

# 13182 INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS



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

**YEARS: 2011-CURRENT** 

MAKE: DODGE, JEEP

**MODEL: DURANGO, GRAND CHEROKEE** 

STYLE: SUV

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

**WEIGHT CARRYING:** 

**INSTALLATION REQUIRES:** 

TRAILER WEIGHT: 6,000 LBS. TONGUE WEIGHT: 600 LBS.

**WEIGHT DISTRIBUTION:** 

TRAILER WEIGHT: 7,500 LBS. TONGUE WEIGHT: 750 LBS.

# PRO INSTALL TIME: 10-30 MIN. NOVICE INSTALL TIME: 20-60 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

# RATCHET SOCKET TORQUE WRENCH SAFETY GLASSES

# LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: EASY

EASY MODERATE CHALLENGING



NO DRILLING REQUIRED



TRIMMING OF EXCESS CAULK MAY BE REQUIRED

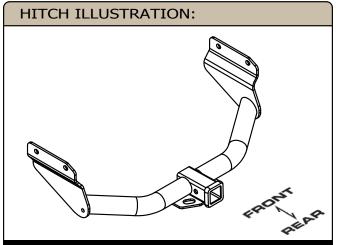


WELDNUT CLEANING MAY BE REQUIRED



DIESEL MODELS REQUIRE DEF TANK LOWERING









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PERIODICALLY CHECK THIS RECEIVER HITCH TO ENSURE ALL FASTENERS ARE TIGHT AND ALL STRUCTURAL COMPONENTS ARE SOUND

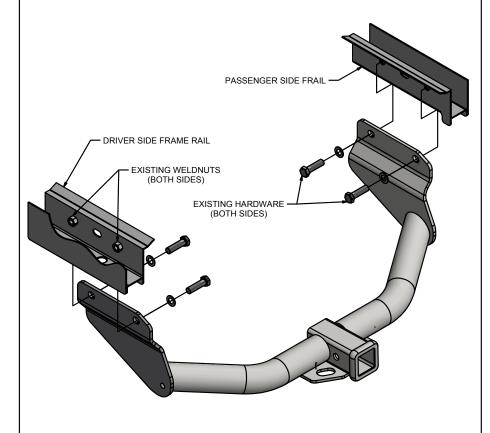
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### **INSTALLATION WALKTHROUGH:**

# Diesel models only:

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WELDNUT CLEANING

To remove debris from weldnuts in frame, spray lubricant or compressed air into hole.
For heavy debris, use a small wire brush.
(Be careful not to damage threads).

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- 1. Lower the (DEF) tank by unclipping the electrical connection on the passenger side and sliding the clips off of the rear studs holding the tank.
- 2. Using a 13mm socket, remove the (2) rear stud posts and the (2) forward hex bolts from the tank.(See photo below) **DO NOT REMOVE FILLER PIPE FROM THE TANK**. The tank should be free to rotate slightly downward on the passenger side for access to the bolts/weld nuts.





3. Remove existing M14 bolts. There will be (4) or (6) bolts depending on vehicle model. Retain (4) bolts for hitch installation. Return remaining bolts (if any) to vehicle owner.

<u>Note</u>: If factory tow loop is present you will need to remove it prior to install. Trim excess caulk on vehicle frame rails if it interferes with hitch installation.





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- 4. Raise hitch into position and reinstall (4) M14 bolts.
- 5. Tighten all M14 hardware to 126 ft-lbs.





6. Reinstall DEF tank if lowered on diesel models and reconnect electrical components. Torque DEF tank studs to 21 lb-ft and the DEF tank Hex Bolts to 24 lb-ft.



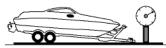


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### TOWING SAFETY INFORMATION

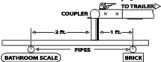
### Gross Trailer Weight / GTW

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.

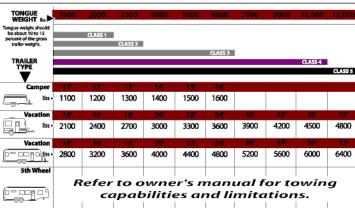




### Sway Control

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?



### 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.

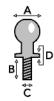
• A: Rise. B: Drop. C: Hole Size. D: Length.



### 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 Length. C: Shank Dia. 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.

NÓTE: For added sécurity 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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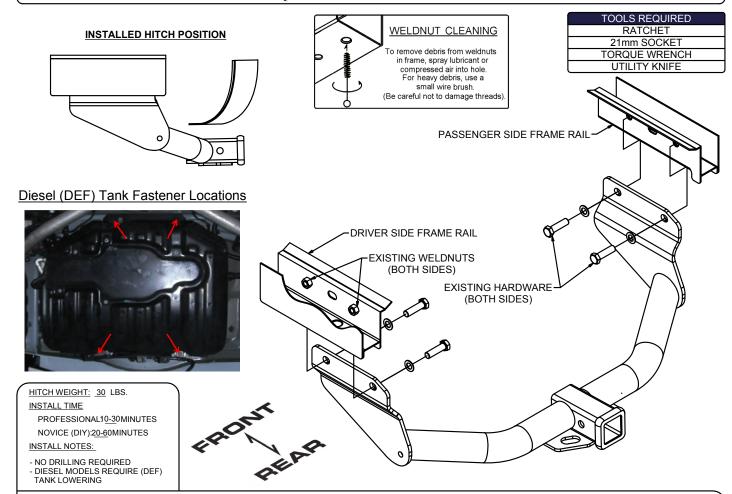
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