



# 11522 INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS



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

YEARS: 2017-PRESENT

MAKE: MINI COOPER

MODEL: COUNTRYMAN

STYLE: WAGON



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

TRAILER WEIGHT: 2,000 LBS.  
TONGUE WEIGHT: 200 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](http://WWW.CURTMFG.COM) FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

**PRO INSTALL TIME: 90 MIN.**

**NOVICE INSTALL TIME: 180 MIN.**

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

## 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: CHALLENGING

EASY

MODERATE

CHALLENGING



NO DRILLING REQUIRED



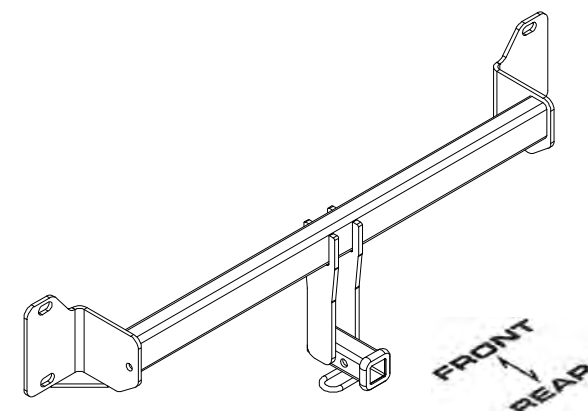
TEMPORARILY REMOVE BUMPER AND REAR FASCIA

## VEHICLE PHOTO:



REPRESENTATIVE PHOTO

## HITCH ILLUSTRATION:



MAKE SURE YOUR HITCH MATCHES

## INSTALLATION REQUIRES:

		 8" SOCKET EXTENSION
 8mm 10mm 18mm SOCKETS	 PRY BAR	 T-25 TORXBIT SOCKET
 PLIERS	 PLASTIC RIVET GUN	 CENTER PUNCH
 SAFETY GLASSES		



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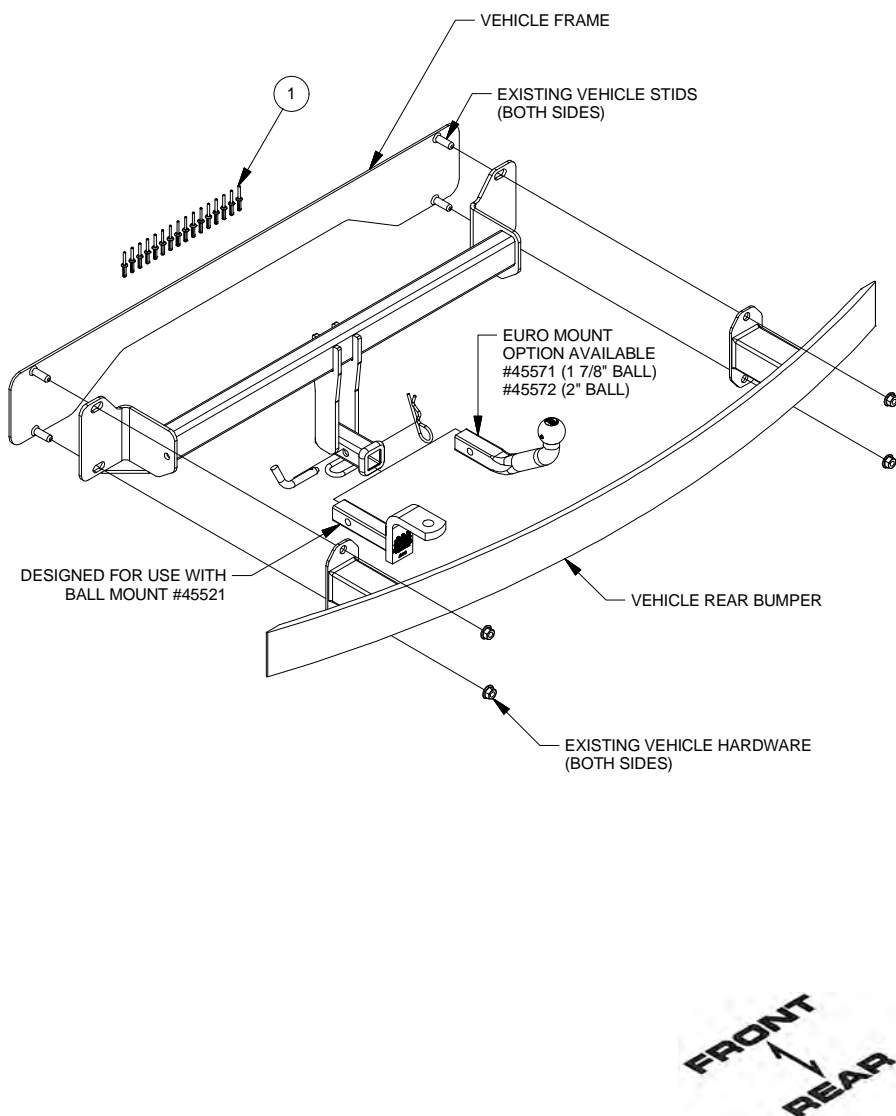
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## INSTALLATION WALKTHROUGH:

