

# 31020 INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS



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

YEARS: 2008-2013 MAKE: JEEP MODEL: LIBERTY STYLE: SUV

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

WEIGHT CARRYING: TRAILER WEIGHT: 3,000 LBS.

**TONGUE WEIGHT: 300 LBS.** 

GROSS LOAD CAPACITY WHEN USED AS A STRAIGHT LINE PULL: 9,000 LBS MAX.

### INSTALLATION TIME: 40 MIN.

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.

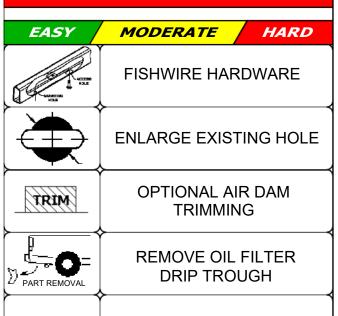
## **INSTALLATION REQUIRES:**



### **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 877.287.8634

### LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: HARD

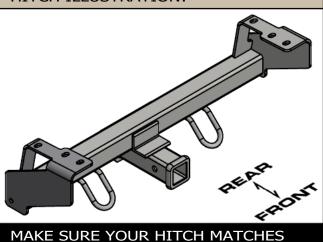


### **VEHICLE PHOTO:**



REPRESENTATIVE PHOTO

#### HITCH ILLUSTRATION:



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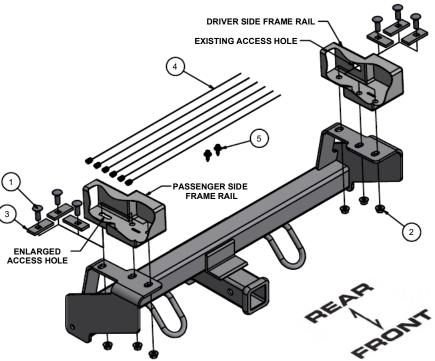
Parts List			
ITEM	QTY	PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
1	6	10-10281	BOLT,CAR,7/16-14 UNC,1-1/4,GRD8,YZ
2	6	20-00103	NUT,SER-FLANGE,7/16-14 UNC,GRD8,YZ
3	6	CM-SP11	.250 x 1.00 x 2.50" SQUARE HOLE SPACER
4	6	7_16 FISHWIRE	7/16" FISHWIRE
5	2	60-00001	1/4" PLASTIC FASTENER

# **OIL FILTER NOTICE:**

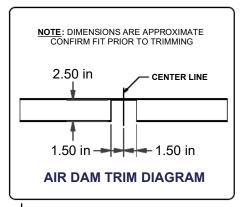
WHEN INSTALLED, HITCH MAY INTERFERE WITH OIL FILTER CHANGING PROCEDURE. REMOVING/DISCARDING THE OIL DRIP TROUGH WILL ALLOW FULL ACCESS TO OIL FILTER.







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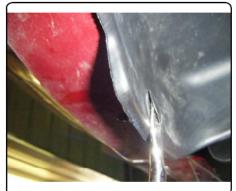




2. For ease of installation remove (4) fasteners that attach the upper and lower fascia together, you will need to cut off (2) fasteners. These fasteners will be reinstalled in Step (9). **Note:** The fasteners cut off will be replaced with the included plastic fasteners.

# **Determine Which Installation Fits Your Application:**

<u>Installation A</u>: Without Skid Shields and Tow Loops continue to Sheet 3. <u>Installation B</u>: With Skid Shields and Tow Loops continue to Sheet 4.





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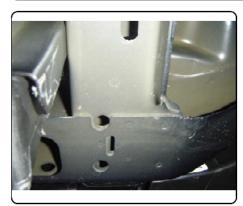
# Installation A: continued

3. Using a die grinder enlarge the access hole on the passenger side frame rail to allow 7/16" carriage bolts and SP11 spacers to be fishwired into the frame rail.





4. Fishwire 7/16" carriage bolts and SP11 spacers into place through the passenger side access hole created in Step (3). <u>Note</u>: Leave fishwires attached to the hardware to prevent from losing in frame.





5. Fishwire 7/16" carriage bolts and SP11 spacers into place through the existing driver side access hole. **Note:** Leave fishwires attached to the hardware to prevent from losing in frame.





6. Thread fishwires through mounting holes on hitch and raise hitch into position. When complete **continue to Sheet 5.** 





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# **Installation B:** continued

3. Remove the front skid shield and skid shield bracket by removing (8) M10 fasteners. Reattach the front skid shield and return skid shield bracket and (2) bolts to owner, retain (2) bolts for later use.





4. Remove tow loops by removing (3) M10 fasteners, each side. Return tow loops and (2) bolts to owner, retain (4) nuts for later use.





5. Using a pliers break off nut plate tab by bending until the metal tab snaps off.





6. Raise hitch into position and secure the rear most holes using the M10 bolts removed in Step (3). Secure the front holes of the hitch with the M10 nuts removed in Step (4). <a href="Note">Note</a>: Be careful not to push the nut plates into the frame rails. When complete continue to Sheet 5.





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**Installation A:** continued

7. When hitch is in position remove fishwires and secure hitch to frame using 7/16" flange nuts

Installation B: continue to Step 8.





