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INSTRUCTIONS—INSTRUCCIONES—CONSIGNES

CLASS 1 RECEIVER HITCH
APPLICATION: 2013+ FORD ESCAPE
APP PART # 65-1265

ITEM	QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	TOOLS NEEDED
1	1	MAIN HITCH ASSEMBLY	17MM SOCKET
2	1	DRIVER SIDE MOUNTING BRACKET	RATCHET
3	1	PASSENGER SIDE MOUNTING BRACKET	SHEET METAL SHEARS
4	6	M10 STUD PLATE	
5	6	M10 HEX NUT	FLAT BLADE SCREWDRIVER / CLIP REMOVAL TOOL
6	10	M10 SPLIT LOCK WASHER	
7	10	M10 FLAT WASHER	
8	4	M10 X 35MM HEX CAP SCREW	
9	2	M10 FISH WIRE TOOL	
10	6	10MM SQUARE PLASTIC RETAINER	

ANTI-SEIZE LUBRICANT MUST BE USED ON ALL STAINLESS STEEL FASTENERS TO PREVENT THREAD DAMAGE AND GALLING

- Remove contents from box, verify if all parts listed are present and free from damage. Carefully read and understand all instructions before attempting installation.
- Starting at the rear of the vehicle, locate the driver side mounting holes located on a unibody channel above the rear exhaust section. Temporarily lowering the exhaust may ease installation. FIGURE 1
- Insert the supplied fish wire tool into the rearmost vertical mounting hole so that the treaded end exits the bottom channel slot. At this time thread one M10 stud plate to the threaded end of the fish wire. Then guide and pull the other end of the fish wire so that the threaded end of the stud plate exits the rearmost mounting hole. Use a supplied plastic retainer to hold the stud in place. FIGURE 2 & 3
- Repeat step three for the mounting hole forward of the first hole.
- Insert one M10 stud plate into the bottom channel slot so that the threaded end exits the bottom. Use a plastic retainer to help keep the stud in place.
- Attach the driver side mounting bracket to the installed stud plates using (x1) M10 flat washer, (x1) M10 split lock washer, and (x1) M10 hex nut per stud plate. Leave loosely assembled. FIGURE 4
- Repeat steps 2-6 for the passenger side mounting bracket.
- To continue installation, the rear bumper cover is held by a plastic retainer located at the bottom near each exhaust cut-out. This clip has to be removed temporarily. The thin gauge bracket holding the backside needs to be cut off to allow the main hitch assembly to pass over the exhaust tips. FIGURE 5
- Attach the main hitch assembly to each mounting bracket using (x2) M10 hex cap screws, (x2) M10 split lock washers, and (x2) M10 flat washers per side. FIGURE 6
- Align the hitch assembly as desired and torque each fastener to 30-35 ft-lbs
- At this time, re-install the bumper cover clips using the bumper cover tabs included on the main hitch assembly. Refer to the diagram at the next page.

