

Hitch Installation

1. Remove the spare wheel, the spare wheel mount, bumper and center support plate (Note: the center support plate will not be used).
2. Drop the exit tube of the holding tank. (On some models it may be necessary to remove tube temporarily).
3. Using jack or blocks, put hitch into position and line up the eight holes (Note it may be necessary to redrill holes for alignment). Put the spare wheel mount on the outside of hitch and secure using (8) 3/8 x 1 1/2 inch screws, 2 flat washers (one on each side) and one lock washer under the nut. Torque to 45 ft-lbs.
4. Using the forward end of the hitch as a template, drill a 1/2 inch hole into the frame (one on each side of the hitch). Secure in place by using two 1/2 inch bolts. (Note: it may be necessary to insert shims between the frame and hitch for the 1/2 inch bolts) Torque to 90 ft-lbs.
5. To mark location of cut-out on bumper, temporarily attach each half of bumper as described below (picture shows the passenger side bumper offset for measurement)
For passenger side, move bumper approximately 5 inches to the right and install a bolt to hold bumper in place. For driver side, move it approximately 5 inches to the left and install a bolt to hold bumper in place. Be sure that the holes in the bumper halves are in line with the holes in the hitch and tighten temporary bolts. Now lay a straight edge across the top of the hitch and mark each bumper. This will be the top edge of the cut-out. Hold the straight edge across the bottom of the hitch, to mark the lower edge of the cut-out. From that point, you measure the width of the hitch and use half that amount for each bumper half. If you want to leave some space around the bumper hitch, determine the clearance you want, and remark the bumper.
6. Remove bumper and use a sabre saw (with metal cutting blade) to cut out area marked on each half of bumper. File edges and reinstall bumper halves.

