

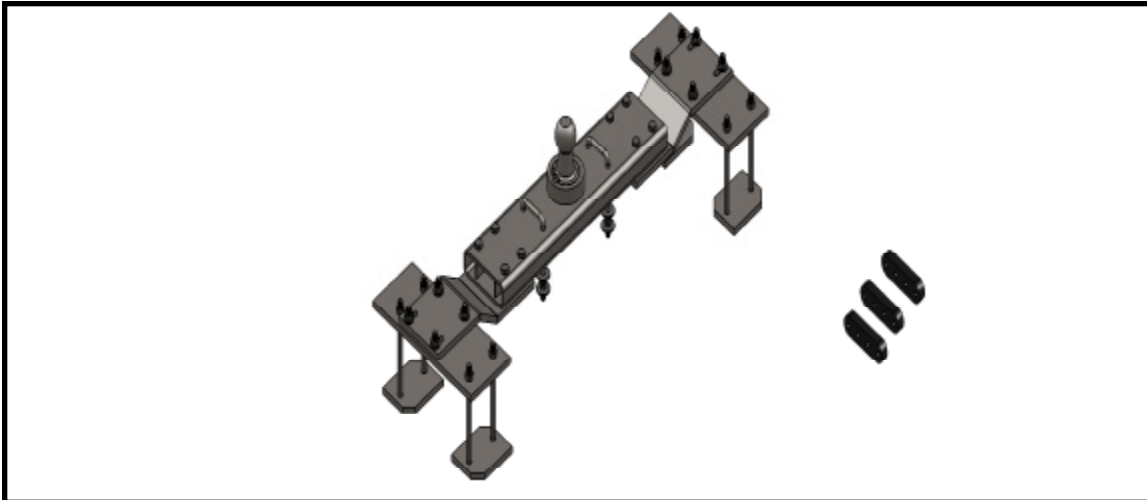


## DH1102

### 2003-11 Dodge Ram 2500 & 3500 Long & Short Beds (Includes HD & Mega Cab) Installation Instructions

**Please read these instructions in their entirety before attempting to install or operate this equipment.**

Serial Number



**The Gooseneck Hitch is rated to 30,000 lbs. Gross Towing Weight and 7,500 lbs. Tongue Weight.**



## WARNING

Refer to your vehicle's owner's manual for maximum towing capacity. DO NOT overload your vehicle - failure to follow vehicle manufacturer's recommendations could result in damage to your vehicle, personal injury or death.



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Failure to read and follow these instructions could result in separation of the trailer from the truck, causing property damage, loss of towed vehicle, personal injury or death.



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1. Clamp Z brackets in place to insure ball location prior to cutting hole in bed of truck.
2. Do not use any open flame under the truck bed to cut or weld. There is extreme danger of explosion or fire.
3. Vehicle must be securely blocked and brakes set before beginning to work underneath the vehicle.
4. Do not clamp hitch over any wiring or brake lines.
5. Always make sure trailer is loaded slightly tongue heavy. Do not pull a trailer that is lighter on the tongue end.
6. The installer must instruct the operator on proper ball installation and locking procedures.
7. Be sure the user receives all instructional materials.

