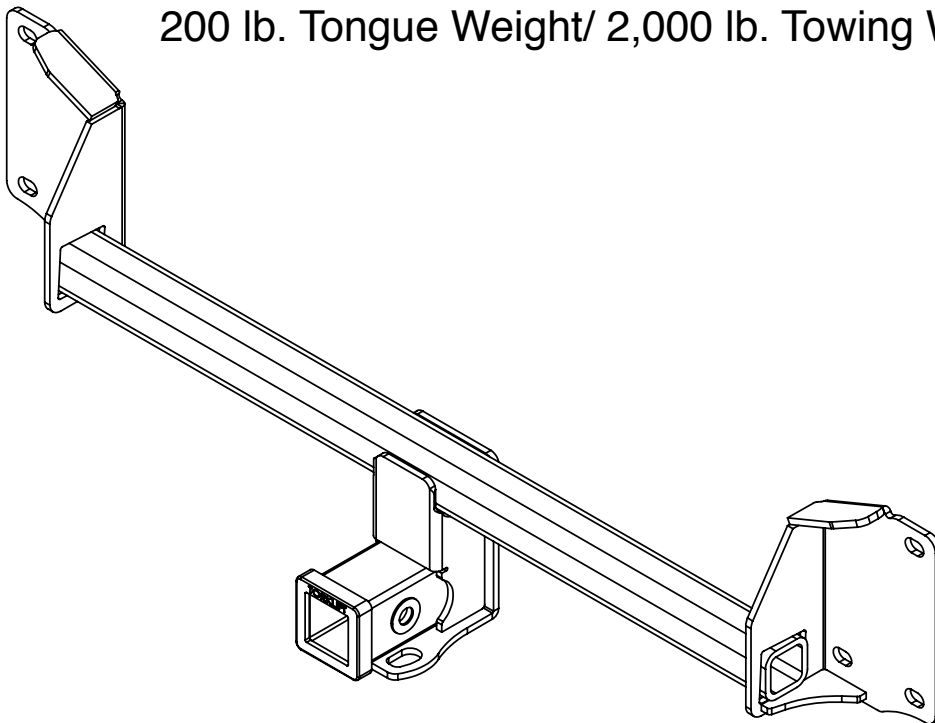


ecoHITCH -Designed Specifically For Your **Green Vehicle**

Installation Instructions

Application Fits
2012-2015 Volkswagen Passat
X7317 & X7318
2" & 1.25" EcoHitch Stealth

