



# 11408 INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS



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

**YEARS:** 2015  
2012-PRESENT

**MAKE:** SUBARU  
SUBARU

**MODEL:** WRX  
IMPREZA EXCLUDING WRX

**STYLE:** SEDAN  
SEDAN

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

**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: 35 MIN.**

**NOVICE INSTALL TIME: 70 MIN.**

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

## INSTALLATION REQUIRES:



AVIATION  
SHEARS



DIE GRINDER



RATCHET



TORQUE  
WRENCH



3/4"  
10mm  
SOCKET



SAFETY  
GLASSES

## INSTALLATION TIPS:

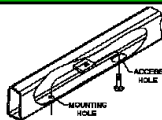
1. BEFORE YOU BEGIN INSTALLATION, READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS THOROUGHLY.
2. TO EASE INSTALLATION, 2 PEOPLE MAY BE REQUIRED.
3. USING PROPER TOOLS WILL GREATLY IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF THE INSTALL AND REDUCE THE TIME REQUIRED.
4. NEED HELP OR HAVE SOME QUESTIONS? CALL TECHNICAL SUPPORT AT 800.798.0813

## LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: MODERATE

EASY

MODERATE

CHALLENGING



FISHWIRE (4) BOLTS AND SPACERS



REMOVE (5) EXHAUST HANGERS



TRIM HOLE IN HEAT SHIELD



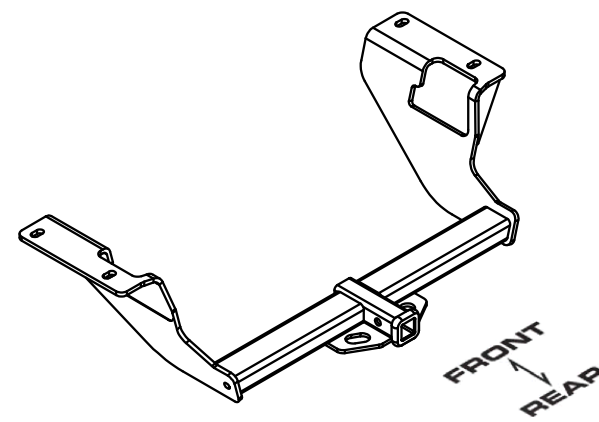
ENLARGE ACCESS HOLES FOR  
1/2" FASTENERS