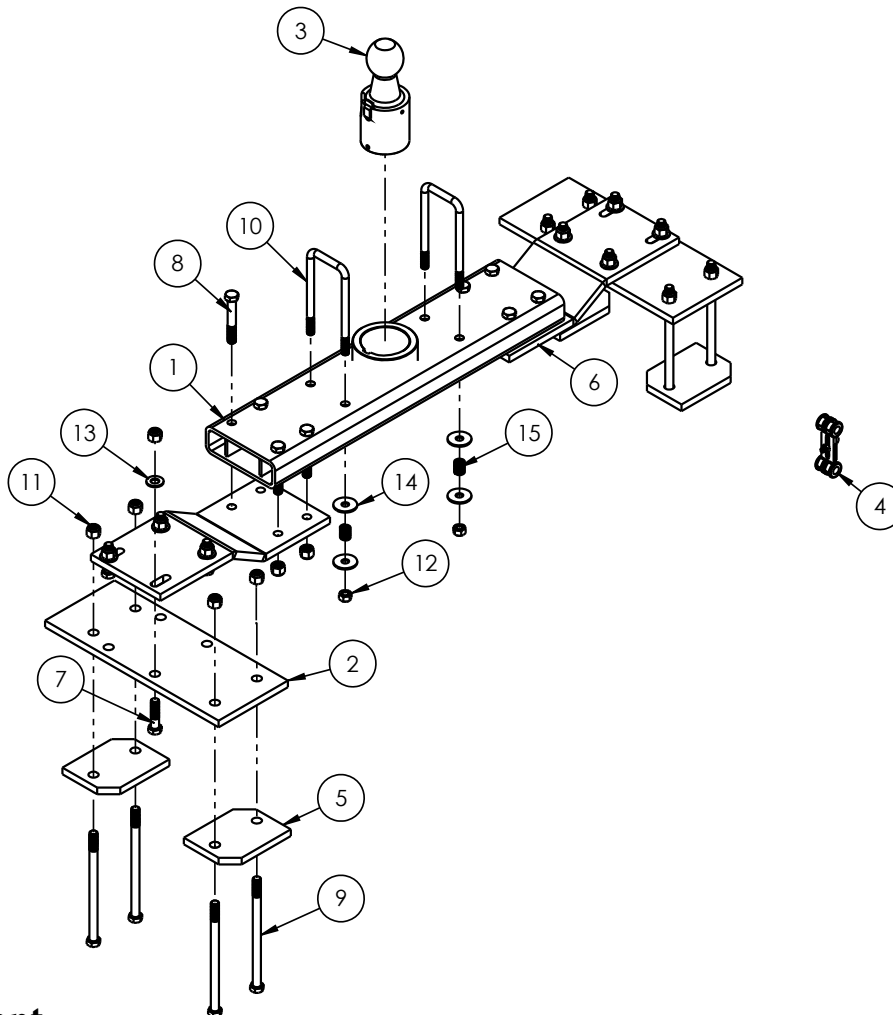
If the Gooseneck Hitch is in an accident, it must be replaced. DO NOT use it again! An accident can cause unseen damage and using it again could result in more damage or serious injury. DO NOT use the Gooseneck Hitch if it is damaged or missing parts.



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## Parts List

Ref. No.	Qty.	Part #	Description
1	1	61-6351	25" Diamond Hitch Weldment
2	2	61-6353	Table Plate Weldment
3	1	62-3604	Diamond Hitch Ball Assembly
4	3	62-3852	Exhaust Hanger
5	4	102-6776	Diamond Hitch Frame Clamp
6	2	102-6779	Dodge Z Plate
7	8	201-0283	1/2"-13 X 2" Hex Head Bolt, Grade 5, ZP
8	8	201-0799	1/2"-13 X 3-1/4" Hex Head Bolt, Grade 5, ZP
9	8	201-0800	1/2"-13 X 8-1/2" Hex Head Bolt, Grade 5, ZP
10	2	201-0803	7/16"-14 X 6" X 2-1/2" U-Bolt, Grade 5, ZP
11	24	202-0094	1/2"-13 Hex Nylon Insert Lock Nut, ZP
12	4	202-0128	7/16"-14 Nylon Lock Nut
13	8	203-0005	1/2" Flat Washer, ZP
14	8	203-0091	7/16" SAE Flat Washer, ZP
15	4	222-0091	0.60 OD X 2 L X Ø.049 Compression Spring



## Tools Required

Tape Measure  
4" Hole Saw  
1/4" Drill Bit  
Plywood  
10MM Socket  
Phillips Screw Driver  
Hammer  
Loctite® RED  
3/4" Socket  
11/16" Socket  
1/2" Drill Bit

### Important:

Use only genuine factory replacement parts on your Gooseneck Hitch. Do **NOT** substitute homemade or non-typical parts. If a bolt is lost or in need of replacement, for your safety and the preservation of your hitch, be sure to use a replacement bolt of the same grade (In most cases it will be Grade 5, please reference the parts list above). Replacement parts may be ordered through your nearest Blue Ox® Dealer or Distributor. Failing to follow and/or altering these installation instructions in either installation or required equipment will void the manufacturer's warranty.



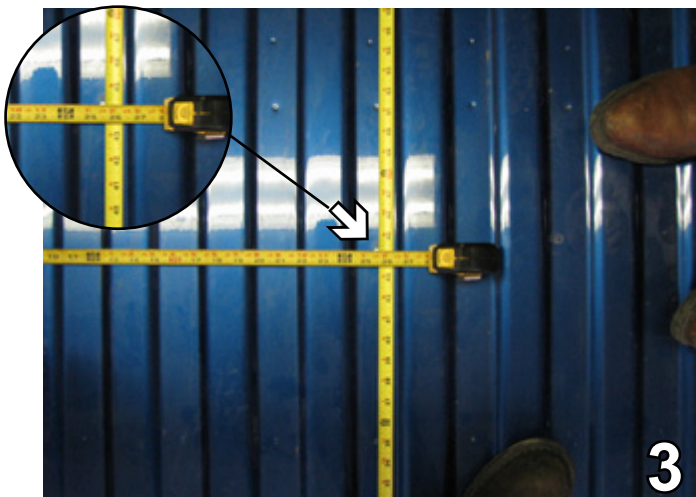
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1. Using the jack handle tool, remove the spare tire as per the truck owner's manual. Release the tailpipe from the rear hanger.



