



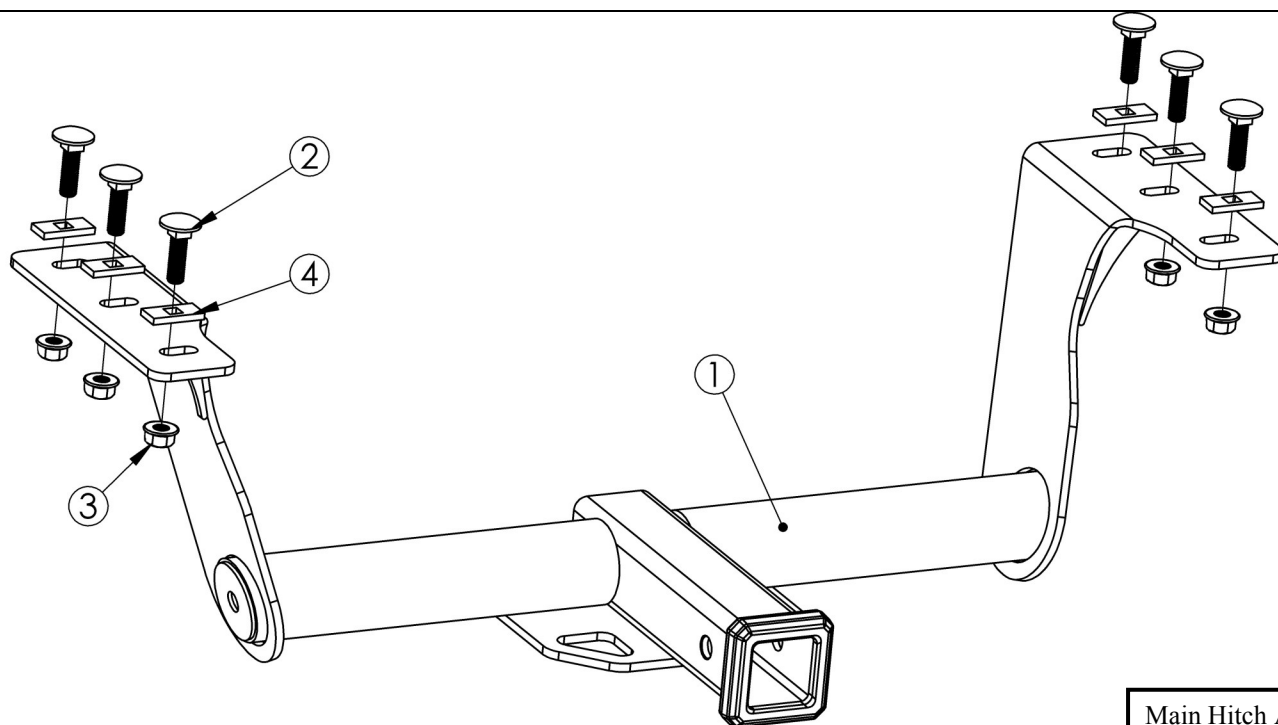
INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

CLASS III RECIEVER HITCH
APPLICATION: 2014-2015 Subaru Forester
PART NUMBER: 65-1545

AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS,

ITEM	QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	TOOLS NEEDED
1	1	HITCH ASSEMBLY	20MM SOCKET
2	6	M10 CARRIAGE BOLT	20MM WRENCH
3	6	M10 FLANGE HEX NUT	DRILL
4	6	BOLT PLATE	1/2" DRILLBIT
5	2	M10 FISH WIRE	RATCHET
6	6	M10 PLASTIC RETAINER	TORQUE WRENCH

