Hitch Installation Instruction

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| Hardware List | Item | Part Name | QTY | Description | Item | Part Name | QTY | Description |
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|  | 1 | Large Flat Washers | 6 | M12 | 4 | Hex Bolts | 6 | M12X1.75-45 |
|  | 2 | Carriage Bolts | 2 | M12X1.75-45 | 5 | Spacers | 2 | With SQ Hole |
|  | 3 | Hex Flange Nuts | 2 | M12X1.75 | 6 | Fishwires | 2 |  |

Gross Load Capacity When Used As A Weight Carrying Hitch: 5000 LBS. Trailer Weight \& 500 LBS. Tongue Weight. Gross Load Capacity When Used As A Weight Distribution Hitch: 8000 LBS. Trailer Weight \& 800 LBS. Tongue Weight.
***DO NOT EXCEED VEHICLE MANUFACTURER'S RECOMMENDED TOWING CAPACITY.


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| Step | Description |
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| $\mathbf{1}$ | Remove (3) existing bumper bracket nuts (if present) and (3) M12 or M14 bolts from each side of frame. |
| $\mathbf{2}$ | Fishwire carriage bolts and square hole spacer through end of frame. |
| $\mathbf{3}$ | Raise hitch into position and loosely install washers and nuts. |
| $\mathbf{4}$ | - Vehicles with M14 factory fasteners: reinstall factory M14 fasteners. <br> -Vehicles with M12 factory fasteners: install and torque supplied M12 fasteners and reinstall factory M12 nuts. <br> Note: Do not use both receivers at the same time. This may cause damage to vehicle. |
| $\mathbf{5}$ | Torque all M14 fasteners to 136 ft-lb. <br> Torque M12 Carriage Bolts to 58 ft-lb. Torque M12 Hex bolts to 86 ft-lb. |
|  | $* * *$ Periodically Check The Receiver Hitch To Ensure That All Fasteners *** <br> Are Tight \& All Structural Components Are Sound. |

