

YEARS: 2017-PRESENT

MAKE: BUICK

MODEL: LACROSSE

STYLE: SEDAN

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

WEIGHT CARRYING:
 TRAILER WEIGHT: 3,500 LBS.
 TONGUE WEIGHT: 350 LBS.

PRO INSTALL TIME: 45 MIN.
NOVICE INSTALL TIME: 90 MIN.

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

INSTALLATION REQUIRES:

RATCHET	TORQUE WRENCH	6" SOCKET EXTENSION
7mm 15mm SOCKET	T15 TORXBIT SOCKET	PANEL REMOVAL TOOL
TAPE MEASURE	MASKING TAPE	AVIATION SHEARS
SAFETY GLASSES		

INSTALLATION TIPS:

- BEFORE YOU BEGIN INSTALLATION, READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS THOROUGHLY.
- TO EASE INSTALLATION, 2 PEOPLE MAY BE REQUIRED.
- USING PROPER TOOLS WILL GREATLY IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF THE INSTALL AND REDUCE THE TIME REQUIRED.

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: CHALLENGING

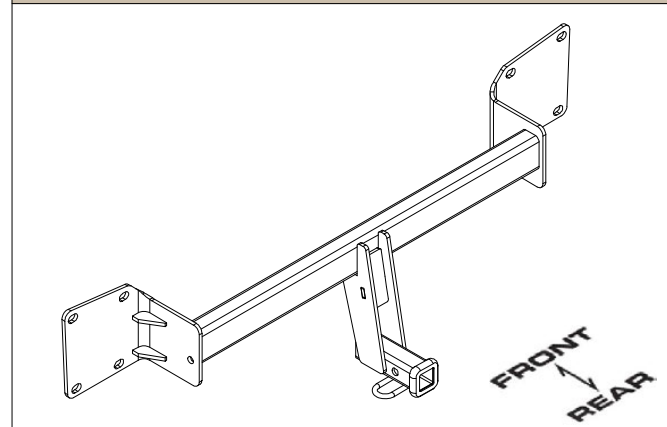
EASY	MODERATE	CHALLENGING
PART REMOVAL	TEMPORARILY REMOVE BUMPER BEAM AND BUMPER FASCIA	
TRIM	TRIMMING REQUIRED	

VEHICLE PHOTO:



