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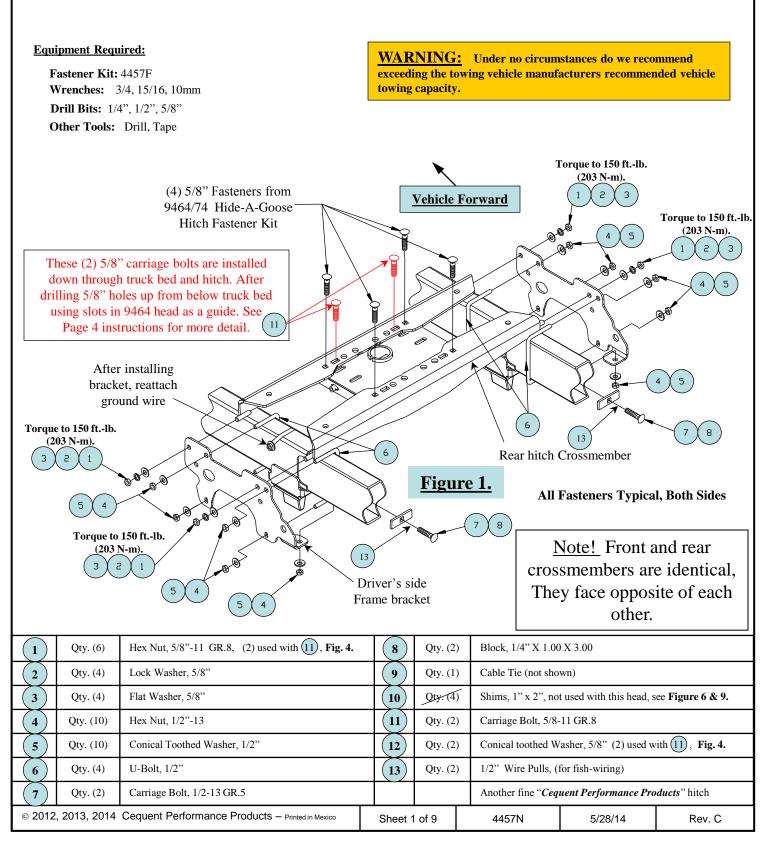
GOOSENECK RAIL MOUNTING KIT

Part Numbers: 4457

Dodge Ram 2500/3500 Heavy Duty Short & Long Bed, All Megacabs

9464/9474 HIDE-A-GOOSE HITCH INSTALLATION

If using this 4457 Rail kit with 6300 or 8339 above bed gooseneck hitches start on Page 5.



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NOTES:

- > This portion of instructions is for installing the below bed 9464 / 9474 Gooseneck heads only.
- > Always make sure the ball is fully locked before towing.
- > Keep the ball and ball sleeve well lubricated.
- > Periodically re-torque all the hitch fasteners.
- > Check ball, hitch coupler, safety chains and other connections for proper operation every time you tow.

Warning:

- The tow vehicle manufacturers recommended towing capacities should UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES be exceeded.
- Check for adequate clearance between the gooseneck trailer and the rear of the cab and the rear of the truck box before installing hitch.
- All trucks have fuel lines, brake lines and electrical wiring located along the vehicle frame where the rail kit installs. Carefully examine the location of fuel lines, brake lines and electrical wires before installation and be certain not to damage these when positioning the hitch components. Be careful when drilling holes, cutting sheet metal and tightening fasteners as to not limit the integrity of these systems.

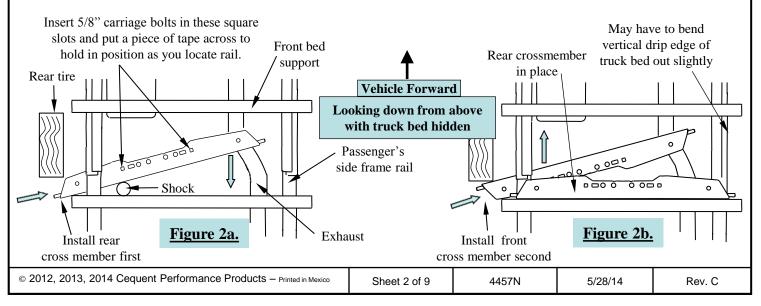
<u>Hide-A-Goose Only</u> – Drilled hole in bed location (see step 5).

