

Ultimate Connection Gooseneck Trailer



Part 3165 Gooseneck Trailer, 20,000 lbs GTWR - 4,500 lbs Tongue

INSTALLATION MANUAL



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Thank you for choosing the Ultimate Connection - Gooseneck Trailer! This indispensable product adapts allows your gooseneck trailer to attach to the raised 2-5/16" ball hitch – giving you a smooth, solid and safe driving experience. The Ultimate Connection - Gooseneck Trailer mount can be installed in a short amount of time with only a few tools.

If you happen to lose or damage any of your Ultimate Connection parts, please visit your local Authorized Andersen Dealer or go to our website at www.AndersenHitches.com for replacements.

Note: The Gooseneck ball and under bed system is NOT INCLUDED in this package. Please refer to the manufacturer's instructions regarding installation and use of your gooseneck system.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

Read the entire manual before towing your trailer using the Ultimate Connection Gooseneck Trailer mount. Before each trip –and regularly during a trip– check all hardware, bolts and nuts for wear and fatigue. Make sure that they are all properly tightened and that all pins and clips are secured in place. Make sure that you have enough clearance for your trailer so that it does not hit your truck when turning.

When turning sharply or reversing at an angle in your tow vehicle, be very aware of the front corners and nose of your trailer so they do not hit the windows or cab of your tow vehicle. Each trailer is unique so be sure to watch its position in a sharp turn.

WARNING

Failure to follow all safety warnings could result in severe injury or even death.

Make sure to read and understand all of the instructions of your trailer, tow vehicle, and hitching equipment. Also, follow all safety warnings, setup instructions, and maintenance before installing your hitch.

Before towing, make sure the Gooseneck Coupler Tube is attached securely to the gooseneck trailer as well as the Ultimate Connection ball –and lock in place using the remote latch.

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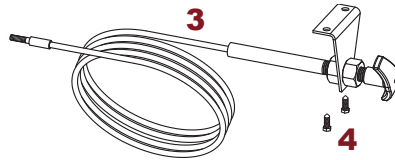
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PARTS ILLUSTRATION – ULTIMATE 5TH WHEEL CONNECTION, GOOSENECK MOUNT



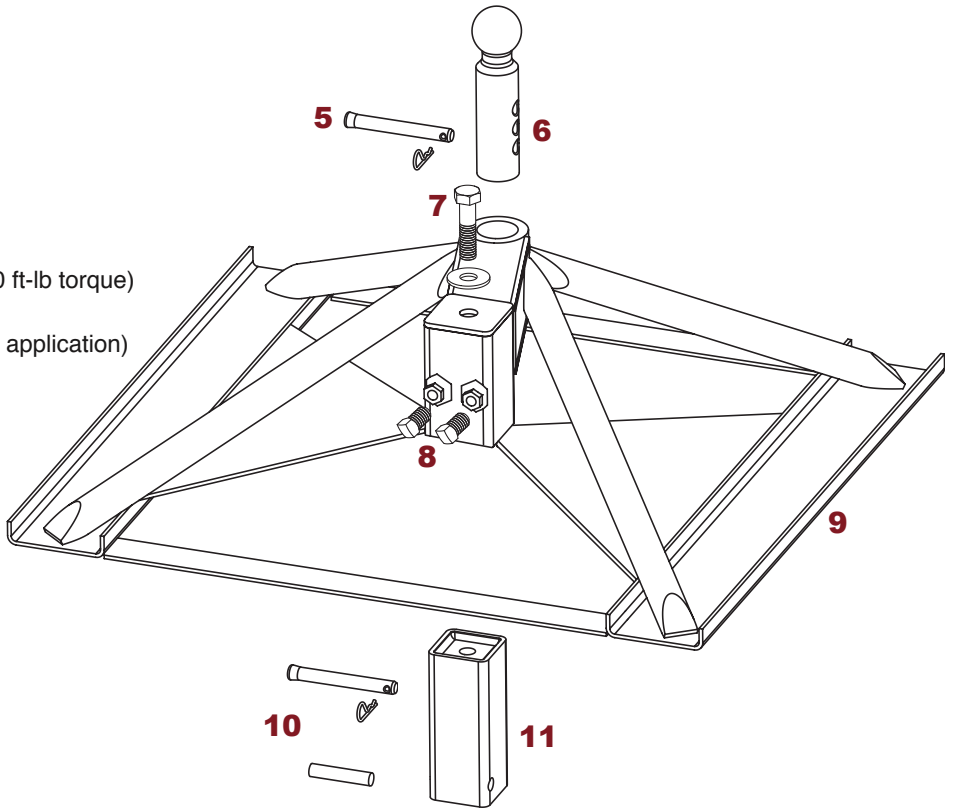
Gooseneck Coupler Assembly

1. Gooseneck coupler (greaseless)
2. Gooseneck coupler set screw (1 pc)
3. Remote latch cable
4. 5/16" Self-tapping screws for remote latch handle