2. To assure not drilling the ball hole into the wrong location: On the underside of the bed measure from the rear of the bed (not the tailgate) forward 42" in short bed and 44 1/4" in long bed vehicle to insure the location of the ball is approximately 1" in front of the center line of the axle and check for Z-Bracket and frame clamp mounting clearances.



3. In the center (appx. 25 1/2" from the wheel well) , on the topside of the bed, measure from the rear of the bed (not the tailgate) forward 42" in short bed and 44 1/4" in long bed vehicle and mark.



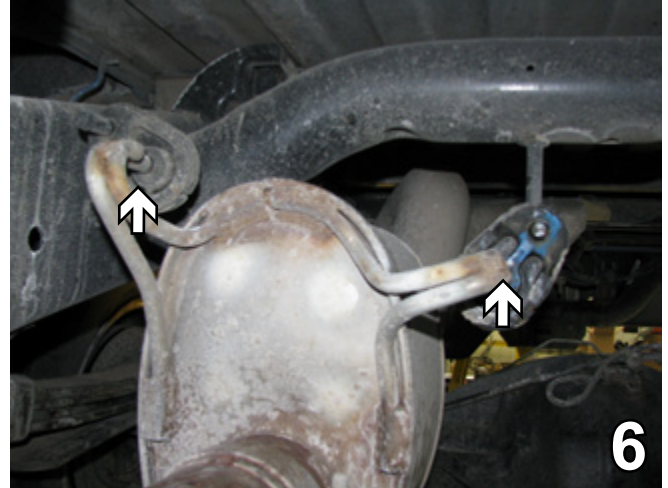
4. To protect the truck bed, it is recommended to predrill a 4" hole in a piece of plywood. Then pre-drill a 1/4" hole as marked in the truck bed. Center the 4" hole in the plywood over the marked area and drill a 4" hole in the truck bed with the hole saw. Using plywood while drilling will help stabilize the hole saw.



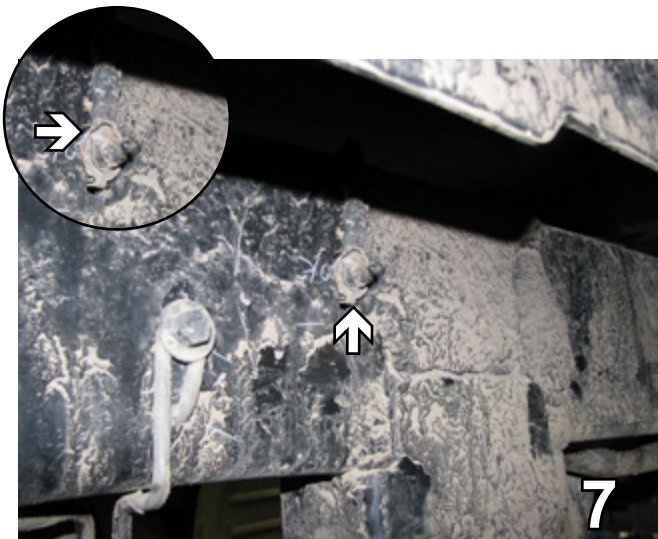
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5. Unhook the rear hanger from the tail pipe. Use silicon spray on the rubber grommet to slip off easier. Set grommet aside to be reinstalled later.



6. On the front side of the muffler forward of the front axle are two more hangers to remove. Use silicon spray and slide them off. Set hangers aside to be reinstalled later.



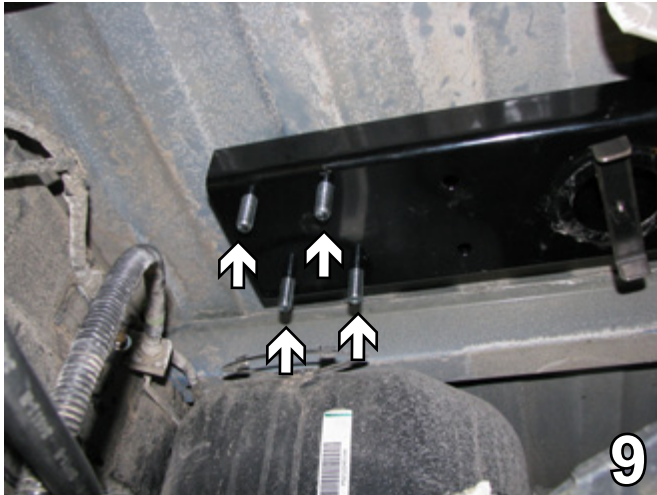
7. On the driver side, using a 10MM socket remove the ground wire which goes over the top of the frame and reconnect on the other side.