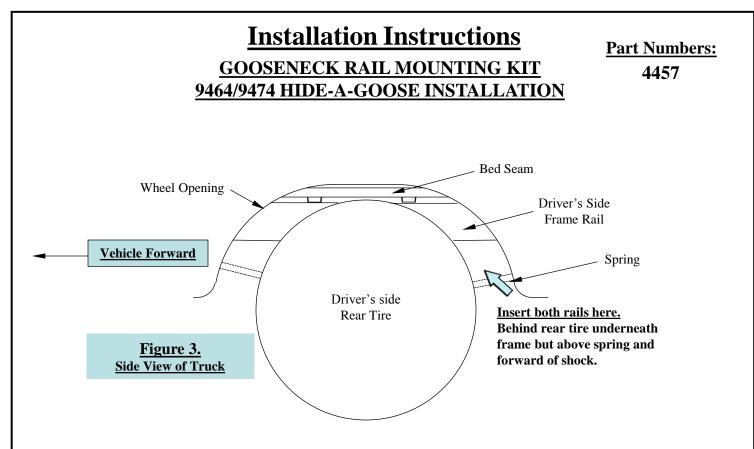
Short Box - 44 inches

Long Box - 46 inches

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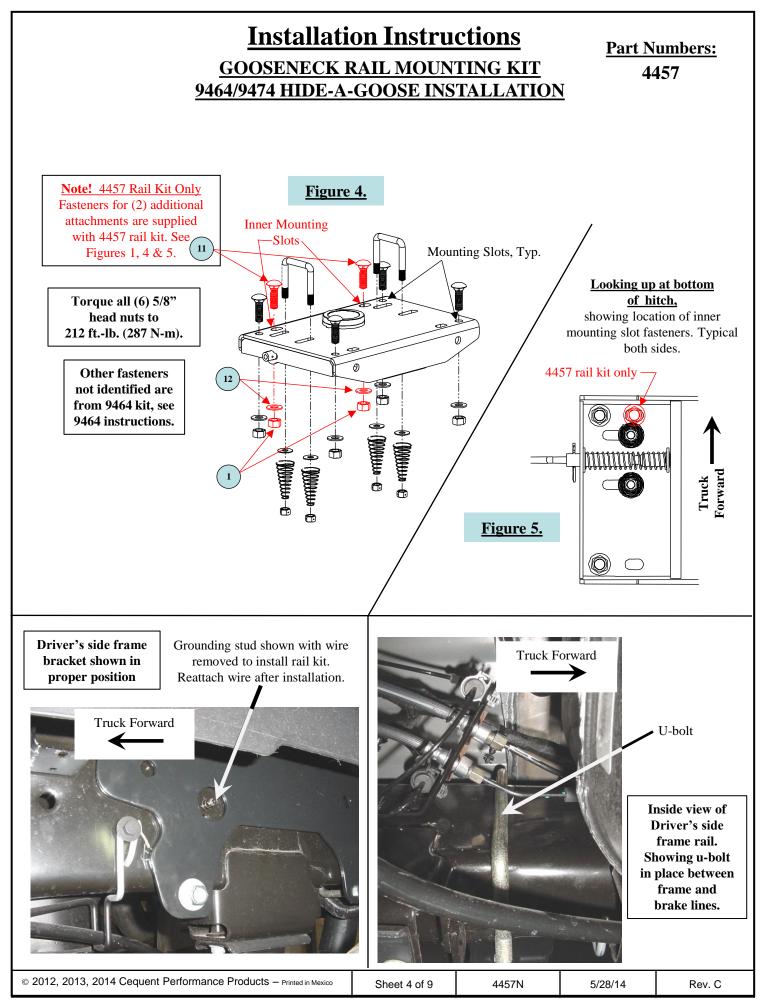
- 1. Lower the vehicle exhaust by removing the retaining clips from the rear (3 to 5) rubber exhaust hangers and then sliding the rubber exhaust hangers from the exhaust hanger hooks. Lower or remove the spare tire to provide clearance for the cross member installation. On 2010 and newer model year vehicles, temporarily remove the ground wire located on the outside of the Driver's side frame rail. It may make it easier to remove the spare tire heat shield also, use 10mm wrench or socket to remove (5) bolts and or nuts holding it in place.
- 2. Position the cross members from underneath: Place the rear cross member into position by inserting behind driver's side rear tire, in front of shock above spring beneath truck frame as shown in (Figure 2a). Make sure it's facing the right direction. <u>Note:</u> the cross members in this kit are the same, but they face different directions as shown in (Figure 1). It may help to locate carriage bolts in outside square holes and put a piece of tape across top of head to top of rail. See note below. Slide the end up over the exhaust and the passenger's side frame rail. Pull rear crossmember back into position as shown in (Figure 2b). Insert front cross member into place at the same location behind the tire in front of the shock beneath the driver's side frame rail, (Figure 2a). It may be necessary to bend the passenger's side drip edge of the truck bed out slightly to allow rail to go in place.