200 lb. Tongue Weight/ 2,000 lb. Towing Weight



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Bolt Kit Weight: 601g +/-

Hardware Included

QTY Fastener

- 6 5/16" Flat Washer
- 6 5/16" Lock Washer
- 6 M8-1.25x40mm Hex Cap Screw

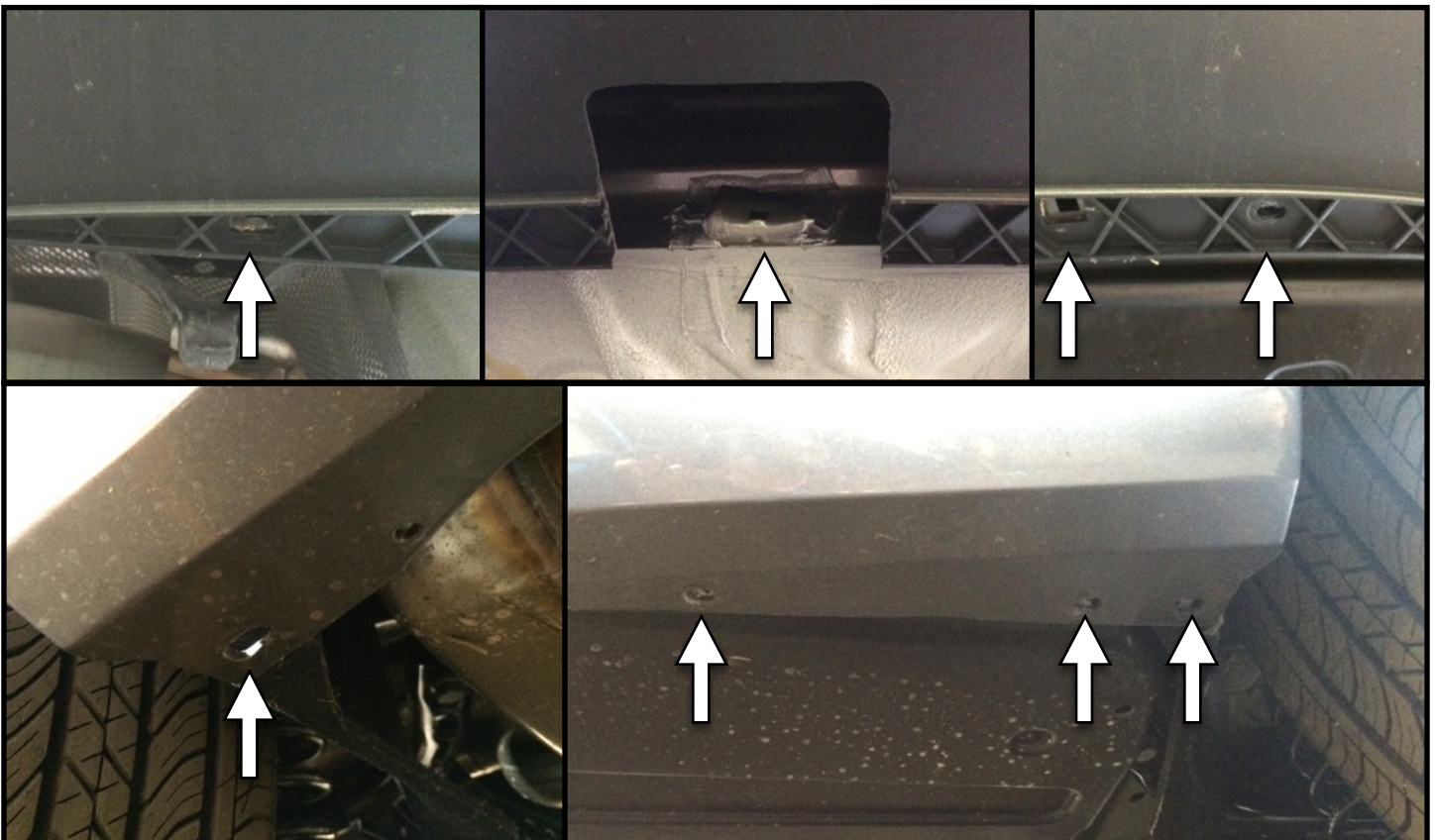
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Step 1. Raise vehicle on suitable jack stands, ramps, or hoist.

Step 2. Remove the (9) fasteners along the bottom of the bumper fascia from the driver side to the passenger side. Peel back the wheel well liner where the bumper fascia meets the main side body panels. Here you will find (1) torx screw to remove in each of the wheel wells.

See Figures [1] - [8].

NOTE: Figure [2] shows a trimmed bumper from a later step.



Step 2 Continued.



Fig. [6]

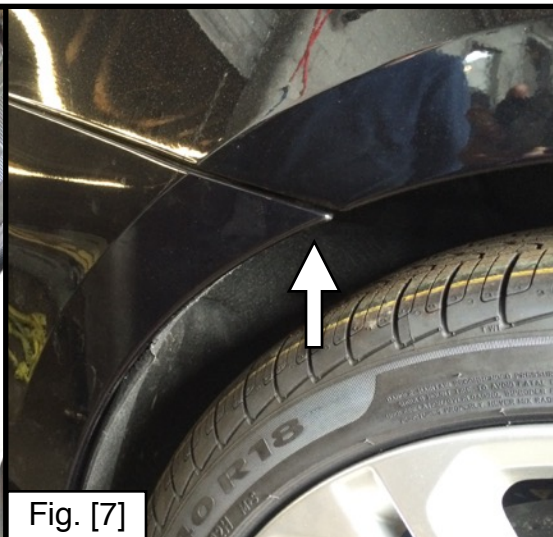


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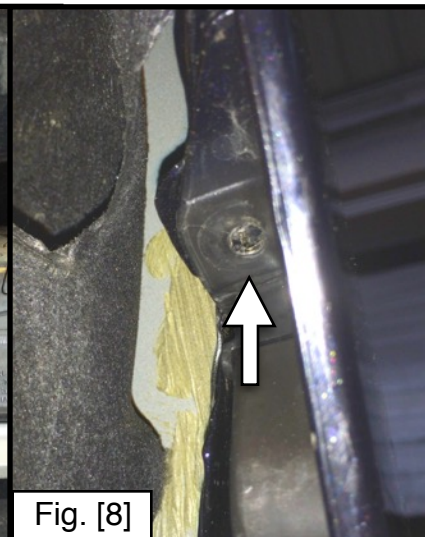