8. On the driver side underneath the vehicle by the gas tank there is a bracket where the brake line goes in with an existing hole. Attach the ground wire with a 1/4 x 1" bolt, lock washer, flat washer and whiz nut.



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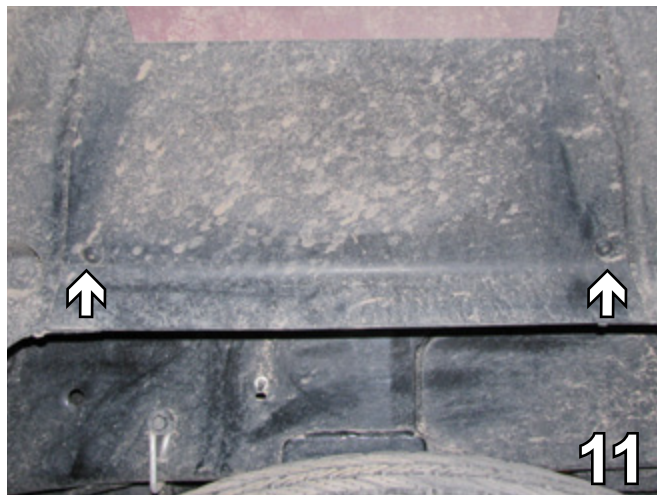


9. Insert the 1/2 x 3 1/4" bolts in both sides of the cross member before aligning the ball hole with the hole in the truck bed.



10. Slide the Z-Bracket up onto the frame rail. Then lift up on the cross member assembly and allow the bolts to fall into place on the Z-Bracket. Loosely install the 1/2-13 whiz nuts to the bolts. Do this on both sides.

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ACCORDING TO TORQUE SPECIFICATIONS.



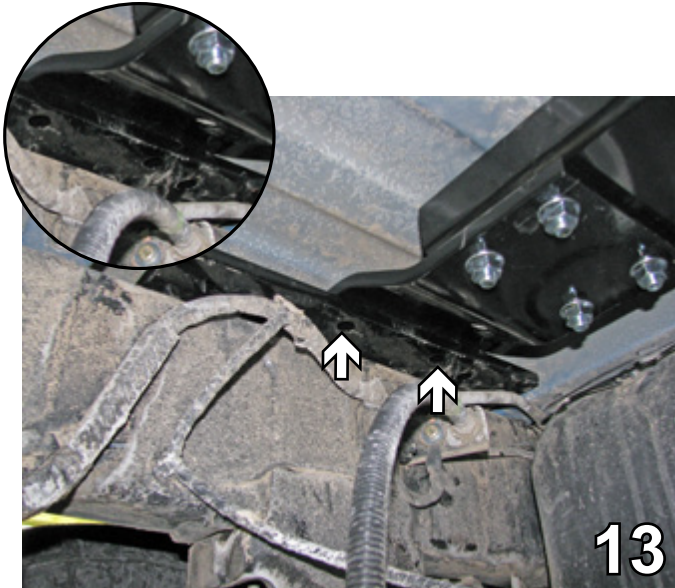
11. **2011:** Using a Phillips screwdriver, remove the two screws on the wheel well plastic just above the rear tires.. Do this to both sides of the vehicle. Set the cover and screws aside to be reinstalled later.



12. **2011:** On the drivers side only using a hammer, tap the hanger holding the hose to move it forward so there is room for the clamp.



