

# 13190 INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS



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

**YEARS: 2014** 

**SAFETY** 

**GLASSES** 

SOCKET

**ROTARY TOOL** 

**MAKE: MERCEDES-BENZ** 

MODEL: GL450,GL550 EXCLUDES Active Curve Sys.

STYLE: SUV

LBS.

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

WEIGHT CARRYING: TRAILER WEIGHT: 7,500 LBS.

TONGUE WEIGHT: 900 LBS.

8mm 10mm

13mm 3/4"

**SPRAY** 

LUBRICANT

**SOCKET** 

WEIGHT DISTRIBUTION: TRAILER WEIGHT: N/A

TONGUE WEIGHT: N/A LBS.

PRO INSTALL TIME: 40 MIN.

NOVICE INSTALL TIME: 80 MIN.

**INSTALLATION REQUIRES:** 

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

**RATCHET** 

SOCKET

**EXTENSION** 

**TORQUE** 

**WRENCH** 

### **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

# VEHICLE PHOTO: REPRESENTATIVE PHOTO

### LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: MODERATE

EASY MODERA

MODERATE CHALLENGING



- NO DRILLING REQUIRED

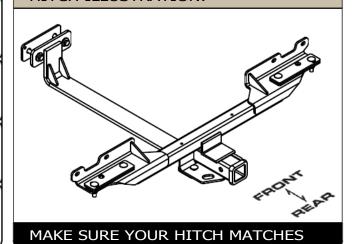


- LOWER EXHAUST



- TRIM HEAT SHIELD
- TRIM FASCIA TABS
- TEMPORARY PART REMOVAL

### HITCH ILLUSTRATION:





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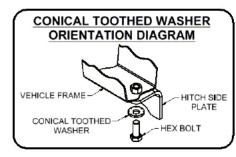
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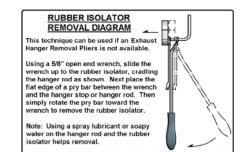
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Parts List				
ITEM	QTY	PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	
1	2	1/2	CONICAL TOOTHED WASHER	
2	2	1/2-13 x 1	CARRIAGE BOLT	
3	4	1/2 - 13 x 2", GR8	CARRIAGE BOLT, GR8	
4	2	1/2-13 x 3	HEX BOLT	
5	2	11120497	.344" X .813" BLACK NYLON TRIM PANEL RETAINER	
6	2	3/8"	CONICAL TOOTHED WASHER	
7	6	HFN 1213	HEX FLANGE NUT	
8	2	M8 - 1.25 x 30 HEX BOLT	HEX HEAD BOLT	

	SMEMBER
	PASSENGER SIDE BUMPER BEAM MOUNT
	-DRIVER SIDE BUMPER BEAM MOUNT
HEAT SHIELD	A
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	REAR FASCIA
E	8
EXISTING 7 M10 NUTS	
(BOTH SIDES) (1)	
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Α	1	13190-WA	HITCH WELDMENT ASSEMBLY		
В	1	13190-MSWA	MOUNTING STRAP WELDMENT ASSEMBLY		
С	1	13190-NPA	NUT PLATE ASSEMBLY		
D	2	13190-BP	.250" BOLT PLATE		
E	2	13190-SP	.250" SPACER PLATE		





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2. Lower the exhaust for ease of assembly and heat shield trimming. Remove the rubber isolator (one each side) from the hanger attached to the vehicle. Spray lubricant may assist isolator removal.

Support exhaust to prevent damage.





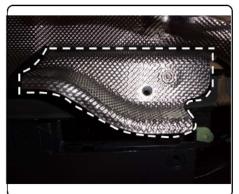
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4. Trimming: Use shears or rotary cut-off wheel Heat shield: Trim approx. 11" x 6" area as shown following the curvature of the heat shield.

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5. Remove the lower (2) nuts securing the bumper beam to the vehicle with a 10mm socket, both sides. Save for reassembly.





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6. Raise hitch (A) into position and secure to the bumper beam studs using the vehicle nuts removed in Step (5).





7. Stack bolt plate (D) on spacer plate (E) and run 1/2-13 x 1 1/2" carriage bolts through plate holes. Place plate assembly over the bumper beam tab and align with the holes in the hitch. Secure using 1/2-13 flange nuts, as shown.





8. Center the holes of the hitch with the bumper beam tab weldnuts and secure with M8 bolts. Torque all M8 fasteners to 25 ft-lbs.

Torque all installed 1/2" fasteners to 110 ft-lbs.

Raise and secure the exhaust lowered in Step (2).





9. Raise mounting strap (B) into position and loosely secure to hitch 1/2-13 x 1" carriage bolts and 1/2-13 hex flange nuts. Raise nut plate (C) into position and secure mounting strap to the cross member using 1/2-13 x 3" hex bolts and 1/2" conical toothed washers.





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10. Torque all remaining 1/2" hardware to 110 ft-lbs.





Secure the (2) center fascia tabs by pushing the nylon retainer clips into the holes in hitch tube.
 Note: Some models make require enlargement of the fascia tab hole for nylon clip.





## **INSTALLATION COMPLETE**







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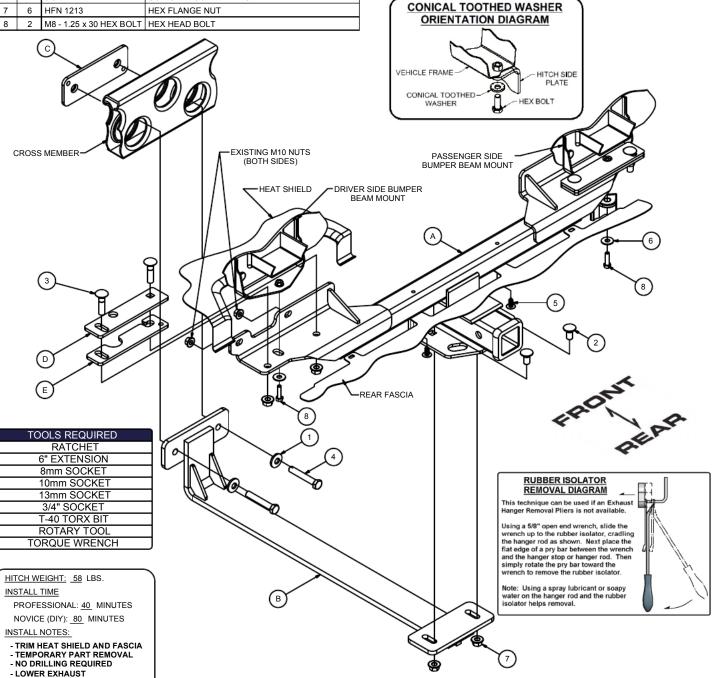
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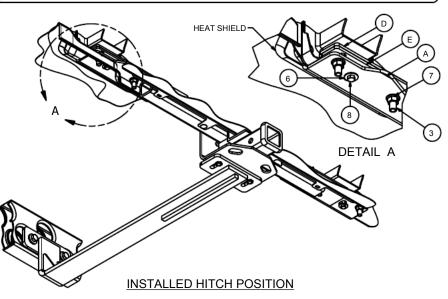
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HEAT SHIELD TRIM







FASCIA TAB TRIM

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