Fig. [8]

Step 3. Open the trunk lid and open the Tail Light Assembly (TLA) access panels. Remove the TLA Securing Pin and slide the TLA rearward. Disconnect the TLA wire harness to completely remove. See Figure [9], [10], & [11].

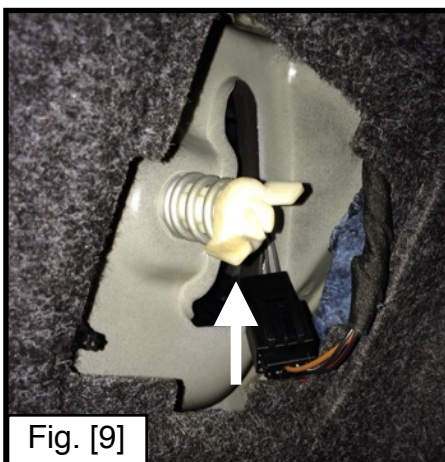


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Fig. [10]

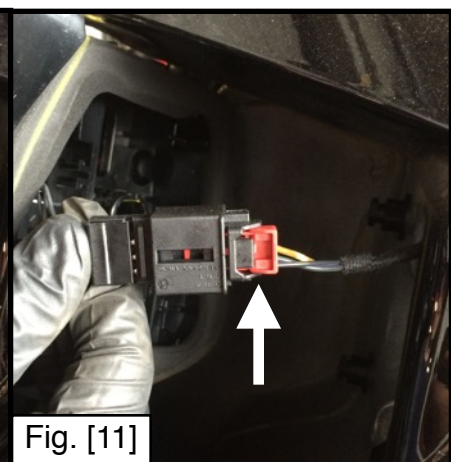


Fig. [11]

Step 4. Remove the (2) torx screws from each of the TLA areas of the bumper. Starting at the driver side wheel well, begin to peel the bumper fascia away from the vehicle. Pull the bumper rearward at the center section to completely remove. See Figure [12] & [13].

NOTE: Assistance during this step is recommended to avoid dropping and damaging the bumper.



Fig. [12]



Fig. [13]

Step 5. Remove and discard the foam piece on the impact bar. Remove the (6) factory hex cap screws and discard. See Figure [14] & [15].

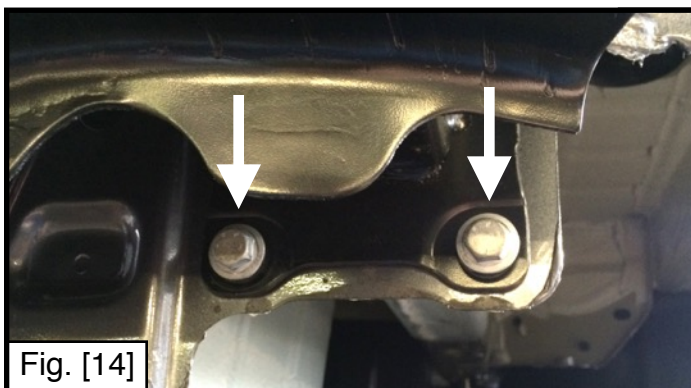


Fig. [14]



Fig. [15]

Step 6. Thread (1) M8-1.25x40mm Hex Cap Screw through the back of the impact bar weld nut on the driver and passenger sides as a temporary mounting bolt. Bend upwards or completely remove the center metal tab to clear room for the hitch cross tube. See Figure [18] & [19].

