

# HITCH, 2" Receiver, Mazda CX-9

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

#### READ ALL WARNINGS AND INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE INSTALLATION

**WARNING:** The manufacturer of your vehicle may specifiy towing capacities lower than the capacities noted below. Never exceed the vehicle manufacturer's recommended towing capacity. Consult your vehicle's owner's manual for the manufacturer's recommended towing capacity for your specific vehicle.

#### NOTICE:

- Always use proper tools and safety equipment to ensure a safe and quality installation.
- Inspection of the trailer hitch should be performed before and after each use to ensure all mounting hardware is tight and related hitch components are secure.

/!\ WARNING: Before you begin installation, read all instructions thoroughly.

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

**MARNING:** Failure to adhere to exact torque specifications when securing hardware during the installation process can result in damage to the product or your vehicle. This will void the hitch warranty.

### **LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: Easy**

Installation difficulty levels are based on the time and effort required. They will vary depending on the installer's expertise. Vehicle condition could be a factor in teh level of difficulty for a proper installation.

WEIGHT CARRYING CAPACITY		
Gross Trailer Weight (GTWR)	4,500 LBS	
Tongue Weight (TW)	675 LBS	

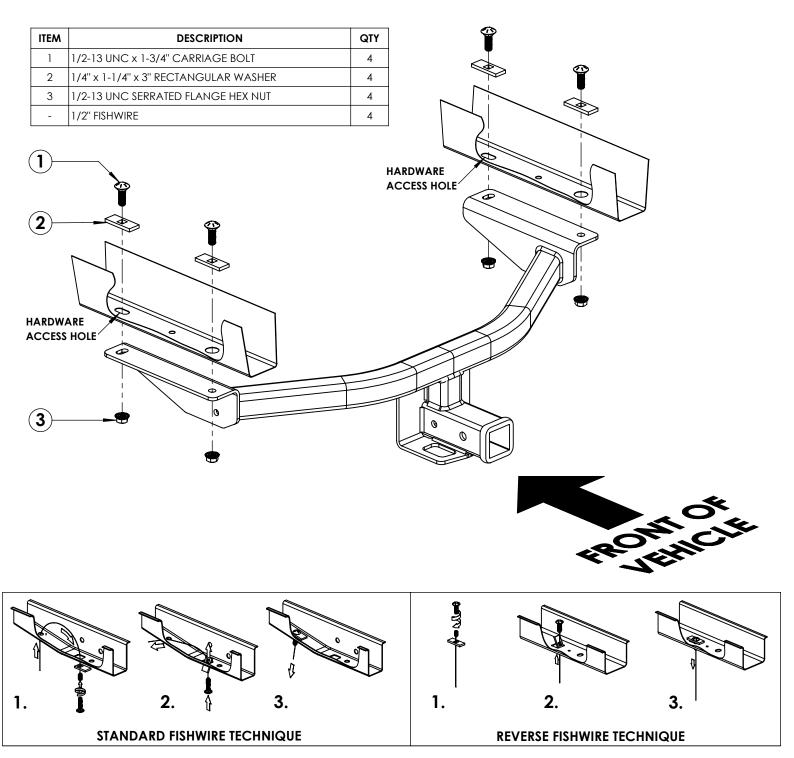
WEIGHT DISTRIBUTING CAPACITY			
Gross Trailer Weight (GTWR)	4,500 LBS		
Tongue Weight (TW)	675 LBS		

TOOLS REQUIRED			
SAFETY GLASSES	RATCHET	6" EXTENSION	TORQUE WRENCH
FLATHEAD SCREWDRIVER	10mm SOCKET	3/4" SOCKET	

## **INSTALLATION:**

- 1. Remove the underbody filler panel behind the muffler by removing the two plastic push fasteners securing it to the rear fascia and by removing the two hex nuts with the 10mm socket. The panel and the fasteners will NOT be reinstalled on the vehicle.
- 2. Lower the exhaust be detaching the four rear-most exhaust hangers while ensuring that it is supported to prevent damage.
- 3. After locating the correct mounting holes on the underside of the vehicle's frame rails, fishwire a 1/2-13 UNC carriage bolt (ITEM 1 in the following illustration) and a rectangular washer (ITEM 2) into each hole. The fasteners in the rear most holes should be installed first and will use the standard fishwire technique. The fasteners in the foreward most holes (hardware access holes) will use the reverse fishwire technique.
- 4. Lift hitch into position while feeding the four fishwires and then the 1/2-13 UNC carriage bolts they are secured to through their respective mounting holes in the hitch.

- 5. Thread a 1/2-13 UNC serrated flange nut (**ITEM 3**) onto each protruding 1/2-13 UNC carriage bolt after removing the fishwire from the fastener. Care must be taken when removing the fishwire to prevent the fastener from coming out of position and being pushed inside the frame rail.
- 6. Torque all 1/2-13 UNC fasteners to 110 ft-lb.
- 7. Carefully lift the exhaust back into it's correct position and reinstall the four exhaust hangers.



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