REPRESENTATIVE PHOTO

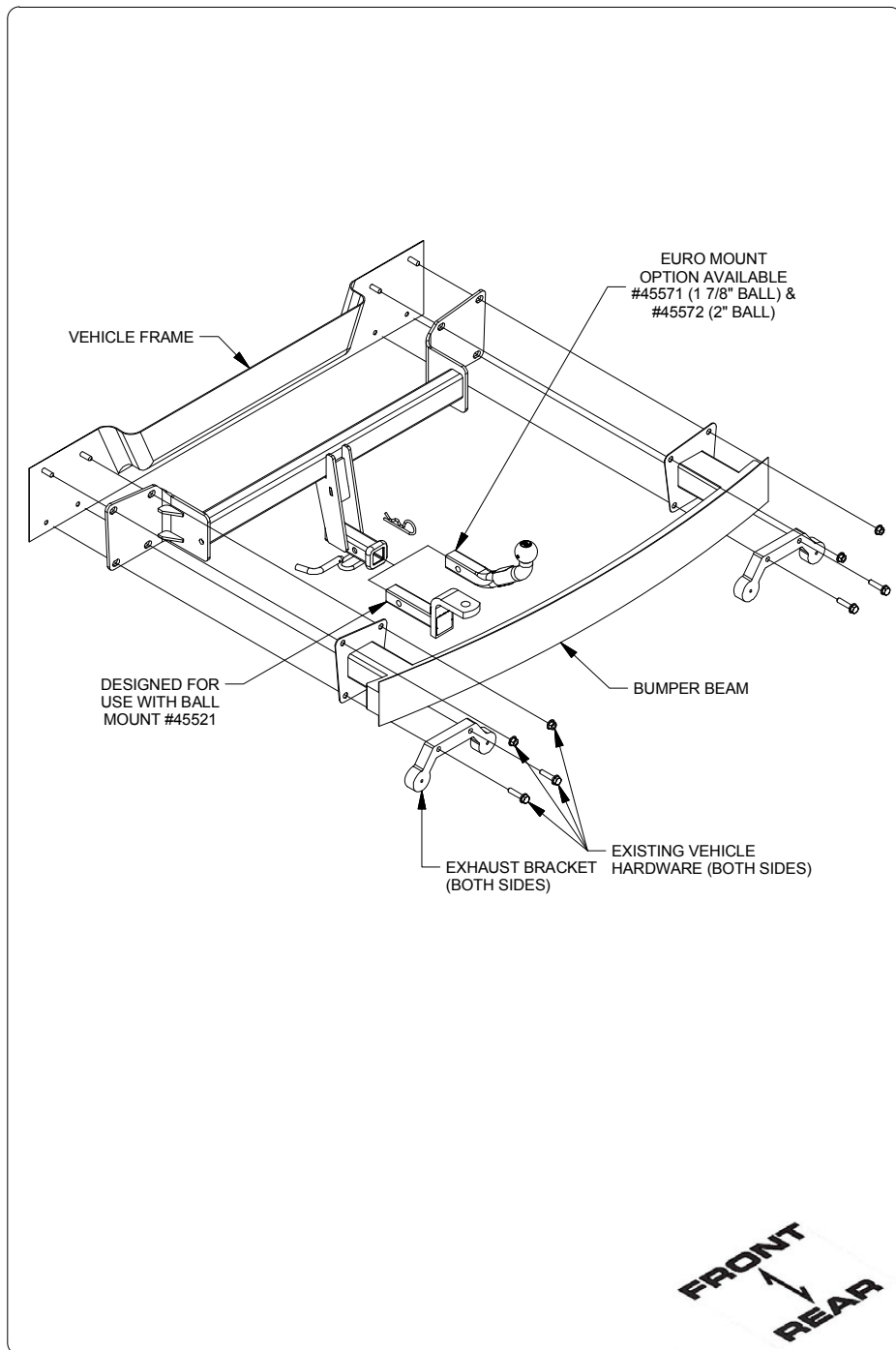
HITCH ILLUSTRATION:



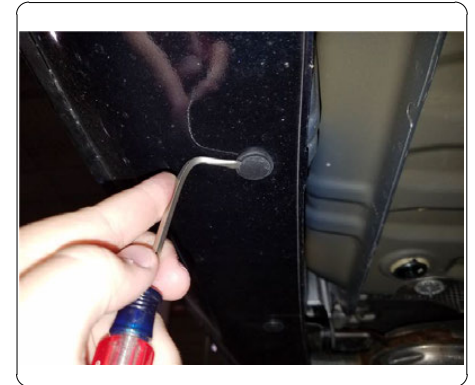
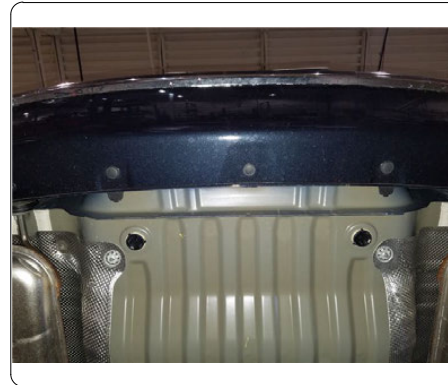
MAKE SURE YOUR HITCH MATCHES

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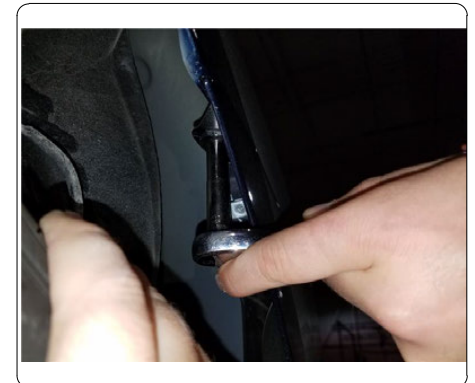
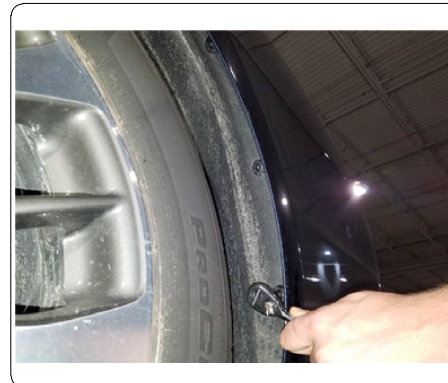
INSTALLATION WALKTHROUGH:



