



INSTRUCTIONS—INSTRUCCIONES—CONSIGNES

APPLICATION: 2011-2016 FORD EXPLORER
APP PART # 65-1235
CLASS III RECEIVER HITCH

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ITEM	QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	TOOLS NEEDED
1	1	CLASS III RECEIVER ASSY	18MM SOCKET
2	6	M12 SPLIT LOCK WASHER	RATCHET
3	6	M12 FLAT WASHER	TORQUE WRENCH
4	4	M12 X 40MM HEX CAP SCREWS	17MM WRENCH
5	2	M12 X 30MM HEX CAP SCREWS	18MM WRENCH
6	2	M10 NYLON INSERT - LOCK NUT	
7	2	M10 FLAT WASHERS	

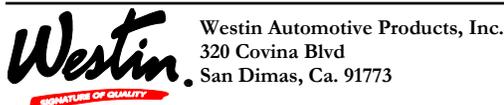
WARNING: Never exceed the capacity ratings shown on the receiver hitch or the tow vehicle. See your vehicle's owners guide for towing guidelines.

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. To ease installation, the rear portion of the exhaust system should be dropped. This can be accomplished by removing the three rear rubber exhaust hangers. A strap of some kind should be used on a forward portion of the exhaust to provide support to prevent damage. FIGURE 1
3. The original exhaust hanger brackets must be removed from the uni-body channels. These will not be re-used once the hitch is installed. FIGURE 2
4. With assistance, raise the hitch assembly to the uni-body channels. Use the provided M12 x 40mm hex cap screws, split lock washers, and flat washers to fasten the bottom flanges to the vehicle channel. FIGURE 3
5. Use the provided M12 x 30mm hex cap screws with the remaining M12 split lock washers and flat washers to fasten the vertical mounting holes to the vehicle channels. FIGURE 3
6. Align the hitch assembly as desired then torque all M12 hex cap screws to 75-80 lbs-ft. The exhaust can not be reattached to the vehicle. Use the existing rubber isolators to mount the exhaust to the exhaust mounts provided on the hitch assembly. Use the provided M10 nyloc nuts and flat washers to secure the rubber hangers to the hitch assembly. Only tighten until the flat washer makes contact with the rubber isolator. FIGURE 4, 5

NOTICE: This product complies with all safety specifications and requirements defined for V.E.S.C. regulation V-5 & SAE J684

