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## Installation Instructions

# PopUp Model 121 Ford F150

Fits 2015 - 2016 (2WD & 4WD)  
Long and Short Beds



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FOR THE SAFEST INSTALLATION

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**WARNING** Most pick up trucks have **FUEL LINES** and/or **BRAKE LINES** and/or **ELECTRICAL WIRING** positioned along the truck framerails where your under-bed hitch will install. **BEFORE INSTALLATION** identify and examine the location of fuel lines, brake lines and electrical wires. Be sure you will not damage fuel lines, brake lines or electrical wiring when positioning the hitch components, drilling holes or tightening fasteners. **Be Certain To Avoid Fuel Tanks When Drilling Holes.**

- Wear Safety Glasses, Gloves and Particle Mask for protection while installing a under-bed gooseneck hitch.
- ALWAYS correctly chock tires prior to raising truck with jacking device. For protection ALWAYS use jack stands when working under or around a truck which has been raised by a jacking device.
- Be certain the exhaust system is cool prior to installation to avoid possible burns from hot tail pipe and muffler.
- Torque ALL fasteners used in the under-bed gooseneck hitch installation as specified in these Installation Instructions.
- **READ ALL SAFETY AND WARNINGS ON THE LAST PAGE OF THE PROVIDED INSTRUCTIONS.**

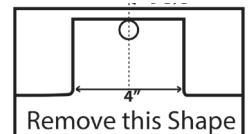
## INSTALLATION PROCEDURE

**WARNING: Verify adequate trailer swing clearance between trailer nose and cab of truck, and trailer and rear of truck. READ spray in bed liner warning on last page.**

1. Mark and center punch a location for **long and short beds at 43-1/16"** from the rear lip of the truck bed floor centered between the wheel wells. Use a **3"** hole saw to cut a hole in the bed floor centered at this location. File or sand the edges of the hole to remove any burrs, and remove all tailings from the bed area.

2. Remove the spare tire. If using a vehicle hoist, raise the truck at this time. If using a jacking device always Chock the front tires to prevent the truck from rolling. Jacking against the rear bumper or frame, lift the rear of the truck approximately 10". **It is not necessary to lift the rear tires off the ground.** Properly position jack stands under the rear frame of the truck to protect against jack failure.

3. From the backside of the bed brace that is located in front of the driver side tire. Measure and mark **4 5/16"** along the outside of the finder well lip and make a notch as shown here. This gives you a place for the front and rear cross members to slide across the frame. By making this notch, it also allows you to reach your handle for easy access. **Locate the front and rear cross members, they are identical.** Slide the rear cross member through the notch in the wheel well from the driver side. Make sure the holes are facing forward. Position the cross member all the way up against the rear bed brace, behind the 3" hole in the bed floor.



4. Slide the front cross member through the notch from the driver side with the holes facing the rear of the truck. Position the cross member all the way up against the front bed brace, in front of the 3" hole.

5. The frame plates mount to the frame rails using u-bolts, washers, and lock nuts. **Identify the driver side frame plate** (side with decals). Position the driver side frame plate against the outside of the frame. Be sure the front cross member is ahead of the front cross member securing tab on the frame plate, and be sure the rear cross member is rearward of the rear cross member securing tab. Starting on the driver side, with the driver side frame plate, you will need to make sure you place the front u-bolt in between the brake lines on the front side of the bed brace. The rear u-bolt will need to be placed behind the rear bed brace. Start a **1/2"** nut and washer on both u-bolts **do not tighten at this time.** Repeat for passenger side.

6. With the ball down, and with the socket for the pull rod on the drivers side, raise the Ball Assembly into position between the Cross Members placing the 3" tube in the hole cut in the bed floor. Place the Eye Bolt (provided) in the threaded hole in the top of the hitch ball and secure it to an overhead lifting device, or to a saw horse in the bed of the truck, and use cable or strap to hold the ball assembly firmly against the underside of the bed floor.

Fasten the Ball Assembly to the Cross Members with eight **1/2" X 1-1/4"** bolts and lock nuts, placing flat washers **ONLY** over the slotted holes. Tighten fasteners in Front Cross Member. **Do not fully tighten fasteners in Rear Cross Member at this time.**