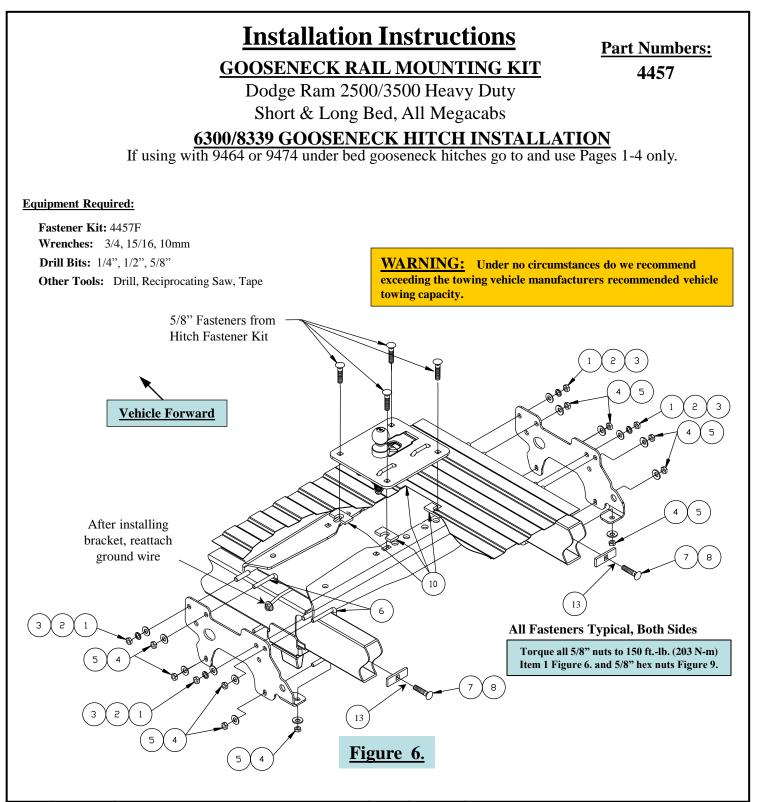




- 3. Line up the mounting holes in the hitch frame brackets with the threaded studs on the ends of the cross members. Loosely attach frame brackets to rails with 5/8 hex nuts, lock washers and flat washers as shown in **Figure 1**. It may help to install the driver's side forward U-bolt first before attaching frame bracket. See **Step 4. below**.
- 4. Use the U-Bolts to attach the frame brackets to the frame as shown in **Figure 1**. It may be necessary to loosen the wire harness from the inside of the driver's side frame in order to position the U-Bolts. The forward driver's side U-Bolt must go between the brake line and the vehicle frame. Loosely fasten the U-Bolts to the frame brackets using the 1/2" nuts and conical toothed washers. Fish wire the 1/2-13 carriage bolts and 1/4 X 1.00 X 3.00 blocks through the holes in the bottom of the vehicle frame and through the flange on the frame brackets. On **2013, 2014 models** use the hole in the bracket as a guide to drill a 1/2" hole in the bottom of the frame for this attachment. Loosely install the 1/2" conical toothed washers and hex nuts.
- 5. When installing the 9464/9474 Hide-A-Goose hitch, a hole must be drilled in the bed of the truck. Mark and drill a 1/4" hole **44 inches (6' bed)** / **46 inches (8' bed)** from the rear of the bed and centered between the wheel wells. Using a hole saw, enlarge the pilot hole to the final diameter hole size. Refer to the 9464/9474 Hide-A-Goose hitch instruction sheet for hole size.
- 6. Loosely install the 9464/9474 Hide-A-Goose hitch to the cross members. Note: The ball should be positioned closer to the forward rail than the rear rail. See Figure 1.
- 7. Use the (2) inner slots on forward side of head to drill 5/8" diameter holes up through truck bed. Make sure that holes go through the truck bed corrugation that is down so that head of conical is recessed below top of bed corrugation.