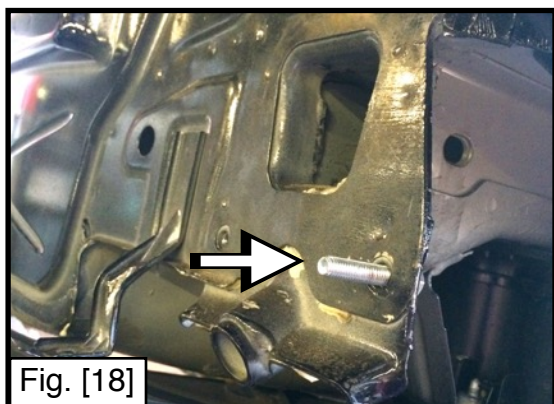


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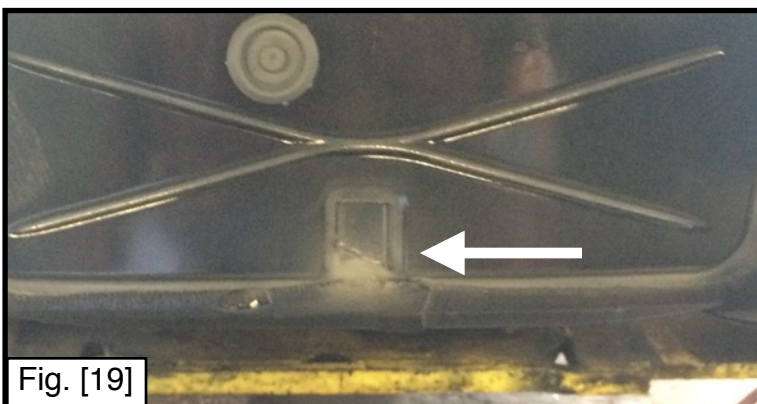
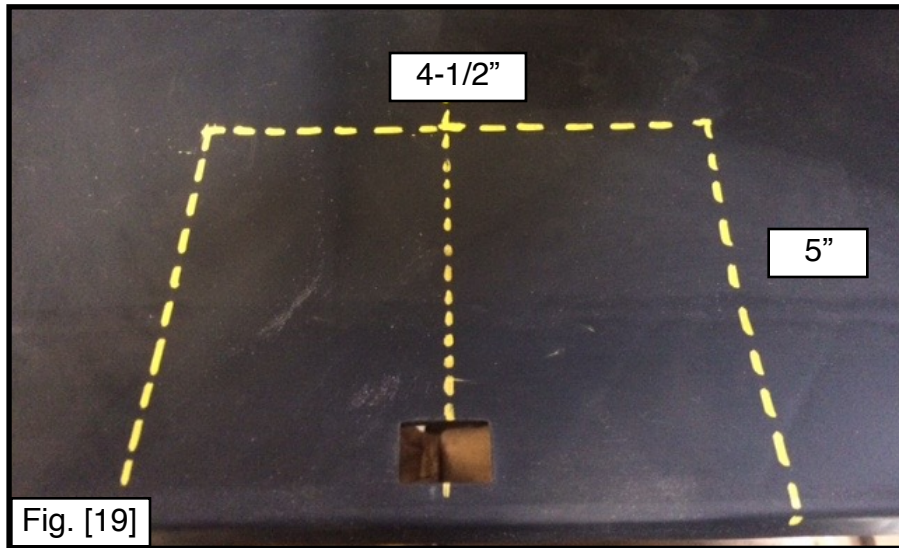


Fig. [19]

Step 7. Place the hitch onto the temporary bolts and then the impact bar over the hitch and thread (1) M8-1.25x40mm Hex Cap Screw, (1) 5/16" lock washer, and (1) 5/16" flat washer through each of the (4) remaining impact bar weld nuts. Remove the temporary M8 mounting bolts and thread through the front of the 2-piece unit with (1) 5/16" lock washer and (1) 5/16" flat washer. Once all the M8 hardware has been hand tightened and the hitch centered on the vehicle, torque the M8 bolts to 18 ft-lbs.

Step 8. Mark and trim a 4-1/2"x5" section from the center of the bumper. Reinstall the bumper by following these instructions in reverse starting at Step 4. See Figure [22].



Congratulations on the completed installation of the Volkswagen Passat Stealth EcoHitch! It is designed with a lifetime warranty for a lifetime of enjoyment. If you have any questions or suggestions please contact our tech support at support@tlcentral.com or by phone at (253) 854-1832.



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