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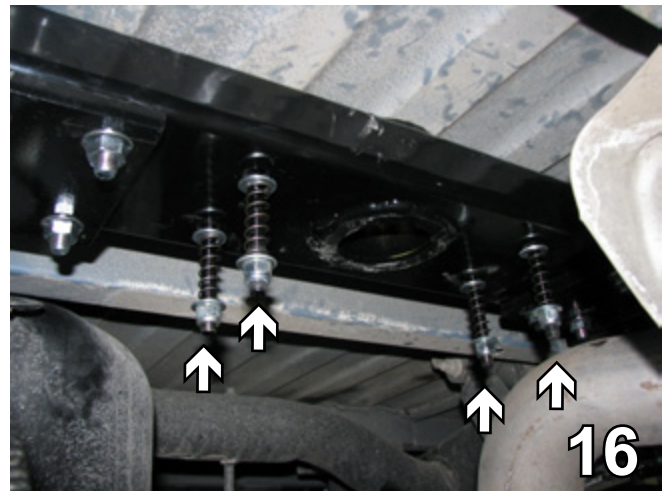
13. Slide the table plate on top of the frame rail underneath the Z-Bracket with the four offset holes toward the front of the vehicle (see inset). Align the two center holes of the table plate to the holes in the Z-Bracket. Install 1/2" X 2" bolts, 1/2" flat washers and 1/2-13 nylon lock nuts. Use Loctite Red on all bolts including the 3 1/4" bolts and torque to 75 ft. lbs. Do this to both sides of the vehicle.



14. Attach the frame clamp to the bottom side of the frame with the 8 1/2" bolts, 1/2" flat washers and 1/2-13 nylon lock nuts. This clamps the whole assembly around the frame. The frame clamps are notched to clear the existing parts. Use Loctite Red on all bolts and torque to 75 ft. lbs. There are two plates per side. Do this to both sides of the vehicle.



15. Using the cross tube as a template, drill four holes up through the cross tube into the truck bed for the breakaway cable tie points, with the 1/2" drill bit.



16. Drop the 7/16-14 x 6 x 2 1/2" U-bolts through the holes in the bed and install the springs and 7/16-14 lock nuts. Tighten the nuts until they are against the spring, without compressing it.



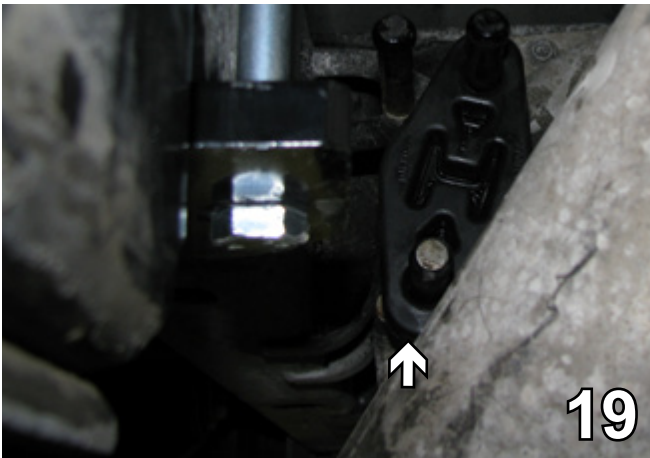
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17. Underneath the vehicle on the back side of the muffler, using a 16MM wrench loosen, remove the alignment pin and turn the back tailpipe a little bit.



18. Reinstall the two existing rubbers on the exhaust.



19. Install the new extended rubber on the back. Reinstall the alignment pin and tighten the muffler back up.



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## Installing the Revers-A-Ball



1. Align pin (see grey arrow) with slot in hitch (see white arrow). Drop into receiver cylinder and depress locking tab.



2. Twist the ball 30 degrees clockwise while lifting slightly until ball drops into position and locking tab snaps in place.

## Removing the Revers-A- Ball

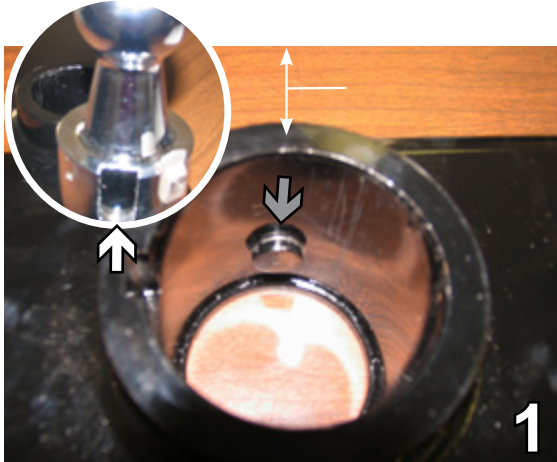


1. Push in the locking tab and then lift and rotate the ball assembly counterclockwise. Continue rotating and lifting until the ball stud clears the receiver cylinder.



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## Storing the Revers-A-Ball



1. Align pin with storage slot in hitch.



2. Push in the locking tab and let the ball assembly drop into the receiver cylinder.
3. Pull the ball straight up to remove it from the stored position.

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