- 8. Install 5/8" conical bolts from top of truck bed down through holes drilled in previous step and through hitch rail and head slot. Install conical toothed washers and nuts.
- 9. After loosely installing the Hide-A-Goose hitch and 4457 mounting kit, line up the hitch ball sleeve with the opening in the truck bed. Torque the 5/8-11 GR8 nuts to 150 ft.-lb. (203 N-m) on the rails to brackets, 1/2-13 GR5 nuts to 75 ft.-lb. (102 N-m), and 5/8-11 GR8 nuts on the hitch to 212 ft.-lb. (287 N-m). Use the following sequence: a) torque frame brackets to the frame of the vehicle, b) torque cross members to the frame brackets, c) torque hitch to cross members. Note! Different torque for 5/8" nuts depending on location.
- 10. If the wire harness was loosened to install the driver's side rear U-Bolt and cannot be reattached using the existing fasteners, use the included cable tie to attach the wires to the U-Bolt.8.
- 11. Reinstall the exhaust. Reinstall spare tire heat shield if removed and raise spare tire back in to position. Reattach the ground wire, through the large hole in the Driver's side frame bracket on 2010 and newer model year vehicles.

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	Qty. (6)	Hex Nut, 5/8"-11 GR.8, (2) not used with this he	d. 8 Qty. (2) Block, 1/4" X 1.00 X 3.00						
2	Qty. (4)	Lock Washer, 5/8"		9)	Qty. (1)	Cable Tie (not sho	Cable Tie (not shown)		
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4	Qty. (10)	Hex Nut, 1/2"-13		11)	Qty. (2)	Carriage Bolt, 5/8	Carriage Bolt, 5/8-11 GR.8 not used see Figure 1. Page 1.		
5	Qty. (10)	Conical Toothed Washer, 1/2"		12)	Qty. (2)	Conical Toothed Washer, 5/8" not used see Figure 1. Page 1.			
6	Qty. (4)	U-Bolt, 1/2"		13)	Qty. (2) 1/2" Wire Pulls, (for fish-wiring)				
(7)	Qty. (2)	Carriage Bolt, 1/2-13 GR.5				Another fine "Ceq	ne "Cequent Performance Products" hitch		
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<u>GOOSENECK RAIL MOUNTING KIT</u> 6300/8339 GOOSENECK HITCH INSTALLATION