## VEHICLE PHOTO:



REPRESENTATIVE PHOTO

## HITCH ILLUSTRATION:



MAKE SURE YOUR HITCH MATCHES



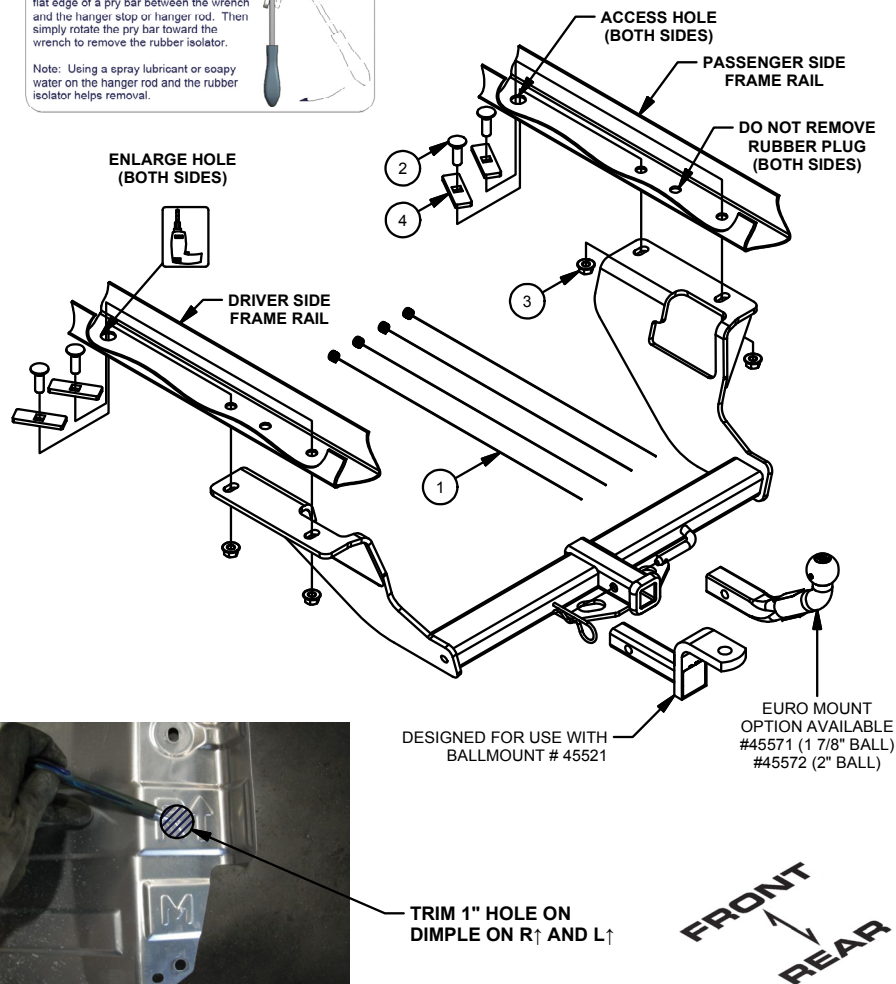
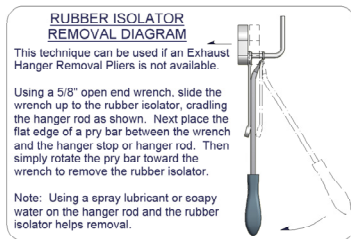
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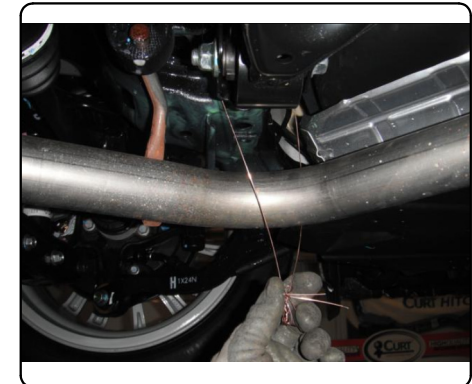
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## INSTALLATION WALKTHROUGH:

| Parts List |     |                |                                        |
|------------|-----|----------------|----------------------------------------|
| ITEM       | QTY | PART NUMBER    | DESCRIPTION                            |
| 1          | 4   | 1/2-13 x 1 1/2 | CARRIAGE BOLT                          |
| 2          | 4   | HFN 1213       | HEX FLANGE NUT                         |
| 3          | 4   | CM-SP6         | .250 x 1.00 x 3.00" SQUARE HOLE SPACER |
| 4          | 4   | 1_2 FISHWIRE   | 1/2" FISHWIRE                          |



- 1) Lower exhaust by removing (5) rear rubber isolators. See RUBBER ISOLATOR REMOVAL DIAGRAM. If needed to access outside hangers remove plastic underbody panels by removing plastic fittings (7 per side). NOTE: Support the exhaust as required.



- 2) Remove the heat shield by removing the 4 small screws with a 10mm socket. Cut a hole in the heat shield as shown in the diagram to left.



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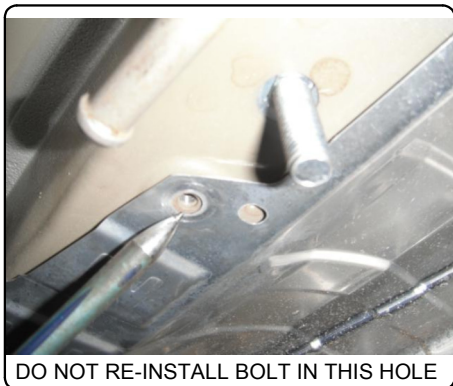
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- 5) Raise hitch into position. **Note:** The heat shield will be sandwiched between the hitch and vehicle frame rails.



- 4) Fishwire the 1/2" hardware through the access hole into position on both sides, as shown below. Reinstall heat shield with (3) of the fasteners, leaving out the one between the mounting holes.



DO NOT RE-INSTALL BOLT IN THIS HOLE

- 6) Torque all 1/2" fasteners to 110 lb-ft.  
7) Re-install the exhaust and underbody panels onto the vehicle.

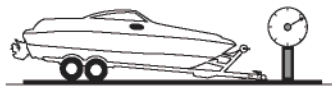




## TOWING SAFETY INFORMATION

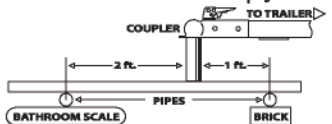
### Gross Trailer Weight / GTW

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?

