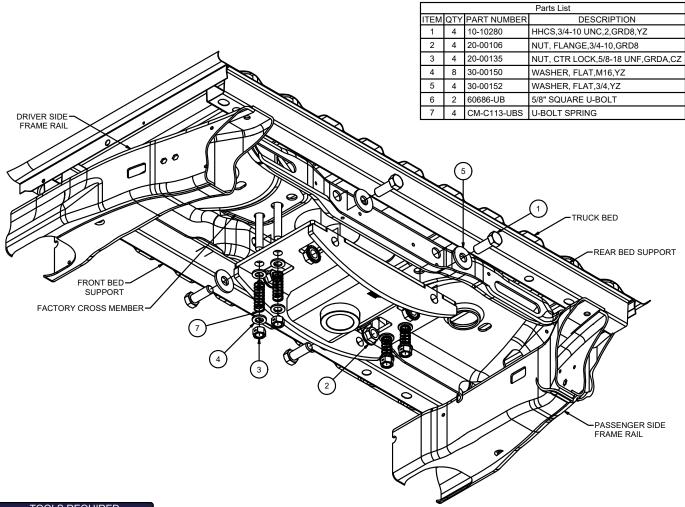
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TOOLS REQUIRED
TORQUE WRENCH
RATCHET
15/16" SOCKET
EXTENSION
DRILL
3-1/4" HOLE SAW
3/16" & 11/16" DRILL BIT
PRY BAR
CUTTING FLUID
RUST INHIBITOR
EAR PROTECTION
SAFETY GLASSES

SUBKIT WEIGHT: 35 LBS.

**INSTALL TIME** 

PROFESSIONAL: 45 MINUTES

NOVICE (DIY): 90 MINUTES

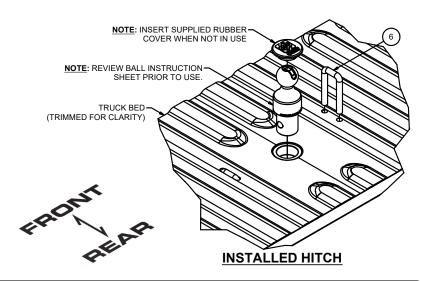
**INSTALL NOTES:** 

LOWER SPARE TIRE

LOWER EXHAUST

NO MEASURING DRILL LOCATIONS

NO DRILLING INTO FRAME





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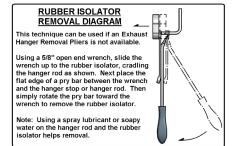
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- 1. Lower exhaust by removing the (3) rear most rubber exhaust hangers, see rubber isolator removal diagram. **Note:** Removal of spare tire and spare tire heat shield may ease installation.
- 2. From under the truck lift the gooseneck center section into position with the center locator installed and secure with 3/4-10 x 2" hex flange bolts. Torque all 3/4" fasteners to 320 ft-lbs. **Note:** The rear axle breather hose may need to be temporarily relocated prior to hitch installation.
- 3. From under the truck drill a pilot hole through the center locator using a 3/16" drill bit. Using the safety chain holes in the gooseneck center section as a drill guide, drill (4) 11/16" holes up through the truck bed. Note: Drilling a small pilot hole prior to the 11/16" hole will ease this process. Drill must be perpendicular to the cross member and bed.
- 4. From inside the truck bed finish drilling the 3-1/4" hole, using the existing hole as a guide. Note: Use cutting fluid to ease this process. Deburr hole and spray exposed metal with rust inhibitor.
- 5. Install U-bolts from inside the truck bed, ensure that they sit flat when in the lower position and slide easily without binding. Enlarge holes as needed for proper operation. Deburr holes and spray exposed metal with rust inhibitor.
- 6. From under the truck place a washer (5), a spring (4), a washer (5), and a nut (2) on each of the four U-bolt legs. Tighten the nuts until flush with the bottom of the U-bolt.
- 7. Reinstall exhaust hangers, heat shield and spare tire if removed in Step 1.