4457

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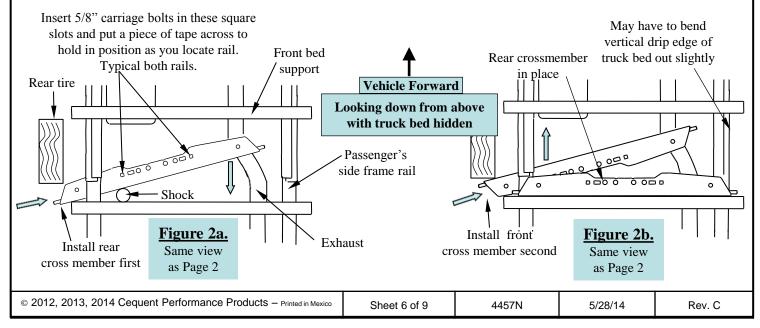
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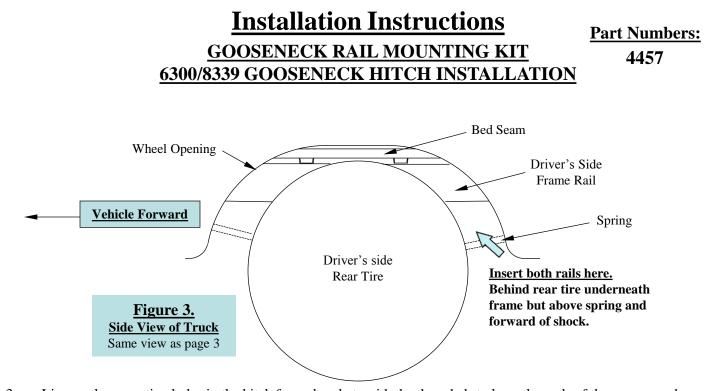
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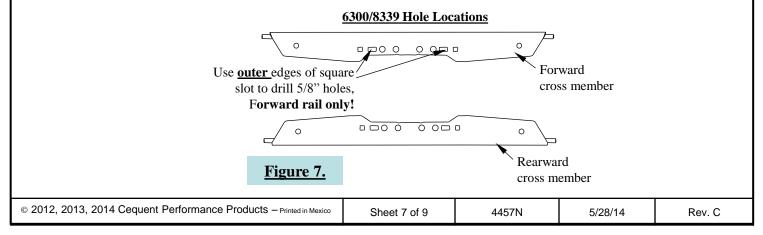
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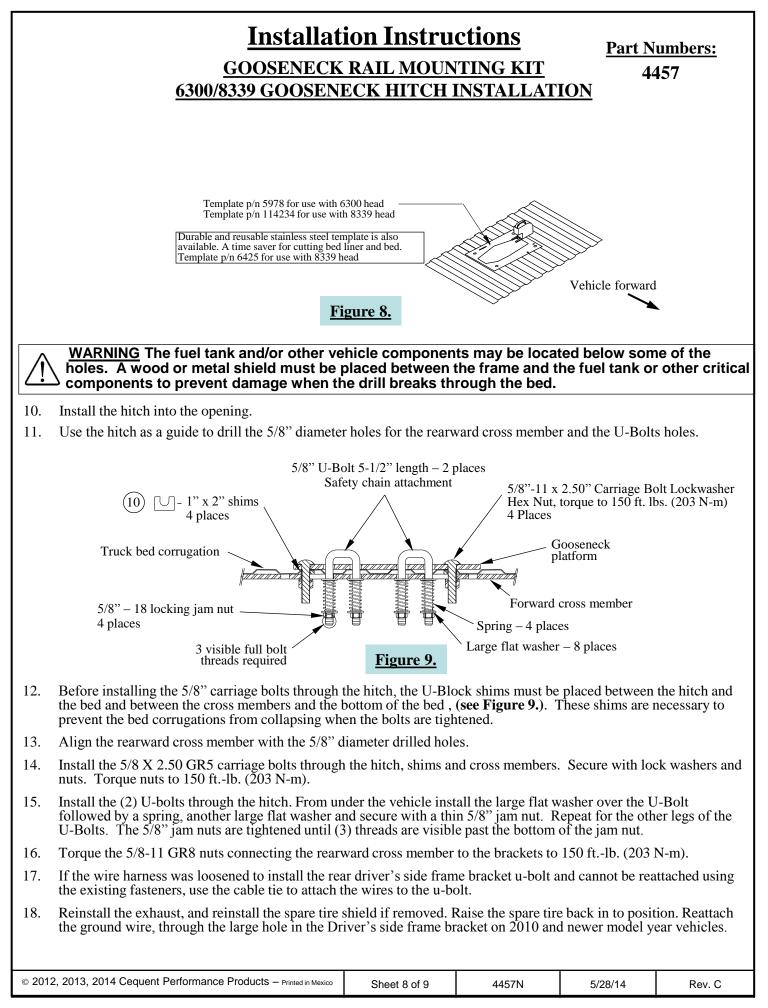
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- 5. With the cross members and side brackets installed, torque the 5/8-11 GR8 nuts that attach the forward cross member to the brackets to 150 ft.-lb (203 Nm). Torque the 1/2" fasteners and U-Bolt fasteners that attach the side brackets to the frame to 75 lb.-ft. (102 N-m). The rearward cross member should be left loose until **Step 16**.
- 6. For 6300 & 8339 use the outer edges of the long square slots in the forward cross member as a template to drill 5/8" diameter holes through the truck bed as shown in **Figure 7. below**. Not all holes can be drilled from under the vehicle, but should be done later from inside the bed.
- 7. Align the holes on the template (provided with the gooseneck hitch) with the holes previously drilled through the bed. Be sure that the template is properly oriented toward the front of the vehicle. Center punch the holes that will be used to cut the opening in the bed (see Figure 8. next page.). If the vehicle is equipped with a bed liner, a section of the bed liner must be cut away so that the gooseneck platform can contact the bed corrugations.
- 8. Drill 1/4" pilot holes (size will depend on width of blade in saber saw).
- 9. Cut out the truck bed and file edges as needed.