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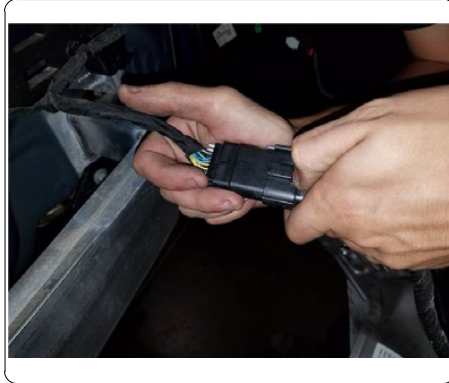
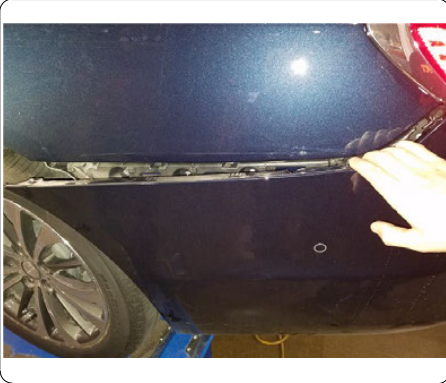


2. In each rear wheel well, locate and remove (4) screws using a T15 torxbit socket. Pull back the wheel well to reveal (1) screw and remove using a 7mm socket. Set screws aside for later reinstallation.

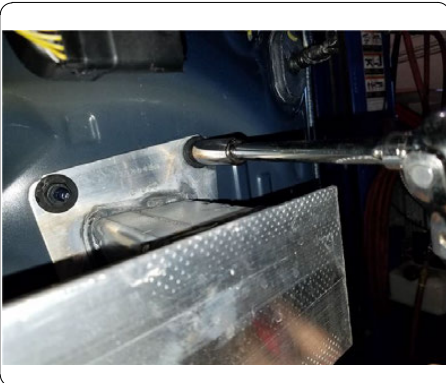


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3. Gently pull the bumper fascia off starting from the sides of the vehicle and work towards the center. Once bumper fascia is detached from the vehicle, locate and unplug (2) electrical plugs from the bumper fascia. Set bumper fascia aside for later reinstallation.



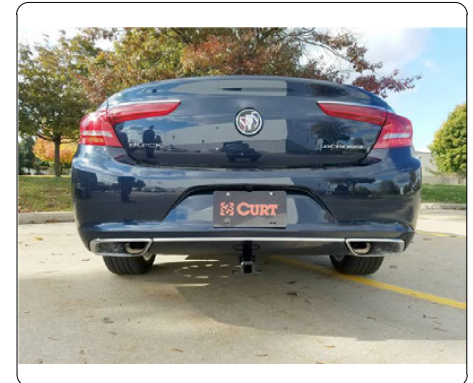
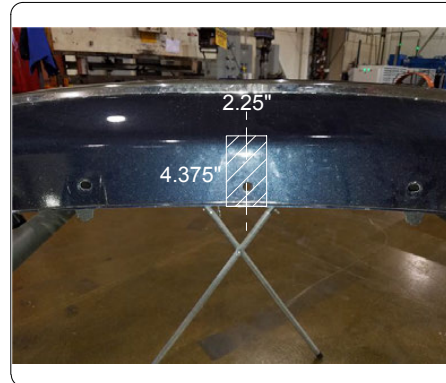
4. On the bumper beam, locate and remove (2) nuts and (2) bolts on each side using a 15mm socket. Lift the exhaust bracket from each side away from the vehicle frame to remove bumper beam. Set bumper beam aside for later reinstallation.



