

# Pennington Hitch Owner's Manual

Congratulations on your purchase of a Pennington hitch! This owner's manual is designed to provide you with important information and instructions to ensure safe and successful towing experiences. Please read this manual carefully before using your trailer hitch.

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## 1. Introduction

The trailer hitch allows you to connect a trailer to your vehicle, enabling you to tow loads safely and securely. It is essential to understand the capabilities and limitations of your hitch before use. Failure to follow guidelines may result in accidents, damages, and potential injury or death. Consult your vehicle's manufacturer guidelines and local regulations when using a trailer hitch.

## 2. Safety Precautions

- 2.1 Familiarize yourself with your vehicle's towing capacity, as specified in the owner's manual.
- 2.2 Never exceed maximum and gross trailer weight specified by the trailer hitch manufacturer.
- 2.3 Adhere to all local and national laws regarding towing and trailer safety

## 3. Trailer Hitch Components

3.1 Receiver Tube: The main part of the trailer hitch that slides into the vehicle's receiver.

3.2 Coupler: Connects to the trailer tongue and secures it to the trailer hitch.

3.3 Mounting Hardware: Bolts and other fasteners used to secure the trailer hitch to the vehicle.

## **4. Installation Instructions**

4.1 Ensure that your vehicle is parked on a level surface and engage the parking brake.

4.2 Remove any components obstructing access to the vehicle's receiver.

4.3 Align the trailer hitch with the receiver and slide it in until the pin holes align.

4.4 Select the appropriate height for the hitch by pulling the attached pin and sliding into place.

4.5 Using the front pin, rotate the hitch to select the correct ball size, locking it into place. Reinstall manual safety spring-pin (attached) by sliding safety pin into designated space.

4.6 Tighten all mounting hardware to the specified torque settings provided by the manufacturer.

4.7 Test the connection by applying gentle pressure to ensure a secure fit.

4.8 Store the hitch by pulling out on the side pin, sliding the hitch down, and rotating the hitch 180 degrees to tuck it securely into storage position—ensuring that the hitch locks into place.

## **5. Care and Maintenance**

5.1 Regularly inspect the trailer hitch for signs of structural damage.

5.2 Check the tightness of all mounting hardware before each towing operation.

5.3 Clear the receiver tube of dirt, debris, and obstructions that may hinder proper attachment.

5.4 Clean and lubricate the hitch balls regularly to ensure smooth operation and reduce wear.

## **6. Towing Tips**

6.1 Ensure that the trailer load is evenly distributed and properly secured.

6.2 Test the trailer lights and brakes before each towing operation.

6.3 Adjust your driving habits when towing to account for increased braking distance, slower acceleration, and wider turns. Be mindful when maneuvering with a trailer attached.

6.4 Be mindful of the additional length and height when maneuvering with a trailer attached.

## **7. Troubleshooting**

7.1 If the trailer hitch becomes loose or shows signs of damage during towing, stop immediately and inspect for issues.

7.2 If the trailer hitch is making unusual noises or rattling, check the mounting hardware and tighten as necessary.

7.3 Contact the manufacturer or installer if you encounter any difficulties or concerns.

## **8. Warranty and Customer Support**

We are confident in the design and quality of our product and offer a lifetime limited warranty. This warrants the hitch against latent defects in the material and workmanship under normal use and service only from the date of purchase for the ownership life of the original purchaser. If your hitch does not meet the Pennington Hitch standard, please reach out using the contact feature on our website or email [locknloadhitch@gmail.com](mailto:locknloadhitch@gmail.com) directly. Pennington Hitch shall not be required to replace any product due to damages resulting from improper installation, alteration, unreasonable use, or improper maintenance. To obtain your own copy of our lifetime limited warranty, please download from our website.