

#### 13177 **INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS**

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

YEARS: 2013-PRESENT

**MAKE: MERCEDES BENZ** 

**MODEL: GLK350** 

**STYLE: SUV** 



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**WEIGHT CARRYING:** 

TRAILER WEIGHT: 3,500 LBS. **TONGUE WEIGHT:** 525 LBS.

PRO INSTALL TIME: 45 MIN. **NOVICE INSTALL TIME:** 90 MIN.

IF YOU ARE HESITANT TO UNDERTAKE THIS TASK ON YOUR OWN, CONTACT AN AUTHORIZED CURT INSTALLER FOR ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE.

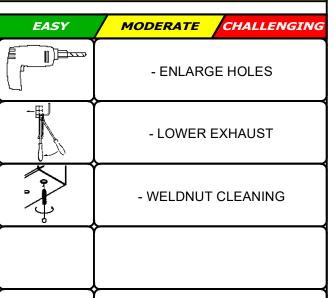
### **INSTALLATION REQUIRES:**



### **INSTALLATION TIPS:**

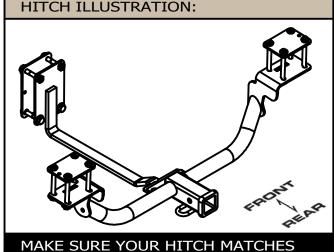
- 1. BEFORE YOU BEGIN INSTALLATION, READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS THOROUGHLY.
- 2. TO EASE INSTALLATION, 2 PEOPLE MAY BE REQUIRED.
- 3. USING PROPER TOOLS WILL GREATLY IMPROVE THE OUALITY OF THE INSTALL AND REDUCE THE TIME REQUIRED.
- 4. NEED HELP OR HAVE SOME QUESTIONS? CALL TECHNICAL SUPPORT AT 877.287.8634

#### LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: MODERATE



### **VEHICLE PHOTO:**







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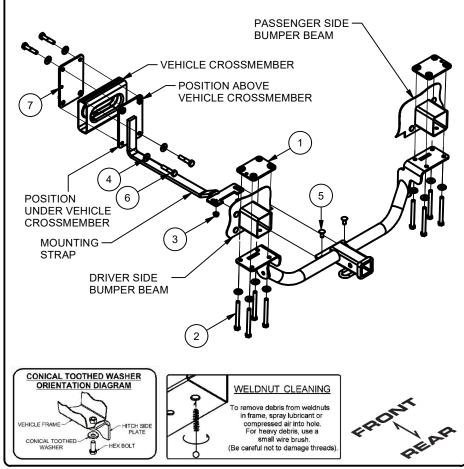
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This product complies with safety specifications and requirements for connecting devices and towing systems of the state of New York, V.E.S.C.Regulation V-5 and SAE J684.

#### **INSTALLATION WALKTHROUGH:**

Parts List				
ITEM	QTY	PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	
1	2	CM-NP1W	NUT PLATE WELDMENT	
2	8	10-10294	HHCS,1/2-13 UNC,5,GRD8,YZ	
3	2	20-00103	NUT,SER-FLANGE,7/16-14 UNC,GRD8,YZ	
4	12	30-00149	WASHER,S-CON,1/2,YZ	
5	2	10-10311	BOLT,CAR,7/16-14 UNC,1,GRD8,YZ	
6	4	10-10306	HHCS,1/2-13 UNC,2-1/2,GRD8,YZ	
7	1	13177-NPW	NUT PLATE WELDMENT	



1. Remove 3 fascia clips from each side of the vehicle with a flat head screwdriver. This will allow for the fascia to flex slightly for socket access during installation.





2. Remove exhaust tips by removing T40 torx screws from 3 locations on each side of the vehicle with a short torx bit and ratchet extension. Tips will be reinstalled when hitch installation is complete.





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3. Lower exhaust by removing (2) isolators on the driver side muffler, (2) isolators on the passenger side muffler, and (2) isolators forward of the mufflers. Note: Exhaust can pivot on driver side at ball joint location for increased access to rear vehicle mounting location.