9. Re-install fasteners which were removed in Step (2). If air dam was trimmed re-install.





**Installation A:** continued

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

**Installation B:** continued

8. Torque all 10mm hardware to 45 ft-lbs





10. Install is complete.





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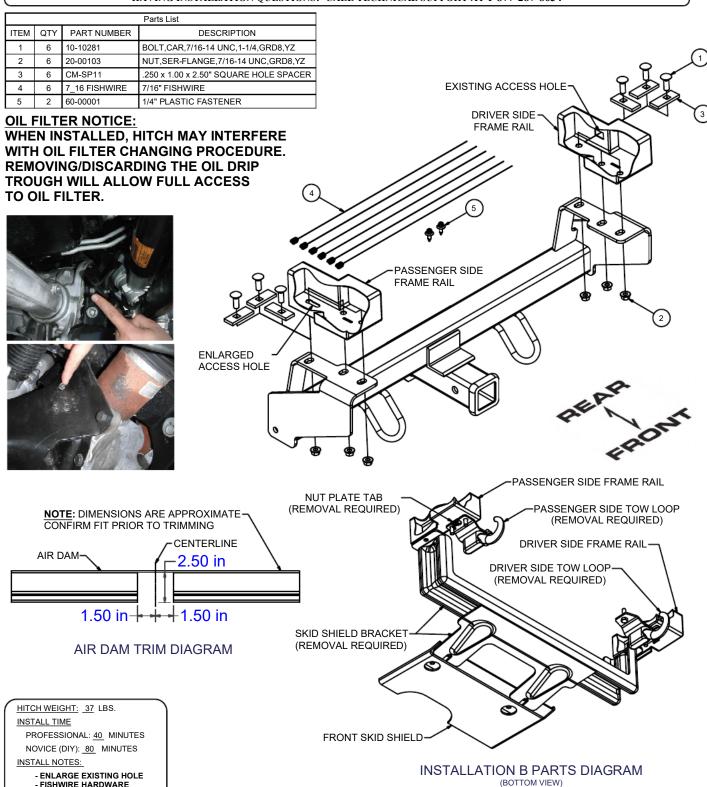
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GROSS LOAD CAPACITY WHEN USED AS A STRAIGHT LINE PULL: 9,000 LBS. MAX. LINE PULL.

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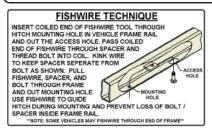
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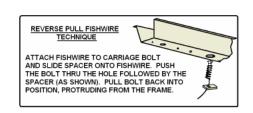
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TOOLS REQUIRED			
FLATHEAD SCREWDRIVER			
RATCHET			
11/16" SOCKET			
15mm SOCKET			
16mm SOCKET			
10" SOCKET EXTENSION			
DIE GRINDER			
TORQUE WRENCH			
PLIERS			

### READ BELOW AND DETERMINE WHICH INSTALLATION FITS YOUR APPLICATION

### Installation A: Without Skid Shields and Tow Loops

- 1. Remove front air dam by removing (5) fasteners. Air dam may be trimmed and re-installed after hitch installation or left off and returned to vehicle owner. **Note:** If trimming see air dam trim diagram.
- 2. For ease of installation remove (4) fasteners that attach the upper and lower fascia together, you will need to cut off (2) fasteners. These fasteners will be re-installed in Step (9). **Note:** The fasteners cut off will be replaced with the included plastic fasteners.
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- Thread fishwires through mounting holes on hitch and raise hitch into position.
- 7. Secure hitch to frame using 7/16" flange nuts and torque all 7/16" hardware to 70 ft-lbs.
- 8. Re-install fasteners that were removed in Step (2).
- 9. If air dam was trimmed re-install.

#### Installation B: With Skid Shields and Tow Loops

- 1. Remove front air dam by removing (5) fasteners. Air dam may be trimmed and re-installed after hitch installation or left off and returned to vehicle owner. **Note**: If trimming see air dam trim diagram.
- 2. For ease of installation remove (4) fasteners that attach the upper and lower fascia together, you will need to cut off (2) fasteners. These fasteners will be re-installed in Step (9). **Note:** The fasteners cut off will be replaced with the included plastic fasteners.
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- 7. Secure the front holes of the hitch with the M10 nuts removed in Step (4).
- 8. Torque all 10mm hardware to 45 ft-lbs.
- 9. Re-install fasteners that were removed in Step (2).
- 10. If air dam was trimmed re-install.

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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.

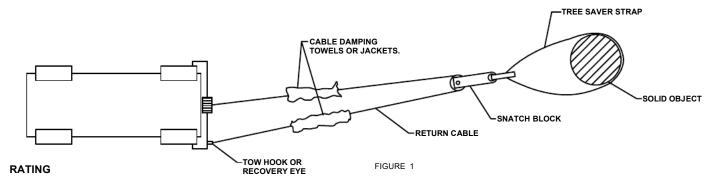
#### **VEHICLE RECOVERY AND WINCHING TIPS**

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.



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

- 15° angle up or down from horizontal (See Figure 2).
- 45° 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.

FIGURE 2

FIGURE 3

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