CARE INSTRUCTIONS

- BLACK FINISHES SHOULD BE CLEANED WITH MILD SOAP AND WATER



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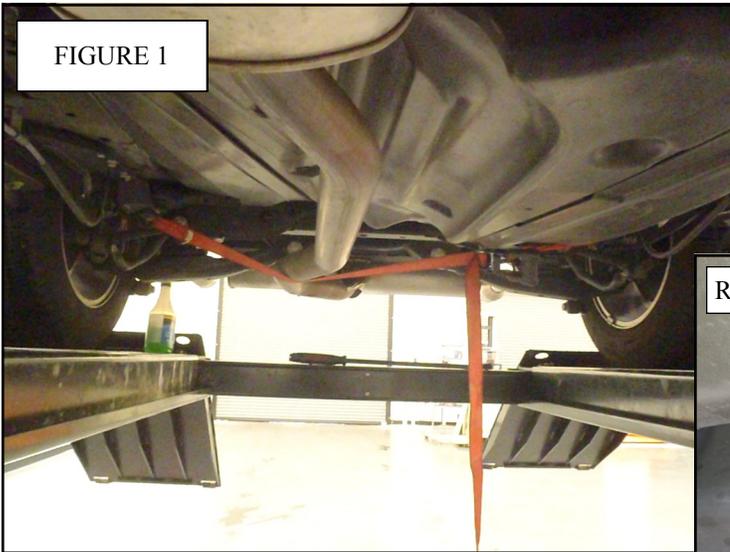
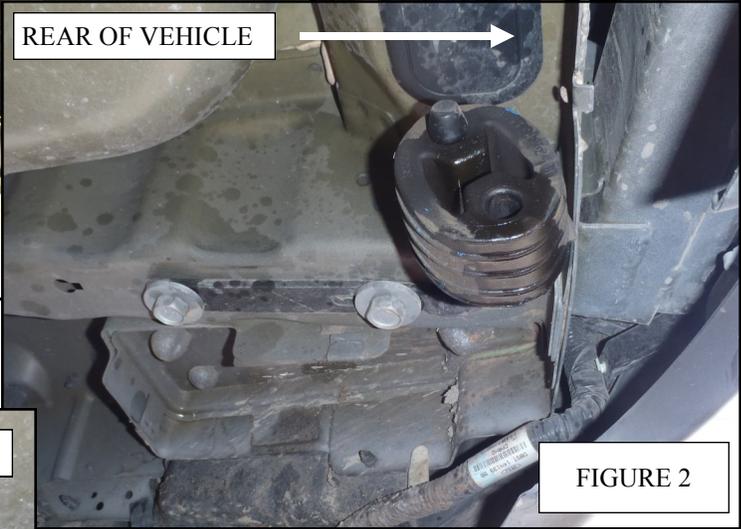
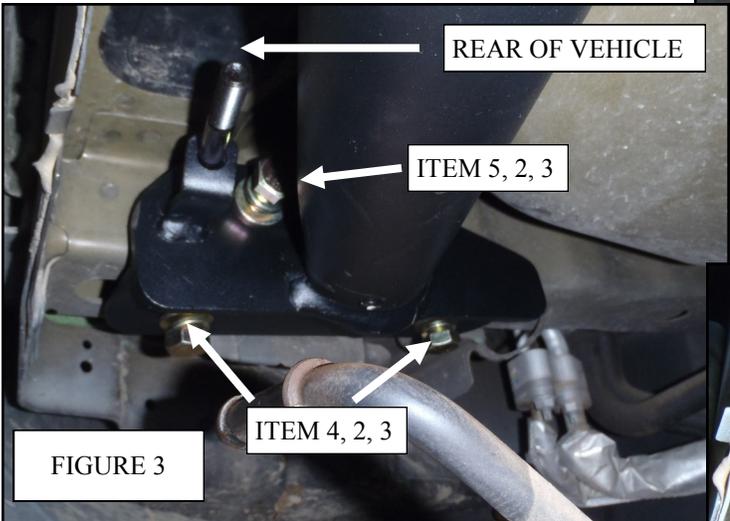


FIGURE 1



REAR OF VEHICLE

FIGURE 2



REAR OF VEHICLE

ITEM 5, 2, 3

ITEM 4, 2, 3

FIGURE 3

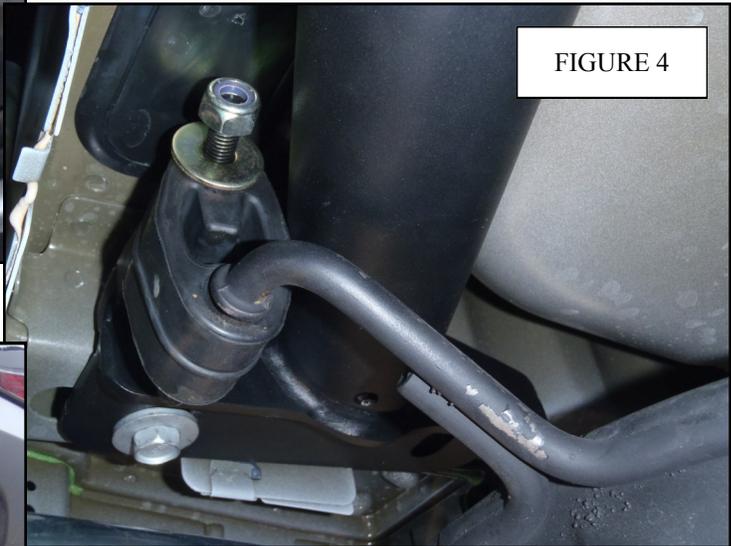


FIGURE 4



FIGURE 5

INSTALLATION COMPLETE



SIGNATURE OF QUALITY

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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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