ANTI-SEIZE LUBRICANT MUST BE USED ON ALL STAINLESS STEEL FASTENERS TO PREVENT THREAD DAMAGE AND GALLING

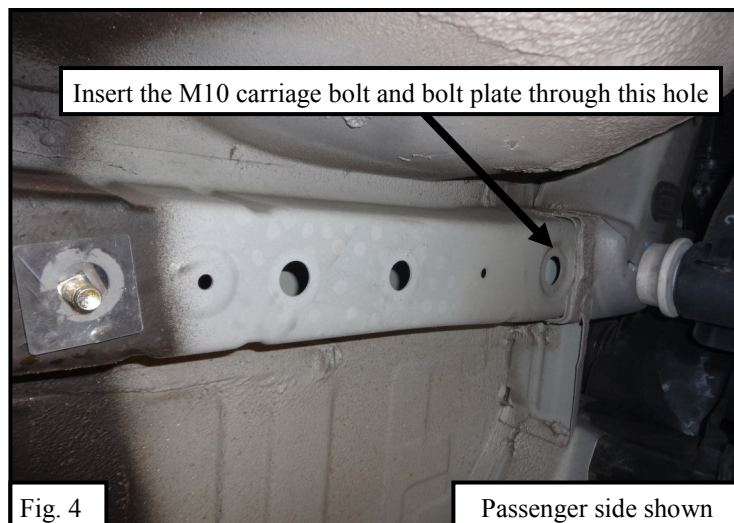
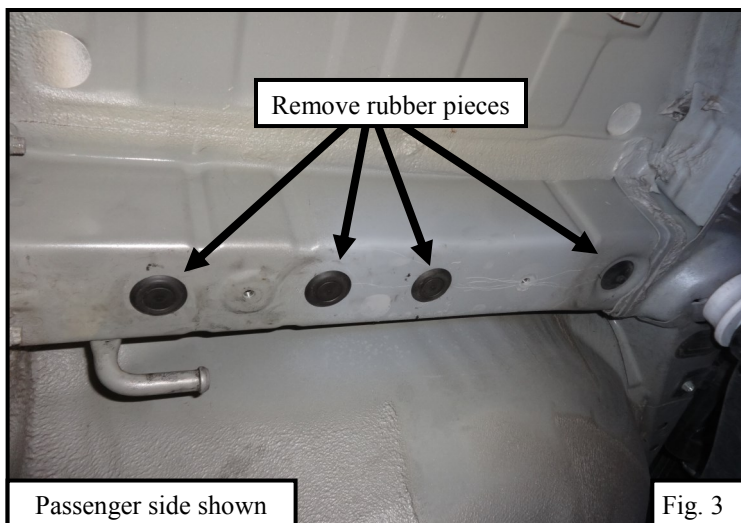
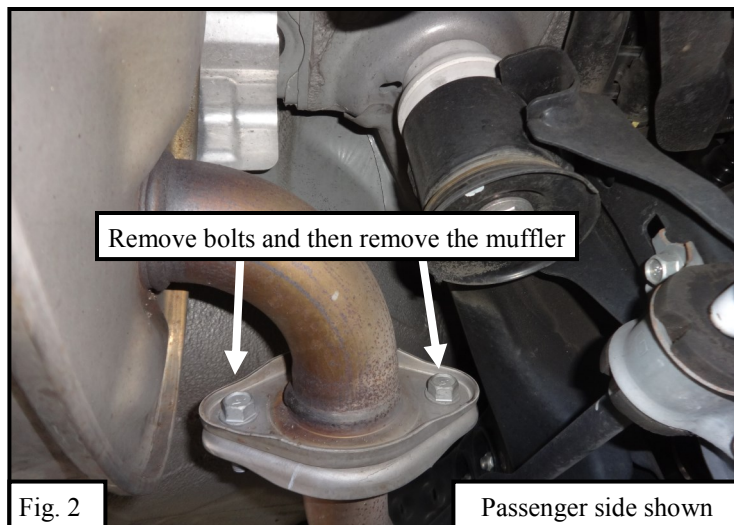
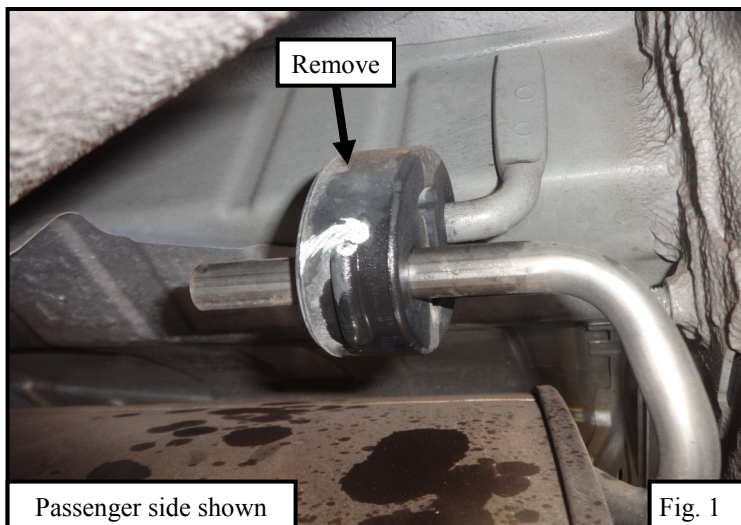