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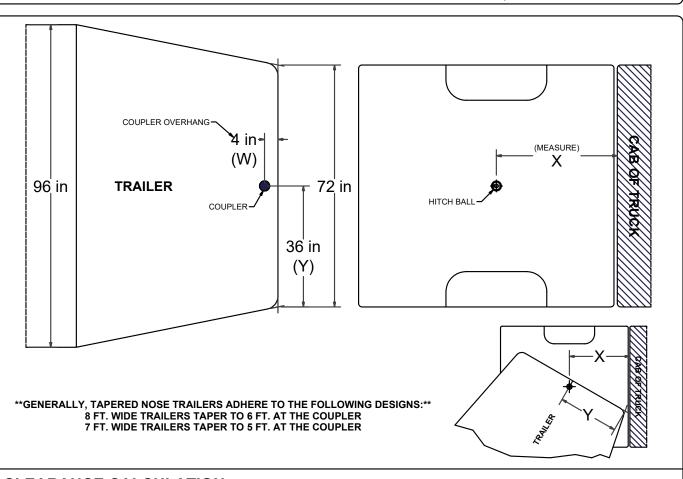
# CAB TO TRAILER CLEARANCE

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\*\*REMOVAL OF REAR WINDOW ACCESSORIES MAY BE REQUIRED\*\*



## **CLEARANCE CALCULATION**

(CAB TO BALL CENTER) - 1/2 (TRAILER WIDTH) = (MINIMUM CLEARANCE) (X) - (Y) = (Z)

IF THERE IS AN OVERHANG FROM THE COUPLER THEN THE EQUATION IS: [(X) - (W)] - (Y) = (Z)

\*\*\*IF (Z) IS POSITIVE, TRAILER <u>WILL NOT</u> INTERFERE WITH CAB OF TRUCK.\*\*\*
IF (Z) IS NEGATIVE, TRAILER <u>WILL</u> INTERFERE WITH CAB OF TRUCK!!!

# EXAMPLE:

#### STANDARD TRAILER

X - Y = Z

35 - 36 = -1

(TRAILER WILL INTERFERE WITH CAB)

## TRAILER WITH OVERHANG

[(X) - (W)] - Y = Z

[35 - 4] - 36 = -5

(TRAILER WILL INTERFERE WITH CAB)

## YOUR CALCULATION:

(CAB TO BALL CENTER)

(COUPLER OVERHANG)

1/2 (TRAILER WIDTH)

(MINIMUM CLEARANCE)

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# IMPORTANT TOWING INFORMATION

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#### **BEFORE TOWING THE FIRST TIME:**

- Verify adequate turning clearance between the truck cab / box corners and trailer(s).
- Check truck box clearance. There should be a minimum clearance of 6" between the bottom of the trailer(s) overhang and the top of the box sides.
- Verify all hardware is torqued to the proper specification.
- Verify the trailer safety chain length. Too much slack in the chain may prevent maintaining control in the event of separation. Leave only enough slack to allow full turning without interference.
- Verify the trailer attachments to the safety chain loops are secure (cannot be shaken free during towing).

#### **MAINTENANCE:**

- Keep gooseneck ball, receiver, and trailer coupler lubricated regularly. Use silicone spray or equivalent to prevent wear / rust.
- Keep gooseneck ball, receiver, and trailer coupler free of dirt and other foreign debris.
   Note: Failure to maintain your towing system could result in poor performance and/or catastrophic failure.

### **BEFORE TOWING EVERY TIME:**

- Ensure all fasteners are tight and that all structural components are sound.
   Note: Do not tow trailer with worn or damaged parts.
- Attach trailer securely to safety chain loops.
- Ensure the trailer weight does not exceed any part of your towing system. Be sure load is heavier towards front of the trailer while not exceeding the hitch tongue weight. Be sure trailer load is secured to prevent shifting and centered from left to right. Never load the trailer heaver behind the trailer axle(s).
- Check tires to ensure they are inflated to the proper specification. Follow vehicle and trailer recommendations.
- Verify trailer lights, electric brakes, and breakaway switches are working properly.

#### **WARNING!!**

- Vehicle performance (braking, handling, acceleration, turning radius) can be drastically affected by the trailer. Allow additional time / space for stopping, changing lanes, passing and turning.
- Do not tow more than one trailer at a time. This may cause loss of control.
- Severe bumps can damage your towing system. Avoid or drive slowly over rough terrain.

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