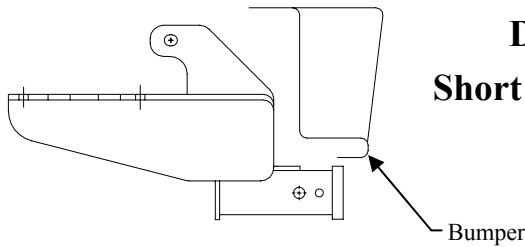


**Installation Instructions
Dakota Pickup (All Models)
Short Bed and Long Bed, 2WD, 4WD**



Hitch Shown In Proper Position

Equipment Required:

Fastener Kit: 51025-051

Wrenches: 1/2, 5/8, 11/16, 3/4, 7/8, 18mm

Drill Bits: 1/2"

**Do Not Exceed Lower of Towing Vehicle
Manufacturer's Rating or**

| Hitch type | Max Gross Trailer WT (LB) | Max Tongue WT (LB) |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Weight Distributing | 5000 (2270 Kg) | 500 (227 Kg) |
| Weight Carrying Ball Mount | 3500 (1589 Kg) | 300 (136 Kg) |

Wiring Access Location: PU3, PU4

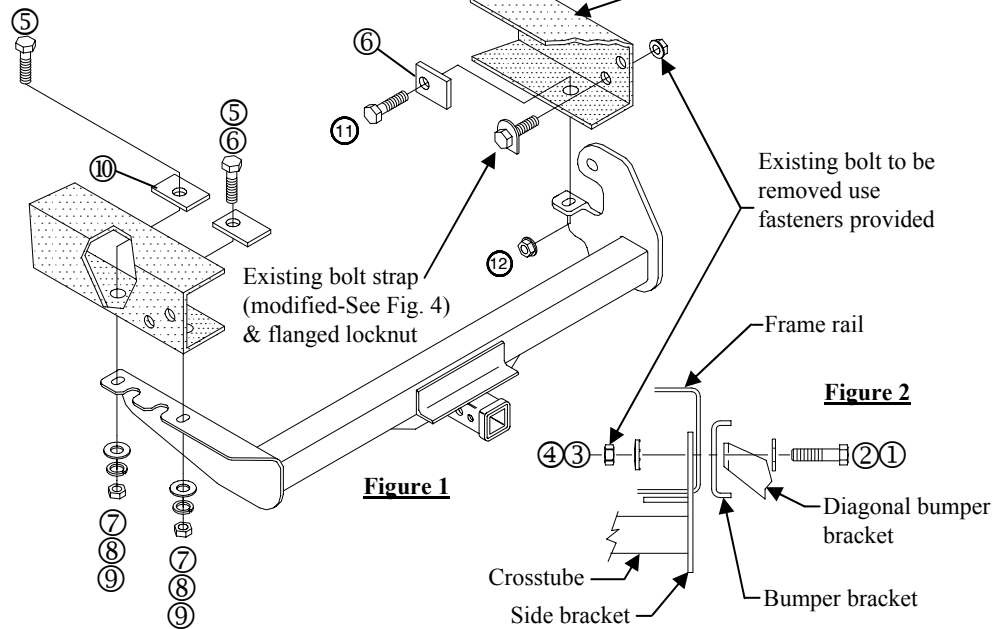
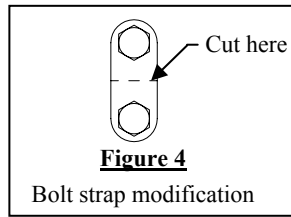


Figure 1

Figure 2

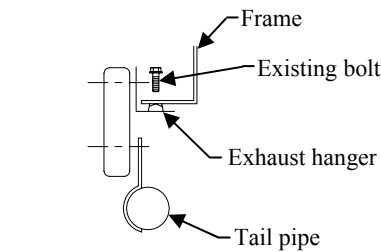


Figure 3

Repositioning exhaust

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|---|----------|-------------------------|---|----------|--------------------------|
| ① | Qty. (1) | Hex Bolt 7/16-14 X 1.50 | ⑦ | Qty. (2) | Flat Washer Hardened 1/2 |
| ② | Qty. (1) | Flat Washer 7/16 | ⑧ | Qty. (2) | Lock Washer 1/2 |
| ③ | Qty. (1) | Conical Washer 7/16 | ⑨ | Qty. (2) | Hex Nut 1/2-13 |
| ④ | Qty. (1) | Hex Nut 7/16-14 | ⑩ | Qty. (1) | Block .25 X 1.50 X 2.0 |
| ⑤ | Qty. (2) | Hex Bolt 1/13 X 1.75 | ⑪ | Qty. (1) | Hex Bolt 1/2-20 X 1.75 |
| ⑥ | Qty. (2) | Block .25 X 1.50 X 2.0 | ⑫ | Qty. (1) | Flanged Locknut 1/2-20 |

- Remove rearmost bolt at the end of the frame (passenger side). **Note:** On some models, the two rearmost attachments have two (2) bolts connected with a plate. The bolts will have to be separated (See Figure 4). Discarding rearmost bolt and reinstalling the other as shown.
- Position hitch on vehicle and install 7/16" fasteners as shown in Figure 2.
- 95 and Earlier Models:** Using side bracket as a template, drill two holes (Driver's side), one hole (Passenger side) into bottom of frame rail, with 1/2" drill.
96 Models: Using side bracket as a template drill forward attachment hole (Driver's side) into bottom of frame rail , with 1/2" drill.
97 Models: Align hitch with existing holes.
- Install remaining 1/2" fasteners as shown. **Note: (96 and Earlier Models):** If addition tail pipe clearance is required, perform the following steps:
- Remove the bolt connecting the exhaust hanger to the frame.
- Reposition the exhaust hanger and reinstall bolt (removed in Step 6) as shown in Figure 3.

Tighten all 7/16 fasteners with torque wrench to 50 Lb.-Ft. (68 N*M)

Tighten all 1/2-20 fasteners with torque wrench to 95 Lb.-Ft. (129 N*M)

Tighten all 1/2 fasteners with torque wrench to 75 Lb.-Ft. (102 N*M)

Note: check hitch frequently, making sure all fasteners and ball are properly tightened. If hitch is removed, plug all holes in trunk pan or other body panels to prevent entry of water and exhaust fumes. A hitch or ball which has been damaged should be removed and replaced. Observe safety precautions when working beneath a vehicle and wear eye protection. Do not cut access or attachment holes with a torch.

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.