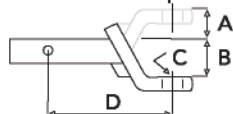
| TONGUE WEIGHT lbs                                                           | 1000 | 2000 | 3000 | 4000 | 5000 | 6000 | 7000 | 8000 | 10,000 | 12,000 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|--------|--------|
| Tongue weight should be about 10 to 15 percent of the gross trailer weight. |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |        |        |
| TRAILER TYPE                                                                |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |        |        |
| CLASS 1                                                                     |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |        |        |
| CLASS 2                                                                     |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |        |        |
| CLASS 3                                                                     |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |        |        |
| CLASS 4                                                                     |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |        |        |
| CLASS 5                                                                     |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |        |        |
| Camper                                                                      | 11'  | 12'  | 13'  | 14'  | 15'  | 16'  |      |      |        |        |
| lbs                                                                         | 1100 | 1200 | 1300 | 1400 | 1500 | 1600 |      |      |        |        |
| Vacation                                                                    | 14'  | 16'  | 18'  | 20'  | 22'  | 24'  | 26'  | 28'  | 30'    | 32'    |
| lbs                                                                         | 2100 | 2400 | 2700 | 3000 | 3300 | 3600 | 3900 | 4200 | 4500   | 4800   |
| Vacation                                                                    | 14'  | 16'  | 18'  | 20'  | 22'  | 24'  | 26'  | 28'  | 30'    | 32'    |
| lbs                                                                         | 2800 | 3200 | 3600 | 4000 | 4400 | 4800 | 5200 | 5600 | 6000   | 6400   |
| 5th Wheel                                                                   |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |        |        |

Refer to owner's manual for towing capabilities and limitations.

### 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 Dia. C: Shank Length. 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)

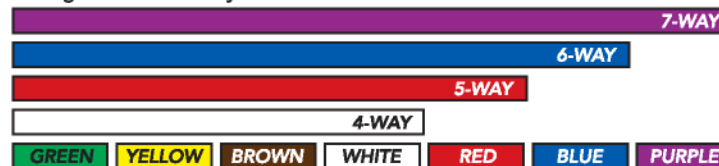
Class 3: 5,000 lbs. (22.2 kN)

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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## SUBARU WRX/IMPREZA

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GROSS LOAD CAPACITY WHEN USED AS A WEIGHT CARRYING HITCH: 2,000 LBS. TRAILER WEIGHT &amp; 200 LBS. TONGUE WEIGHT.

\*\*\*DO NOT EXCEED VEHICLE MANUFACTURER'S RECOMMENDED TOWING CAPACITY.\*\*\*

WARNING: ALL NON-TRAILER LOADS APPLIED TO THIS PRODUCT MUST BE SUPPORTED BY 18050 STABILIZING STRAPS.

\*\* FAILURE TO PROPERLY SUPPORT NON-TRAILER LOADS WILL VOID PRODUCT WARRANTY\*\*

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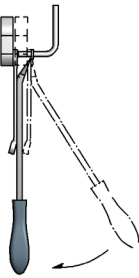
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**RUBBER ISOLATOR  
REMOVAL DIAGRAM**

This technique can be used if and 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.

