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RECEIVER HITCH

2008 & Up Toyota Highlander Base, Sport, & Hybrid

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Check** all parts. **Read and understand** instructions completely before beginning installation.

1) Hitch	6) 10mm Lockwashers
6) 10mm - 1.25 x 40 Hex Bolts	6) 1/2" HD Flat Washer
2. **Remove** the underbody panel from the driver side. With a screw driver carefully remove the push fasteners, then with a phillips screw driver remove the remaining screws. In the forward outside corner of the panel, carefully pull the clip loose and slide the panel out. Save the panel.
3. **On** the passenger side there is a 10mm - 1.25 hex bolt holding the forward inside underbody panel to the frame. Remove it. You will bolt the hitch hanger over top of the flange you remove the bolt from. Remove the tow hooks from the frame rails. Remove the rubber plugs. Return to owner.
4. **Clean the under side of the frame rails.** There are 3 weld nuts on each frame rail you will be using to attach the hitch. These threads need to be cleaned of all debris, or the bolts will jam as you try to install the hitch. **(NOTE) The best way to clean the weld nuts is to run a 10mm - 1.25 tap carefully into each weld nut.**
5. **Carefully** raise the hitch over the exhaust, sliding towards the muffler, then pull back to the bumper and over top of the plastic flange on the bumper. Position the hitch so the holes in the hangers line up with the weld nuts in the frame rails.
6. **Secure** the hitch to the frame rails with the 6 supplied 10mm - 1.25 x 40 hex bolts, 10mm lock washers, and HD flat washers. Snug all bolts.
7. **Torgue** all the 10mm - 1.25 bolts to 37 ft/lbs.

(NOTE) You can reinstall the underbody panel on the driver side with a small modification. At the rear of the underbody panel cut out a section between the two fastener holes about two inches. Then on the bottom of the panel, about 1 1/4" from the inside vertical wall cut a notch towards the front of the panel about 9" long and about 2" wide. You should then be able to reinstall the underbody panel with all the fasteners. If you do not wish to make this modification, return the drivers side underbody panel to the owner with all the fasteners.

GROSS LOAD		
HITCH TYPE	MAX TRL WT (LB)	MAX TONGUE WT (LB)
Not to be used as a weight distribution Hitch		
WEIGHT CARRYING	5,000	500

Periodically check this receiver hitch to ensure that all bolts are tight and all components sound.

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