LIMITED LIFETIME WARRANTY

Part No:_____

Original Owner:_____

Date of Original Purchase:_____

Original Installer:

1. Limited Lifetime Warranty ("Warranty"). Cequent Performance Products, Inc. ("We" or "Us") warrants to the original consumer purchaser only ("You") that the product will be free from material defects in both material and workmanship, ordinary wear and tear excepted; provided that installation and use of the product is in accordance with product instructions. There are no other warranties, express or implied, including the warranty of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose. This warranty is not transferable.

2. Limitations on the Warranty. This Warranty does not cover: (a) normal wear and tear; (b) damage through abuse, neglect, misuse, or as a result of any accident or in any other manner; (c) damage from misapplication, overloading, or improper installation; (d) improper maintenance and repair; and (e) product alteration in any manner by anyone other than Us, with the sole exception of alterations made pursuant to product instructions and in a workmanlike manner.

3. Obligations of Purchaser. To make a Warranty claim, contact Us, at our principal address of 47912 Halyard Dr. Suite 100, Plymouth, MI 48170, 1-888-521-0510, identify the product by model number, and follow the claim instructions that will be provided. Any returned product that is replaced by Us becomes our property. You will be responsible for return shipping costs. Please retain your purchase receipt to verify date of purchase and that You are the original consumer purchaser. The product and the purchase receipt must be provided to Us in order to process Your Warranty claim.

4. Remedy Limits. Product replacement is Your sole remedy under this Warranty. We shall not be liable for service or labor charges incurred in removing or replacing a product or any incidental or consequential damages of any kind.

5. Assumption of Risk. You acknowledge and agree that any use of the product for any purpose other than the specified use(s) stated in the product instructions is at Your own risk.

6. Governing Law. This Warranty gives You specific legal rights, and You also may have other rights which vary from state to state. This Warranty is governed by the laws of the State of Michigan, without regard to rules pertaining to conflicts of law. The state courts located in Oakland County, Michigan shall have exclusive jurisdiction for any disputes relating to this Warranty.

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