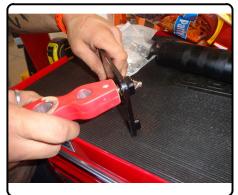


4. Locate plastic fascia support webbing and drill out center inboard section. Enlarge section for 3/4" socket access in order to tighten hitch to nut plates over bumper beam.





- 5. Locate supplied nut plates from hitch and hardware assembly. Nut plate weldnut threads may need to be cleaned with a wire brush before assembly.
- 6. Place supplied nut plates over bumper beam, as shown.





- 7. Raise hitch into position over exhaust.
- 8. Secure hitch to nut plates, with finger tightened 1/2" x 5" hex bolts and 1/2" conical toothed washers, as shown. (Note: Be sure to slide hitch as far forward as possible but not so it rests on the weld seam on the vehicle bumper beams.)





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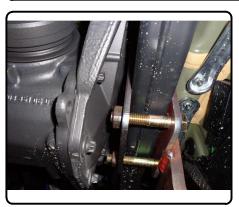
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- 9. Raise mounting strap behind vehicle crossmember, as shown.
- 10. Secure mounting strap to hitch with finger tightened 7/16" hex flange nuts.





- 11. Raise nut plate in front of vehicle cross member.
- 12. Secure nut plate to mounting strap with finger tightened 1/2" x 2 1/2" hex bolts and 1/2" conical toothed washers.





- 13. Torque all 1/2-13 x 5" hex bolts to 75 lb-ft. Torque all remaining 1/2" hardware to 110 lb-ft and all 7/16" hardware to 59 lb-ft.
- 14. Raise exhaust back into position.





- 15. Reattach exhaust tip (3 mounting locations each side.)
- 16. Reattach fascia clips (3 locations each side of vehicle.)Installation is complete.





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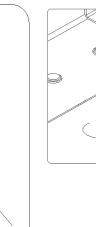
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### RUBBER ISOLATOR **REMOVAL DIAGRAM**

This technique can be used if an Exhaust Hanger Removal Pliers is not available.

Using a 5/8" open end wrench, slide the wrench up to the rubber isolator, cradling the hanger rod as shown. Next place the flat edge of a pry bar between the wrench and the hanger stop or hanger rod. Then simply rotate the pry bar toward the wrench to remove the rubber isolator.



### WELDNUT CLEANING

To remove debris from weldnuts in frame, spray lubricant or compressed air into hole. For heavy debris, use a small wire brush. (Be careful not to damage threads).

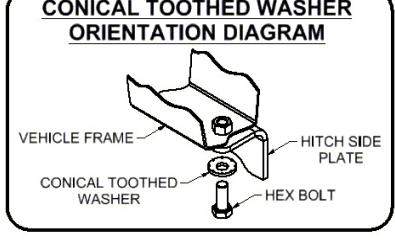
1 | 13177-NPVV Note: Using a spray lubricant or soapy water on the hanger rod and the rubber isolator helps removal. VEHICLE CROSSMEMBER **POSITION ABOVE CROSS MEMBER** PASSENGER SIDE -**BUMPER BEAM POSITION UNDER CROSS MEMBER MOUNTING STRAP** DRIVER SIDE **BUMPER BEAM TOOLS REQUIRED** FLAT HEAD SCREWDRIVER DRILL, 1/2" DRILL BIT DIE GRINDER **RATCHET T40 SHORT TORX BIT** 11/16", 3/4" SOCKET **WIRE BRUSH 6" SOCKET EXTENSION** TORQUE WRENCH **CONICAL TOOTHED WASHER** 

HITCH WEIGHT: 33 LBS. **INSTALL TIME** 

PROFESSIONAL: 45 MINUTES NOVICE (DIY): 90 MINUTES **INSTALL NOTES:** 

- LOWER EXHAUST

- DRILL ACCESS HOLE







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