

# 11433 INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

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

STYLE: HATCHBACK

**YEARS: 2016** 

**MAKE: CHEVROLET** 

**MODEL: SPARK** 



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**WEIGHT CARRYING:** 

TRAILER WEIGHT: 2000 LBS. TONGUE WEIGHT: 200 LBS.

WARNING

WE RECOMMEND THE USE OF 18050 STABILIZING STRAPS FOR ALL NON-TRAILER (WHEEL-LESS) LOADS. PLEASE SEE THE CURT CATALOG OR VISIT US ONLINE AT WWW.CURTMFG.COM FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

PRO INSTALL TIME: 40 MIN.

NOVICE INSTALL TIME: 80 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

# **INSTALLATION REQUIRES:** 7mm 13mm 3/4" **PANEL REMOVAL** SOCKET RATCHET TOOL **TOROUE MASKING** SOCKET **WRENCH TAPE EXTENSION** PHILLIPS HEAD **SAFETY ROTARY TOOL** SCREW DRIVER **GLASSES**

## LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: MODERATE

FISHWIRE HARDWARE

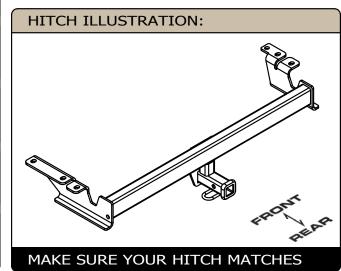
REVERSE FISHWIRE HARDWARE

ENLARGE ACCESS HOLE

TRIM

TRIMMING REQUIRED







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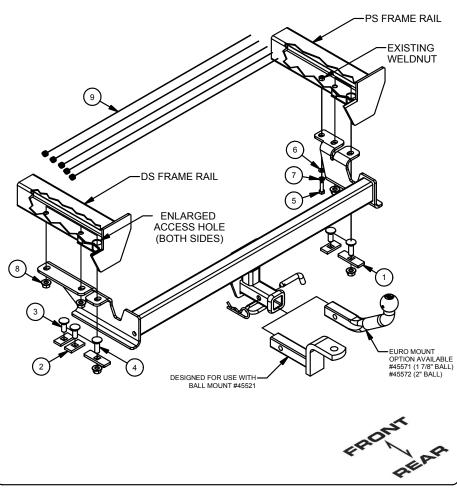
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## **INSTALLATION WALKTHROUGH:**

Parts List				
ITEM	QTY	PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	
1	3	CM-SP12	.250 x 1.00 x 2.00" SQUARE HOLE SPACER	
2	2	CM-SP6	.250 x 1.00 x 3.00" SQUARE HOLE SPACER	
3	3	1/2-13 x 1 1/4, GR8	CARRIAGE BOLT	
4	2	1/2-13 x 1 1/2, GR8	CARRIAGE BOLT	
5	1	M8 - 1.25 x 30 HEX BOLT	HEX HEAD BOLT (CLASS 10.9)	
6	1	1/4"	WASHER	
7	1	5/16"	LOCK WASHER	
8	5	HFN 1213, GR8	HEX FLANGE NUT	
9	5	1_2 x 30 FISHWIRE	1/2" x 30" FISHWIRE	



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2. Remove one (1) M8 bolt on passenger side frame rail using a 13mm socket. Pull plastic away from frame rail as shown in photo below.





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- 3. Enlarge rear-most hole on driver and passneger side to dimensions shown on **PAGE 1** to allow 1/2" carriage bolts, CM-SP6, and CM-SP12 to pass into frame rails
- 4. Using trim diagram below, mark a 4.75" x 2.0" rectangle with masking tape .75" away from edge of driver's side push button. Use this as a guide for trimming. Trim marked area with rotary tool.





- 5. Using enlarged access holes, fishwire two (2) 1/2"-13 x 1 1/4" bolts and two (2) CM-SP12 into two (2) forward-most holes in driver side frame rail.
  Fishwire one (1) 1/2"-13 x 1 1/4" bolt and one (1) CM-SP12 in forward-most hole into passenger side frame rail.
- 6. Reverse fishwire (1) one 1/2"-13 x **1 1/2"** and (1) one CM-SP6 into each frame rail using enlarged access hole.





- 7. Pull fascia down and raise hitch into position by sliding passenger side plate under plastic tab as shown below.
- 8. Insert one (1) M8-1.25 x 30mm hex bolt with one (1) 5/16" lock washer and one (1) 1/4" flat washer into weld nut where M8 bolt was removed in **STEP 2.** Loosely secure remaining hardware with 1/2"-13 hex flange nuts.





- 9. Reinstall push button fasteners and hex bolts removed in **STEP 1**.
- 10. Torque all 1/2" hardware to 110 ft-lbs and all M8 hardware to 22.9 ft-lbs.





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#### TOWING SAFETY INFORMATION

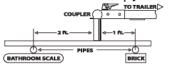
#### Gross Trailer Weight / GTW

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.

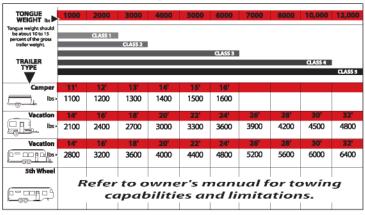




#### Sway Control

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.

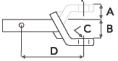
## How Much Can You Safely Tow?



#### **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.

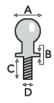


#### Trailer Ball

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 weightrating.
- 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 Dia. C: Shank Length. 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:



## CHEVROLET SPARK

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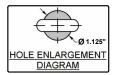
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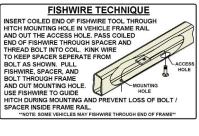
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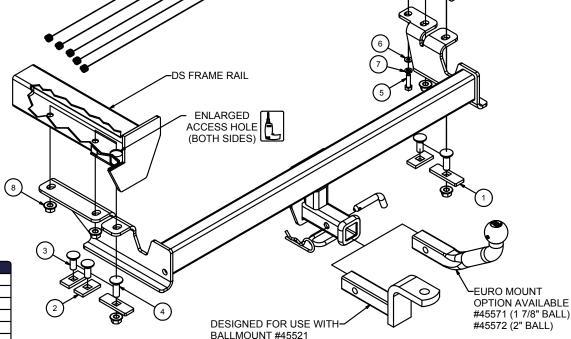
ATTACH FISHWIRE TO CARRIAGE BOLT AND SLIDE SPACER ONTO FISHWIRE. PUSH THE BOLT THRU THE HOLE FOLLOWED BY THE SPACER (AS SHOWN). PULL BOLT BACK INTO POSITION, PROTRUDING FROM THE FRAME.



PS FRAME RAIL

-EXISTING WELDNUT





TOOLS REQUIRED
PANEL REMOVAL TOOL
7mm, 13mm, 3/4" SOCKET
RATCHET
TORQUE WRENCH
9" SOCKET EXTENSION
MASKING TAPE
ROTARY TOOL
PHILLIPS HEAD SCREWDRIVER
SAFETY GLASSES

HITCH WEIGHT: 26 LBS.

**INSTALL TIME** 

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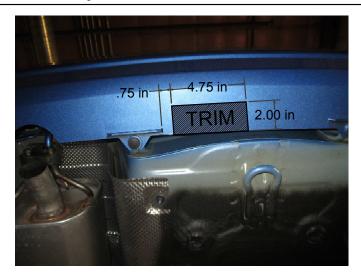
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This product complies with safety specifications and requirements for connecting devices and towing systems of the state of New York, V.E.S.C.Regulation V-5 and SAE J684

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