PROCEDURE

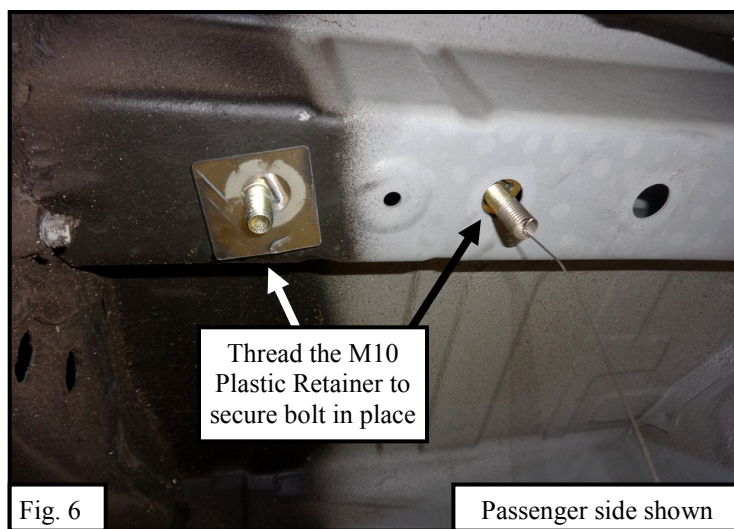
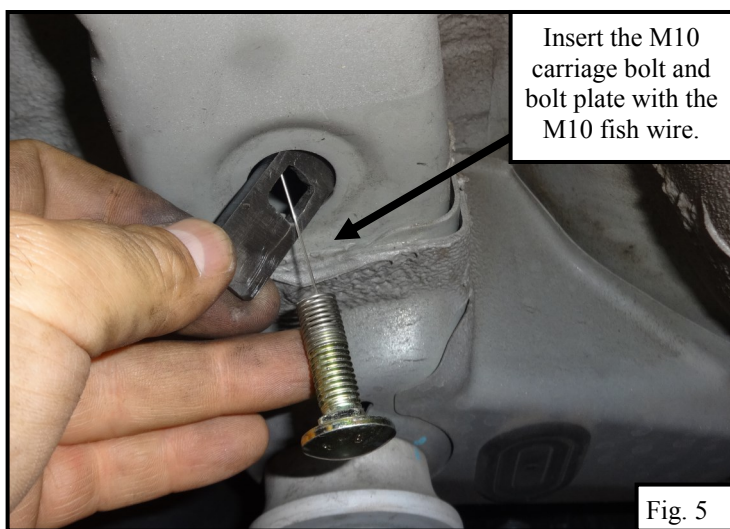
1. Remove contents from box, verify if all parts listed are present and free from damage.
Carefully read and understand all instructions before attempting installation.
Failure to identify damage before installation could lead to a rejection of any claim.
2. Start installation by going to the rear of the vehicle and locating the muffler mounting point. Remove the black rubber piece that helps hold the muffler to the frame of the vehicle. **See Fig. 1.**
3. Remove two factory bolts that attach the muffler to the vehicle. Remove the muffler. Be careful not to lose the muffler gas-ket. **See Fig. 2.**
4. Removing the muffler will reveal the heat shield, remove the heat shield. Removing the heat shield will reveal 4 rubber pieces, remove the four rubber pieces. **See Fig. 3.**