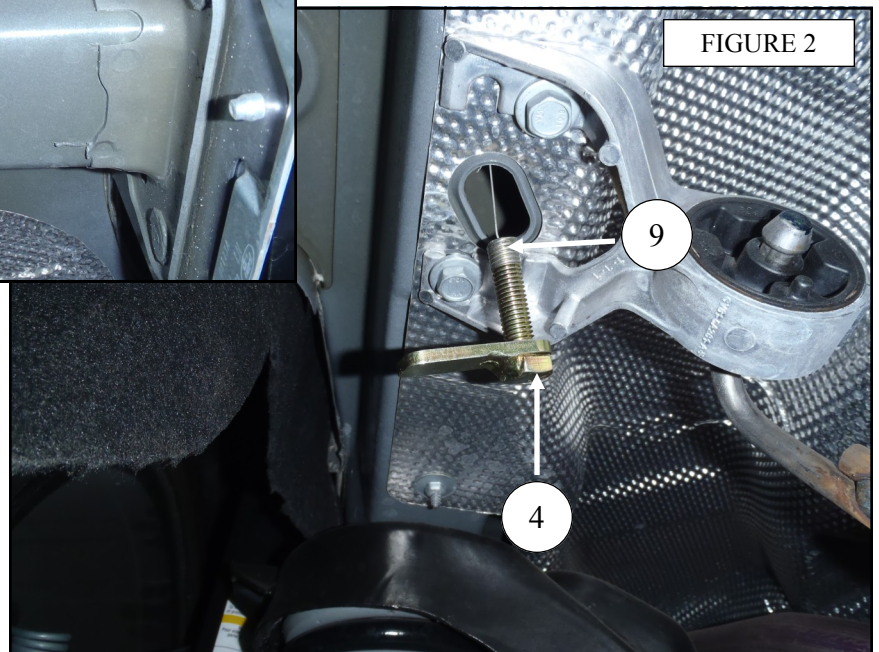
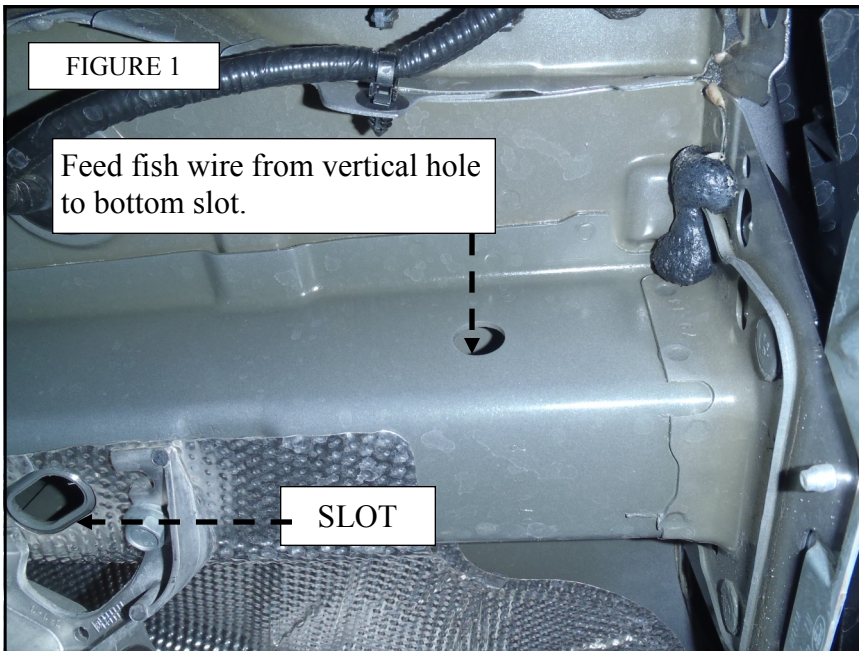
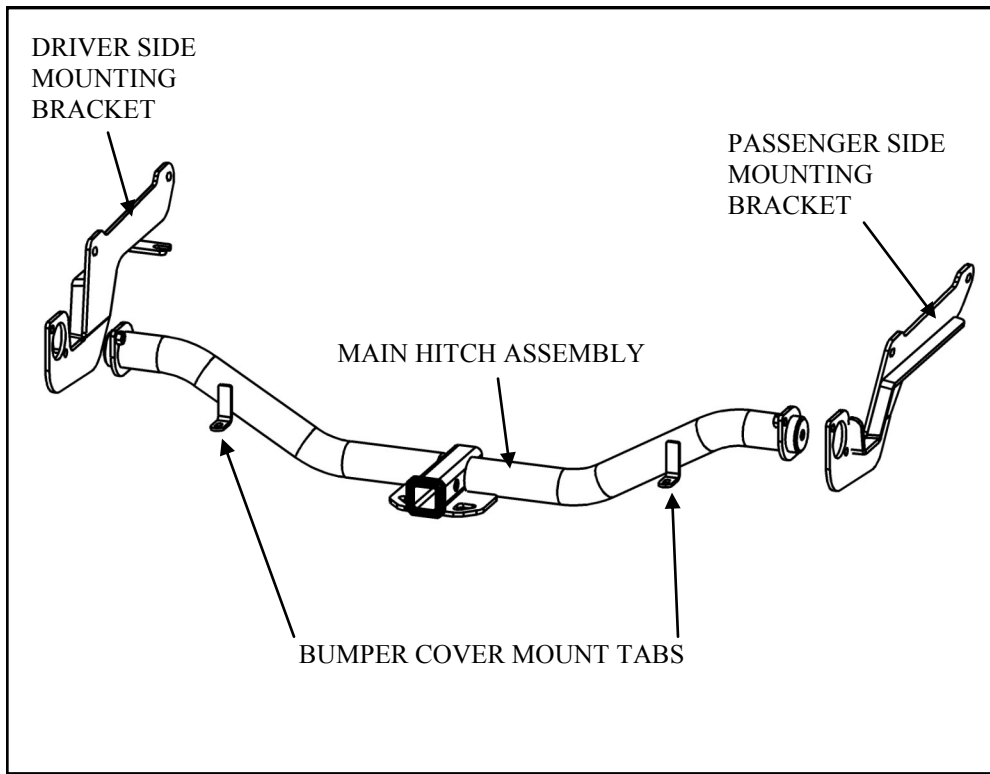
CARE INSTRUCTIONS