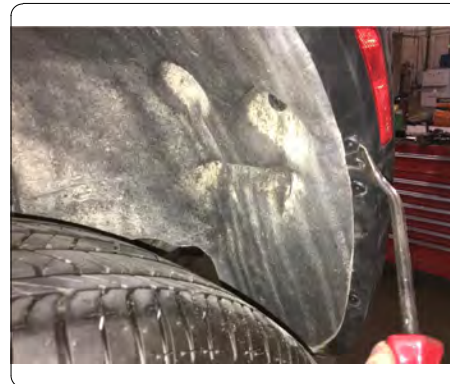
Parts List			
ITEM	QTY	PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
1	16	M6 RIVET	NYLON RIVET



1. Remove (8) fasteners from bottom of rear fascia using 8mm socket.

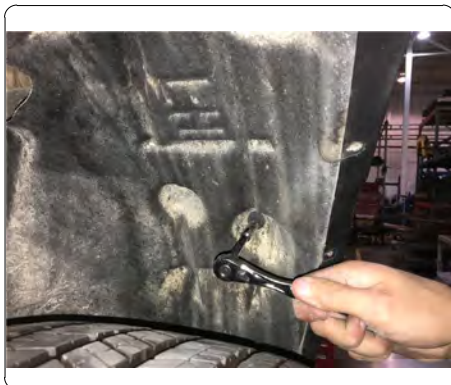
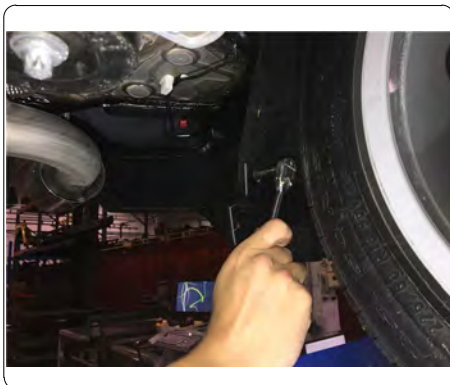


2. Remove (6) rivets along wheel well trim above each rear tire using a small punch and pry tool.  
**NOTE:** Replacement rivets are included.

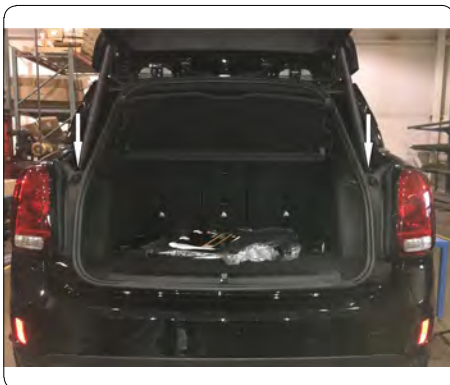


## INSTALLATION WALKTHROUGH:

3. Remove (2) fasteners from each side of rear fascia behind wheel well using T25 socket.



4. Open rear hatch to expose and remove plastic cover located inboard of each tail light, remove (1) fastener on each side using needle nose pliers.



5. Remove (2) bolts from each tail light using 10mm socket. Carefully remove tail light from vehicle and unclip electrical harness.



6. Remove rear fascia by locating and removing fastener behind wheel well trim using T25 socket and unclip rear fascia attachments.  
**NOTE:** Unplug electrical sensors if present.





## INSTALLATION WALKTHROUGH:

7. Remove rear bumper beam from vehicle by removing (2) nuts on each side using 18mm socket.  
**NOTE:** If hands free lift gate is present remove (2) fasteners and unclip from vehicle.



8. Raise hitch into position using studs to align. Reinstall rear bumper beam over hitch and secure using existing vehicle hardware.



9. Torque all M12 hardware to 86 ft-lbs.



10. Reinstall vehicle components removed using steps 1-7 in reverse order.



## TOWING SAFETY INFORMATION

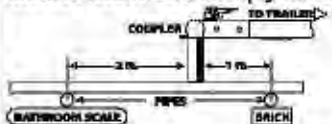
### Gross Trailer Weight / GTW

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.

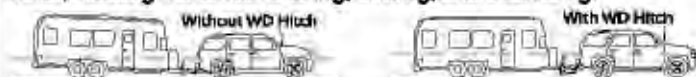


### Weight Carrying / WC

The total weight of both the trailer and the cargo inside. Never exceed the weight capacity of your trailer hitch.

### Weight Distribution / WD




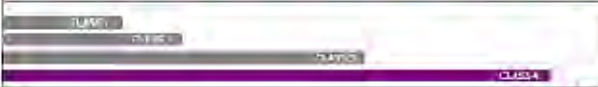




Used to balance the weight of the cargo between the front and rear wheels throughout the trailer, allowing for better steering, braking, and level riding.