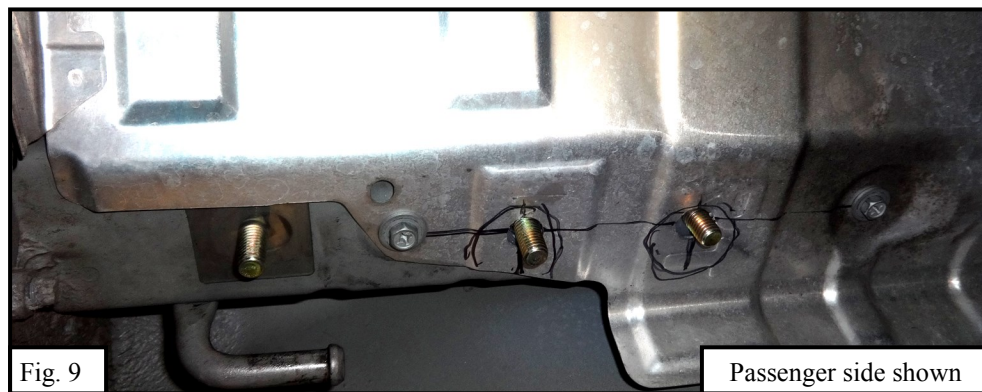
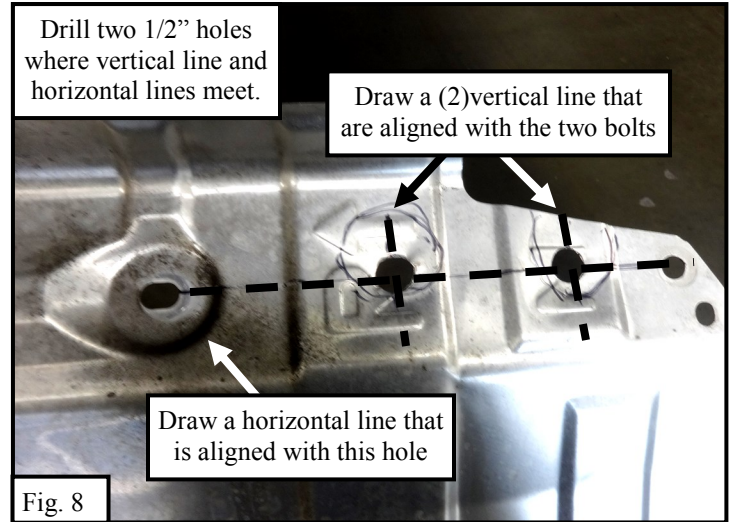
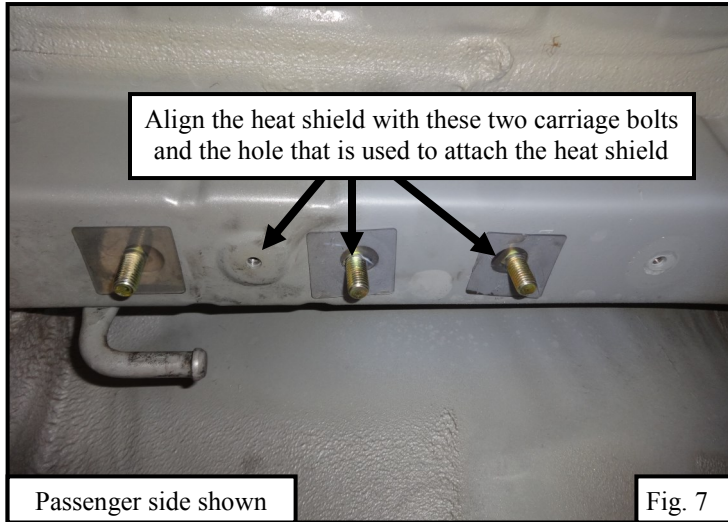
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5. Locate the provided (3) M10 carriage bolt, (3) bolt plate, (3) M10 plastic retainer, and (1) M10 fish wire. Using the fish wire attach the M10 carriage bolt and bolt plate to insert through the most rear hole and out through the front three holes. Thread (1) M10 plastic retainer to secure the M10 carriage bolt. (Note: Install the M10 carriage and bolt plate first in the hole furthest away from the hole that is being used to insert them.) See Fig. 4, 5, & 6.