- REGULAR WAXING IS RECOMMENDED. DO NOT USE ANY TYPE OF POLISH OR WAX THAT MAY CONTAIN ABRASIVES
- STAINLESS STEEL PRODUCTS CAN BE CLEANED WITH MILD SOAP AND WATER. STAINLESS STEEL POLISH SHOULD BE USED TO POLISH SMALL SCRATCHES.
- GLOSS BLACK FINISHES SHOULD BE CLEANED WITH MILD SOAP AND WATER



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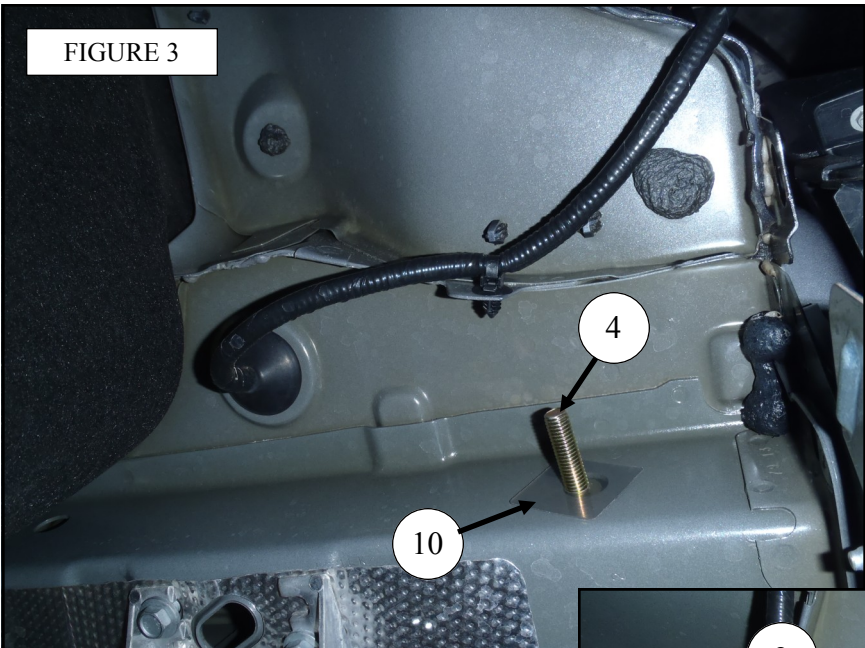