5. Raise hitch and bumper beam into position aligning with studs on vehicle. Secure using (2) nuts on each side from previous step. Raise exhaust brackets back into position and secure using (2) bolts on each side from previous step. Torque all hardware to 45 ft-lbs.



6. Mark out a 4.375" x 2.25" section on the bumper fascia centered from the hole using masking tape and trim using aviation shears. Reinstall bumper fascia following Steps 1-3 in reverse order.



TOWING SAFETY INFORMATION

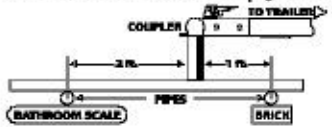
Gross Trailer Weight / GTW

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.

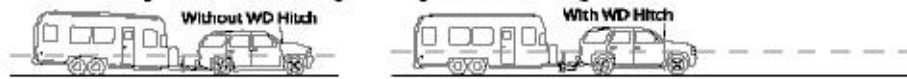


Weight Carrying / WC

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?

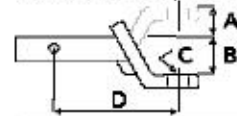
TONGUE WEIGHT (lb.)	1500	2000	2500	3000	3500	4000	4500	5000	5500	6000	6500	7000	7500	8000	8500	9000	9500	10,000	
CLASS 1	CLASS 1																		
CLASS 2	CLASS 2																		
CLASS 3	CLASS 3																		
CLASS 4	CLASS 4																		
CLASS 5	CLASS 5																		
Coupler	11	12	13	14	15	16													
1-1/2" (lb.)	1100	1200	1300	1400	1500	1600													
Weight	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31				
2" (lb.)	2100	2400	2700	3000	3300	3600	3900	4200	4500	4800									
Weight	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31				
2 1/2" (lb.)	2600	3200	3600	4000	4400	4800	5200	5600	6000	6400									
3 1/2" 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.

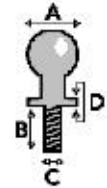
- A: Rise. B: Drop. C: Hole Size. D: Length.



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 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.

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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BUICK LACROSSE

10/26/2016

GROSS LOAD CAPACITY WHEN USED AS A WEIGHT CARRYING HITCH: 3,500 LBS. TRAILER WEIGHT & 350 LBS. TONGUE WEIGHT.