## INSTALLATION PROCEDURE- CONTINUED

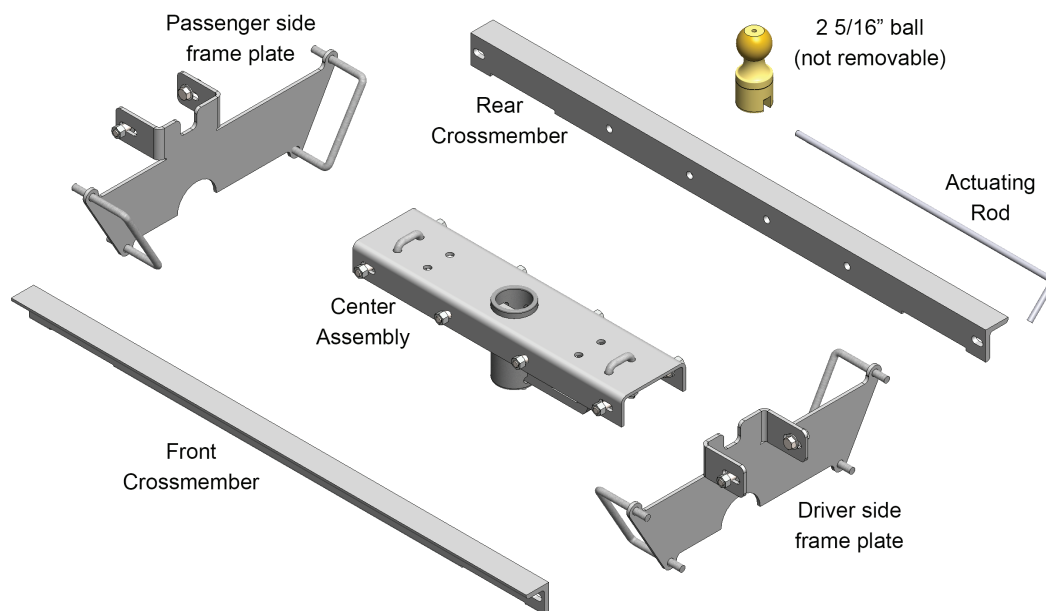
7. Square the Ball Assembly and Cross Members across the frame. Fasten the Cross Members to the Frame Plates using 1/2" bolts and lock nuts with flat washers over the slotted holes. Pass the 1/2" bolts from between the cross member securing tabs. **Do not fully tighten these fasteners at this time.**
8. Torque all fasteners to **torque specifications** in following **sequence**: 1.) Torque the Ball Assembly to both Cross Members. 2.) Torque the Rear U-bolt. 3.) Torque the Cross Members to both Frame Plates. 4.) Torque the Front U-bolt.
9. Drill four 1/2" holes for the Safety Chain Brackets from under the truck bed. Drill through the OUTER four 9/16" holes in the Ball Assembly through the truck bed floor. **Note:** It may be necessary to drill the forward hole on the driver side from the top side of the bed. Center punch a location 2" forward of the center of the rear hole before drilling. Remove all tailings. Place a U-bolt in each pair of holes from the top side of the bed. From under the bed place a spring and 1/2" lock nut on each U-bolt leg. **Tighten each nut until thread extends through the nut.**
10. From the driver's side, place the lock collar with the set screw over the actuating rod and then pass the actuating rod through the frame plate and into the mating hole in the slider. Align the actuating rod and tighten the set screw so it seats in the hole provided in the rod, **and tighten to torque specifications.** At this time, pull the handle into the locked position and tighten the lock collar down to the handle on the outside of the frame plate.
11. The final step is to raise the ball and check the position of the slide from under the truck. When the ball is fully raised, the Roll Pin Stop should be against the ball tube. This allows the Detent Ball to lock the slide in place and positions the ball over the flat surface at top of the slide. In this position it is impossible for the ball to retract without manually pushing in the handle.
12. Please read the **SAFE TOWING INSTRUCTIONS** on the WARRANTY sheet. Fill out and return warranty card to us, or go online to [www.popuphitch.com](http://www.popuphitch.com) and fill out the online version.

### Torque Specifications:

- 1/2" bolts - 119 ft. lbs.
- 1/2" U-bolts - 50 ft. lbs.
- Actuating rod set screw - 15 ft. lbs.

### Hardware Provided

- 24- 1/2" lock nuts
- 12- 1/2" X 1-1/2" hex bolts
- 22-1/2" flat Washers
- 2-Safety Chain U-bolts w/springs
- 4-FL1495 U-bolts
- 1-3/8" lock collar
- 1-3/8" eye bolt
- 1-Plastic ball cap



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Model Number 121  
Gross Trailer Weight: 30M lbs.  
Gross Trailer Tongue Weight: 7.5M lbs.

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## READ ALL SAFETY AND WARNINGS BEFORE STARTING THE INSTALL

### WARNING AND SAFETY INFORMATION, READ ENTIRELY BEFORE INSTALLATION.

Read all installation and operating instructions along with all labels before using this product.

PopUp Towing's under-bed hitches are standard with a 2-5/16" ball. Make sure the coupler on the trailer is designed for 2-5/16" ball. Using a larger size coupler could cause loss of attachment and cause serious injury.

Do not modify this product in any manner. Doing so could alter the integrity and proper use of the product causing serious damage or injury.

Do not exceed tow or tongue rating of coupler, tow or tongue rating of the hitch, or tow or weight ratings of the truck or trailer. See vehicle and trailer manufacturer information for proper ratings. Exceeding these ratings may cause damage to truck and/or trailer, or possible bodily injury.

Adding components such as a PopUp Towing under-bed gooseneck hitch to the chassis of any vehicle can be hazardous. There is potential for unexpected combustion of fuel, electric shock, burns, shifting or falling of unstable vehicle, damage to vehicle, injury from tool usage and many other hazards. This installation must be completed by someone who is aware of the hazards involved.

Always be sure the ball is properly latched into place while in the up or down position. Before hauling heavy loads make sure that your hitch will clear the truck's differential before hauling a load.

Cab clearance can be an issue with short bed trucks and limits towing on certain trailers. Failure to insure that there is adequate clearance before towing, may result in property damage, or serious injury.

**IMPORTANT:** The hitch is designed to install only at the location described in the included instructions. Failure to place the ball hole precisely may result in property damage or difficulty during installation.

Failure to follow the bolt tightening sequence and torque settings listed above may result in the hitch being misaligned which could affect the performance of the hitch, or result in property or bodily damage.

PopUp Towing Products assumes no responsibility for injury to self, or damage that may occur during installation. As always its best to have this product installed by an experienced installer.

**CAUTION:** If your truck is equipped with a spray in bed liner that covers the rear lip of the truck bed, make sure and add the thickness of the bed liner to the hole location measurement before drilling the hole.