6. After installing the (3) M10 carriage bolt, (3) bolt plate, and (3) M10 plastic retainer, locate the heat shield. Align the heat shield with the (2) carriage bolts and mark the location with a vertical line. Mark a horizontal line from the hole of the heat shield until it intersect both vertical lines. Drill two 1/2" holes at the location where the vertical and horizontal lines intersect. See Fig. 7 & 8.
7. Re-install the heat shield. See Fig. 9.
8. Repeat Step 5 on driver side.



9. Locate the Hitch Assembly (Item 1) and with assistance align the hitch with the (6) M10 carriage bolts. Loosely secure the hitch using the provided (6) M10 flange hex nuts.
10. Re-install the muffler (carefully place muffler gasket in the correct position before tighten the bolts).
11. Align and adjust the Hitch Assembly as needed, then fully tighten all hardware at this time. Torque all M10 fasteners to 30 ft-lbs.



CARE INSTRUCTIONS

- REGULAR WAXING IS RECOMMENDED. DO NOT USE ANY TYPE OF POLISH OR WAX THAT MAY CONTAIN ABRASIVES.
- STAINLESS STEEL PRODUCTS CAN BE CLEANED WITH MILD SOAP AND WATER. STAINLESS STEEL POLISH SHOULD BE USED TO POLISH SMALL SCRATCHES.
- GLOSS BLACK FINISHES SHOULD BE CLEANED WITH MILD SOAP AND WATER.



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WARNINGS & NOTICES FOR THE INSTALLATION OF WESTIN TOWING PRODUCTS - CLASS III RECEIVER HITCH

NOTICE

Westin Receiver Hitches are designed to accommodate a 2"- square receiver draw bar rated for class III/IV towing. Closely follow all Westin Installation Instructions for the proper installation of product. Improper installation can result in death, serious injury, and/or product and vehicle damage. In the operation of these products, it is imperative to observe precautions for your personal safety and the safety of others.



WARNING



Failure to follow these instructions could lead to death, personal injury, and / or property damage.

FASTENERS:

All Westin supplied fasteners must be utilized and installed in accordance with the installation instructions and apply torque to the specifications as defined. **DOUBLE CHECK ALL FASTENERS BEFORE INITIAL USE, AND PERIODICALLY IN THE FUTURE TO ENSURE PROPER FUNCTION AND SAFETY.**

DRILLING:

Most Westin products do not require drilling for installation. If drilling is defined as required, use caution when drilling a vehicle. **FAILURE TO REVIEW AN AREA TO BE DRILLED MAY RESULT IN PERSONAL INJURY AND/OR INJURY TO OTHERS AS WELL AS VEHICLE DAMAGE.**

EYE PROTECTION:

ALWAYS WEAR SAFETY GLASSES OR GOGGLES DURING THE INSTALLATION PROCESS TO AVOID PERSONAL INJURY.

MAXIMUM TOWING/CARRYING CAPACITY:

The Westin Receiver Hitches will have a visible tow rating label affixed directly on the product. User should never exceed the vehicle manufacturers maximum tow and weight rating regardless of the capacity of the hitch. **FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES WILL VOID THE WESTIN WARRANTY AND MAY RESULT IN PERSONAL INJURY AND/OR INJURY TO OTHERS AS WELL AS VEHICLE DAMAGE.**



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