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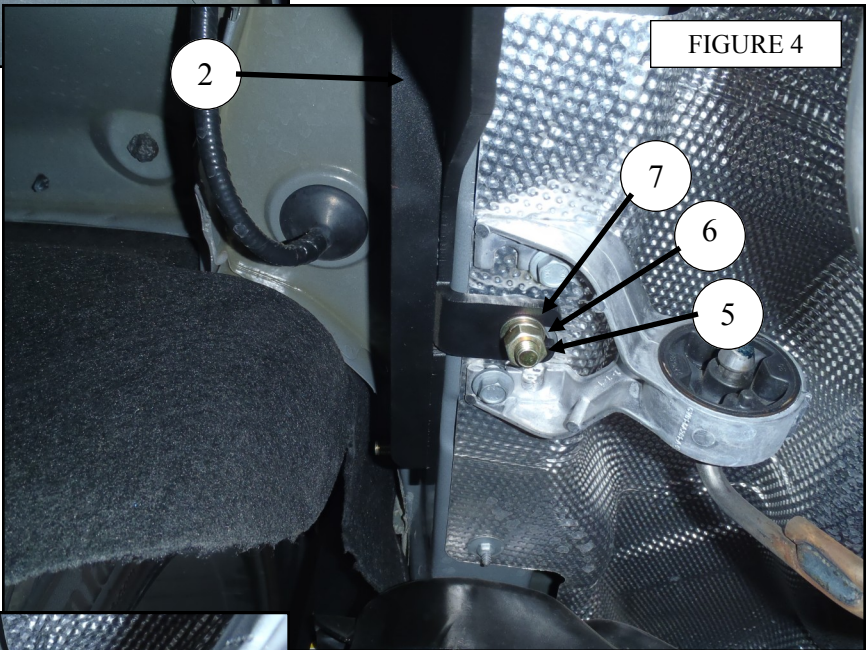


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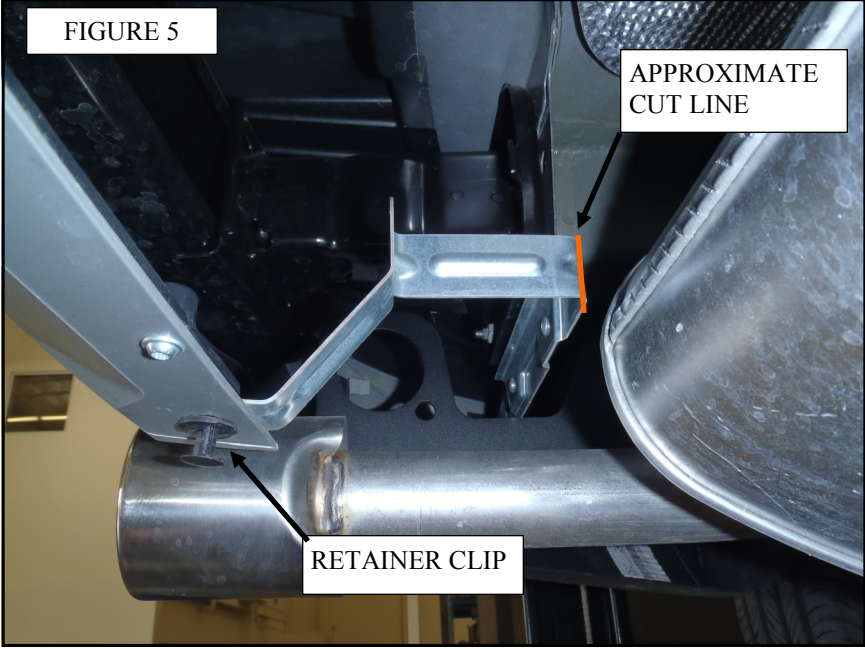


FIGURE 5

APPROXIMATE CUT LINE

RETAINER CLIP

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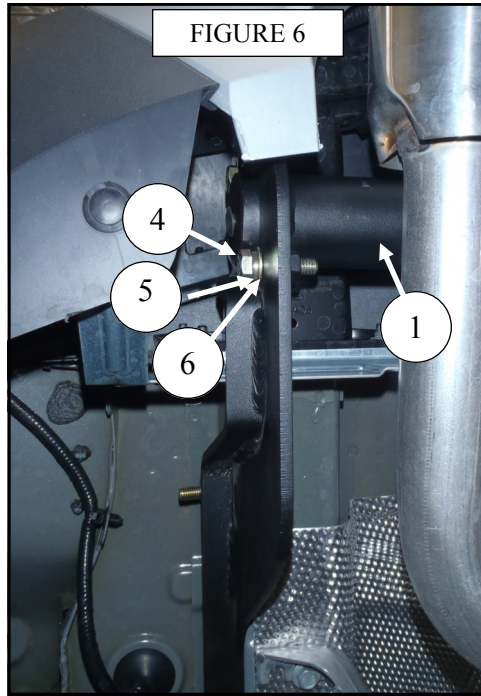


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