shown in the trim diagram. Set aside for reinstallation.
 NOTE: All dimensions are approximate, confirm fit prior to trimming.





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INSTALLATION WALKTHROUGH:

5. Remove bumper beam by removing M12 hardware using 18mm socket. Set aside for reinstallation.

NOTE: Removing exhaust bracket from bumper beam by removing (2) screws (1) on each side using E-12 inverted torxbit may ease installation.





6. Install hitch on rear of vehicle frame using exisitng studs. Reinstall bumper beam over hitch. Loosely secure M12 hardware.





7. Torque all M12 hardware to 55 ft-lbs.





8. Reinstall exhaust bracket if removed in step 5. Reinstall trimmed heat shield removed in step 4. Reinstall lower rear fascia removed in step 3. Raise exhaust back in position. Reinstall exhaust tips removed in step 1. Reinstall all hardware removed. Reinstall items removed in step 2A and 2B.



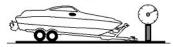


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TOWING SAFETY INFORMATION

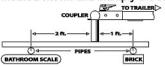
Gross Trailer Weight / GTW

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

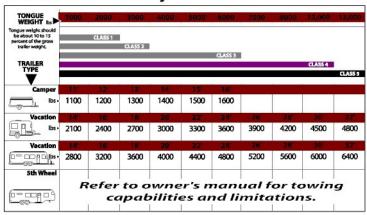
Used to balance the weight of the cargo between the front and rear wheels throughout the trailer, allowing for better steering, braking, and level riding.



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.

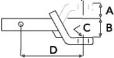
How Much Can You Safely Tow?



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

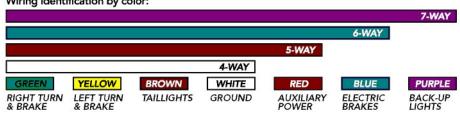
Class 1: 2,000 lbs. (8.9 kN) Class 2: 3,500 lbs. (15.6 kN) Class 3: 5,000 lbs. (22.2 kN)

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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