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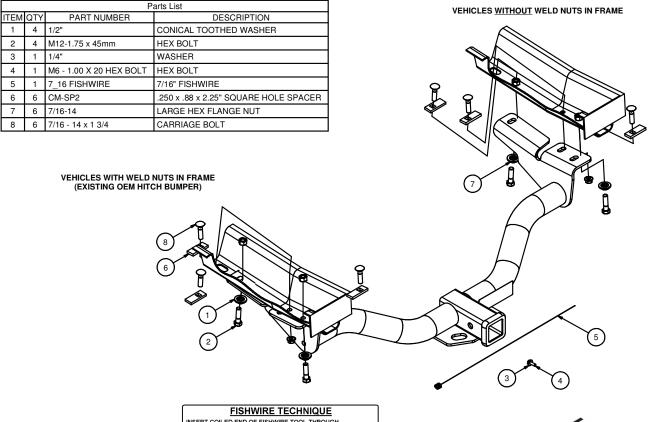
# 01-04 FORD ESCAPE & MAZDA TRIBUTE

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GROSS LOAD CAPACITY WHEN USED AS A WEIGHT CARRYING HITCH: 3,500 LBS, TRAILER WEIGHT & 350 LBS, TONGUE WEIGHT, GROSS LOAD CAPACITY WHEN USED AS A WEIGHT DISTRIBUTION HITCH: 5,000 LBS. TRAILER WEIGHT & 500 LBS. TONGUE WEIGHT

### \*\*\*DO NOT EXCEED VEHICLE MANUFACTURER'S RECOMMENDED TOWING CAPACITY.\*\*\*

HAVING INSTALLATION QUESTIONS? CALL TECHNICAL SUPPORT AT 1-800-798-0813



HITCH WEIGHT: 31 LBS **INSTALL TIME** 

PROFESSIONAL: 40 MINUTES NOVICE (DIY): 80 MINUTES **INSTALL NOTES:** 

- REMOVE HEAT SHIELD - DRILLING REQUIRED ON SOME
- VEHICLES

# INSERT COILED END OF FISHWIRE TOOL THROUGH HITCH MOUNTING HOLE IN VEHICLE FRAME RAIL AND OUT THE ACCESS HOLE. PASS COILED END OF FISHWIRE THROUGH SPACER AND THREAD BOLT INTO COIL. KINK WIRE TO KEEP SPACER SEPERATE FROM BOLT AS SHOWN. PULL FISHWIRE, SPACER, AND BOLT THROUGH FRAME AND OUT MOUNTING HOLE. USE FISHWIRE TO GUIDE -MOUNTING HOLE HITCH DURING MOUNTING AND PREVENT LOSS OF BOLT / SPACER INSIDE FRAME RAIL

## **INSTALLATION STEPS**

1) Remove heat shield on 2002 and earlier models.

## For vehicles with frame weld nuts:

Raise hitch into position and secure with hex bolts and washers as shown. Use hitch as a template to locate, and drill center holes. Install carriage bolts and spacers as shown above.

### For vehicles without frame weld nuts:

Fishwire carriage bolts and spacers into position as shown. Raise hitch into position and fasten to hitch using supplied hex flange nuts.

- 2) Torque all 12mm fasteners to 79 lb-ft, and all 7/16" fasteners to 70 lb-ft.
- 3) Trim heat shield as required for re-fit, re-install using existing fasteners, except over hitch bracket use new 6mm hex bolt and flat washer supplied with hitch. Torque the 6mm bolt to 9 lb-ft.

## PERIODICALLY CHECK THIS RECEIVER HITCH TO ENSURE THAT ALL FASTENERS ARE TIGHT AND THAT ALL STRUCTURAL COMPONENTS ARE SOUND.

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