**TOOLS REQUIRED**

AVIATOR SHEARS

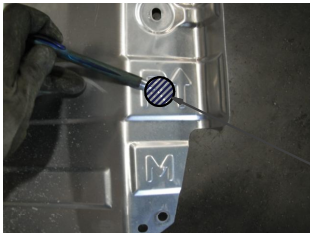
3/4" SOCKET

10mm SOCKET

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TORQUE WRENCH

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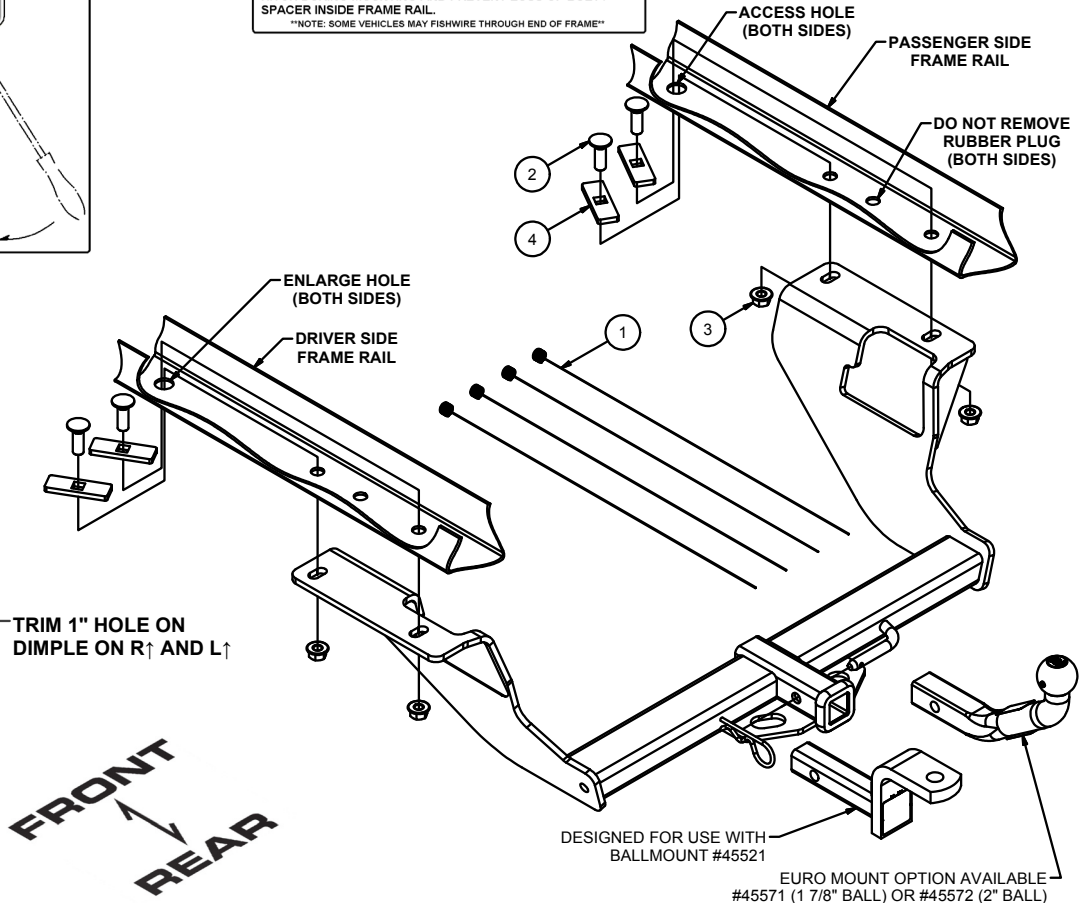
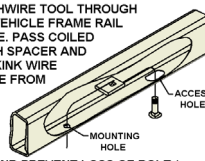


TRIM 1" HOLE ON  
DIMPLE ON R↑ AND L↓

**FISHWIRE TECHNIQUE**

INSERT COILED END OF FISHWIRE TOOL THROUGH HITCH MOUNTING HOLE IN VEHICLE FRAME RAIL AND OUT THE ACCESS HOLE. PASS COILED END OF FISHWIRE THROUGH SPACER AND THREAD BOLT INTO COIL. KINK WIRE TO KEEP SPACER SEPARATE FROM BOLT AS SHOWN. PULL FISHWIRE, SPACER, AND BOLT THROUGH FRAME AND OUT MOUNTING HOLE. USE FISHWIRE TO GUIDE HITCH DURING MOUNTING AND PREVENT LOSS OF BOLT / SPACER INSIDE FRAME RAIL.

\*\*\*NOTE: SOME VEHICLES MAY FISHWIRE THROUGH END OF FRAME\*\*



HITCH WEIGHT: 40 LBS.

**INSTALL TIME**

PROFESSIONAL: 35 MINUTES

NOVICE (DIY): 70 MINUTES

**INSTALL NOTES:**

- LOWER EXHAUST (5 HANGERS)
- FISHWIRING REQUIRED
- ENLARGE HOLE / TRIM HEAT SHIELD

**INSTALLATION STEPS**

- 1) Lower exhaust by removing (5) rear rubber isolators. See RUBBER ISOLATOR REMOVAL DIAGRAM. If needed to access outside hangers remove plastic underbody panels by removing plastic fittings (7 per side).
- 2) Remove the heat shield by removing the 4 small screws with a 10mm socket. Cut a hole in the heat shield as shown in the diagram above.
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