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



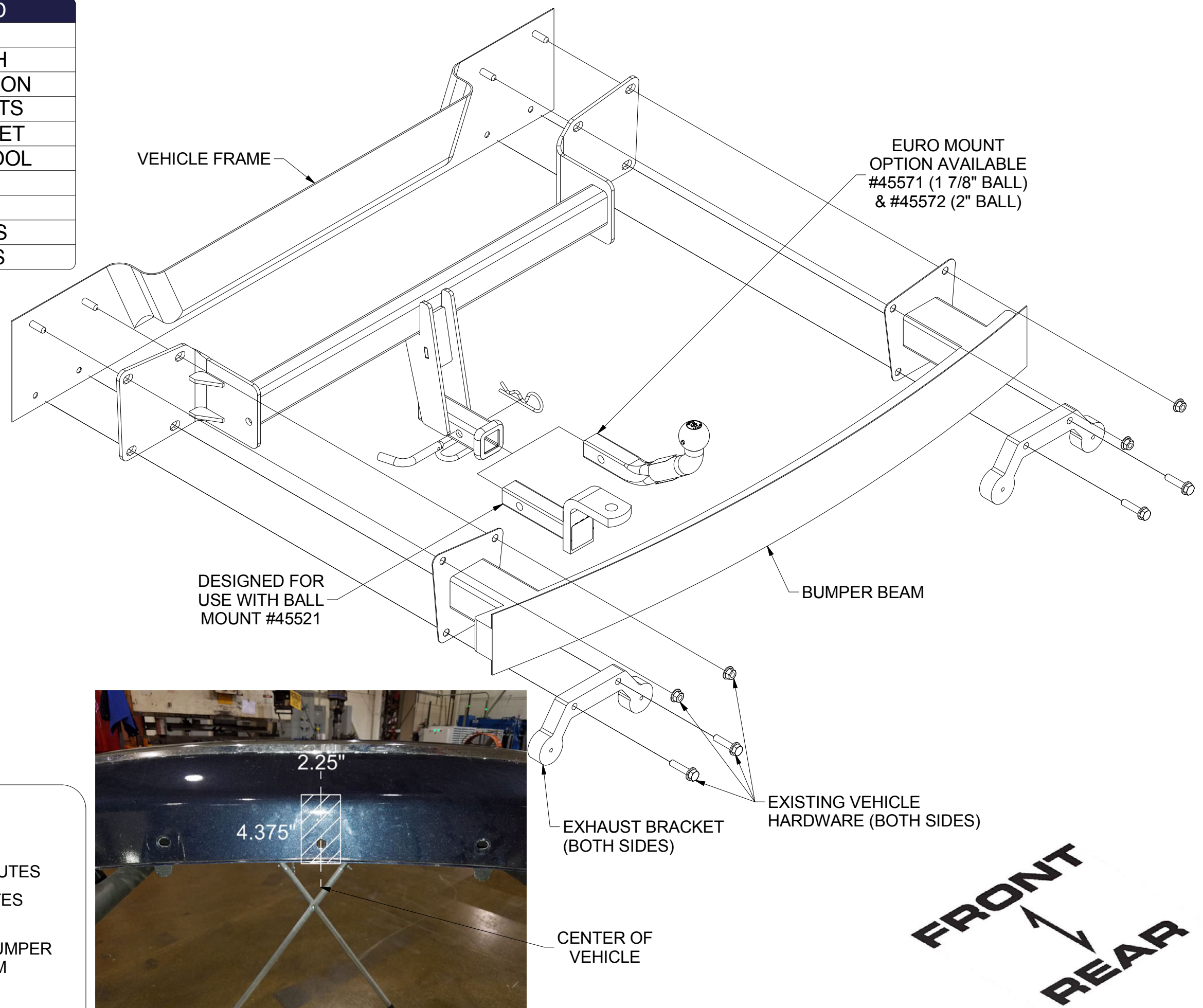
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HITCH WEIGHT: 25 LBS.

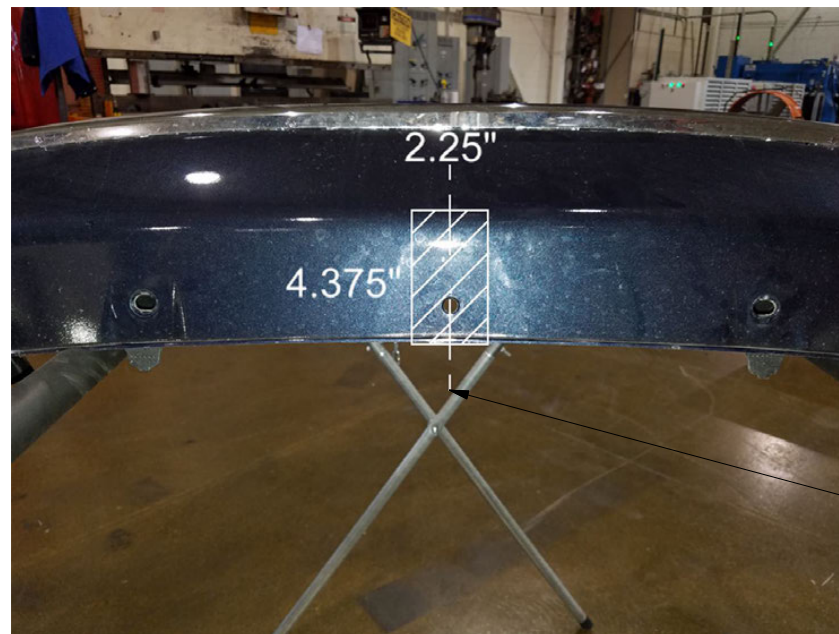
INSTALL TIME

PROFESSIONAL: 45 MINUTES

NOVICE (DIY): 90 MINUTES

INSTALL NOTES:

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- TRIMMING REQUIRED



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