### 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?

<b>TONGUE WEIGHT</b> 												
	Tongue weight should be about 10 to 15 percent of the gross trailer weight.											
<b>TRAILER TYPE</b> 												
	<b>CLASS 1</b> <b>CLASS 2</b> <b>CLASS 3</b> <b>CLASS 4</b> <b>CLASS 5</b>											
<b>Camper</b> 	1100	1200	1300	1400	1500	1600						
<b>W/coupler</b> 	2100	2400	2700	3000	3300	3600	3900	4200	4500	4800		
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<b>24k Wheel</b> 												
<b>Refer to owner's manual for towing capabilities and limitations.</b>												



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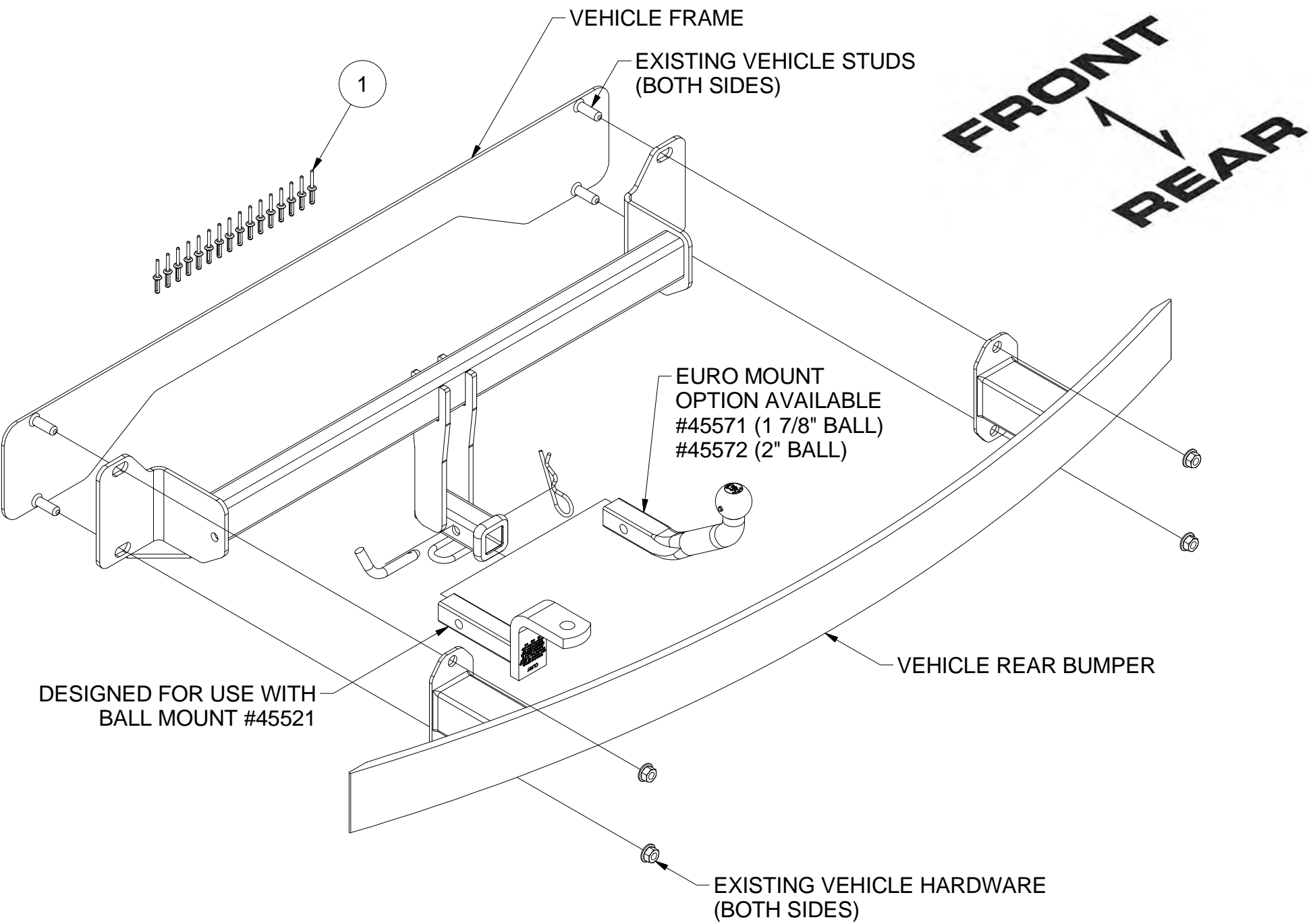
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RIVET GUN
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SAFETY GLASSES



HITCH WEIGHT: 24 LBS.

INSTALL TIME

PROFESSIONAL: 90 MINUTES

NOVICE (DIY): 180 MINUTES

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