Base Assembly

5. Pin with clip (2 sets)
6. Ultimate Ball (2-5/16")
7. 5/8" x 3" top-bolt & washer (60 ft-lb torque)
8. Square Coupler tube set screws (2 pcs) (60 ft-lb torque)
9. Ultimate Connection Base
10. Pin with clip or 'sheared' pin (depending on application)
11. Square Coupler Tube



TOOLS NEEDED FOR INSTALLATION

Torque Wrench capable of 60 ftlbs of torque.
15/16" Socket (for top-bolt and base set screws)
5/16" Socket (for self-tapping screws)
Medium adjustable wrench (for Gooseneck Coupler set screw)
Measuring Tape

SECTION 1: PREPARATION

Unpack your Ultimate Connection kit and compare it with the Parts List on the previous page. If it appears that there are missing or damaged items caused by shipping and handling, contact the freight carrier who delivered the unit for their damaged freight procedures. If any component appears to be missing or damaged please contact us immediately.

SECTION 2: INSTALLING THE GOOSENECK COUPLER TUBE



Place the Gooseneck coupler tube into your current gooseneck trailer's receiver tube as illustrated in the pictures to the left. Set it to the desired height and pin it in place.

NOTE: Keep in mind that for the smoothest and safest ride, you will want to tow your trailer as level to the road as possible. Adjust the height of the Gooseneck coupler tube and the Ultimate Ball until you find the optimum position to keep your trailer close to level.



IMPORTANT: If you are using a set-screw to secure the Coupler Tube, we strongly recommend that you use the set screw provided in our kit as it has a cupped end that will bite into the Gooseneck Coupler Tube and hold it firmly in place. Tighten it down to at least 60 ft-lbs of torque.

SECTION 3: ATTACHING THE REMOTE LATCH CABLE



IMPORTANT Make sure that the remote latch bracket is installed in a place that prevents the cable and bracket from being crushed by the pickup's sideboards when turning or when the trailer and the pickup become twisted in reference to each other on uneven surfaces (often found in campgrounds).

Use a 5/16" socket to install the two self-tapping screws provided, and install as shown left. For best results, install the screws in the frame of the trailer, or the screws may eventually pull out of the thin fiberglass or aluminum sheet metal skin of the trailer. Using a magnet is a great way to help locate the frame.

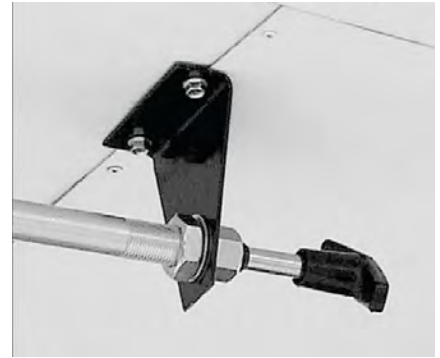
Using the remote latch cable:

To engage, simply turn the handle to unlock it, push the handle until it's all the way in and then turn it fully in either direction to lock in place.

To disconnect, turn the handle to unlock it, pull the handle until it's all the way out and then turn it fully in either direction to lock in place.

IMPORTANT: DO NOT FORCE THE HANDLE INWARD. If the handle will not push in fully, check to make sure that the receiver is fully seated down over the 2-5/16" ball.

Due to tight tolerances, if the trailer and tow truck are angled too much in reference to each other, the Gooseneck Coupler tube may not fully seat on the ball. This applies to uncoupling the Gooseneck Coupler tube as well – if the truck and trailer are angled too much in reference to each other, the Gooseneck Coupler tube may become 'stuck' on the ball. To alleviate this problem, ensure that the truck and trailer are somewhat level in reference to each other. Raise the trailer up to clear the ball, disconnect your wiring harnesses and any safety cables and chains, then drive your truck out from under the trailer.



IMPORTANT: When turning sharply or reversing at an angle in your tow vehicle, be very aware of the front corners and nose of your trailer so they do not hit the windows or cab of your tow vehicle. Each trailer is unique so be sure to watch its position in a sharp turn.

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SECTION 4: INSTALLING THE BASE UNIT

Note: Before installation make sure that the gooseneck ball in the bed of the truck is in the up position and locked into place.

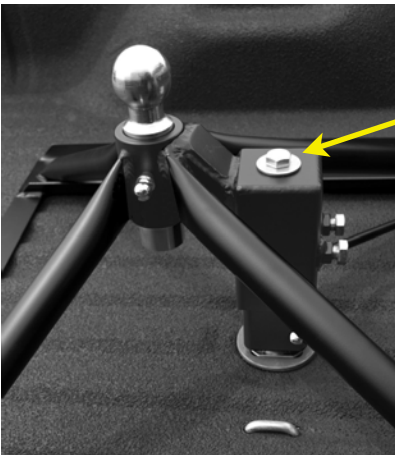


4-1. Place the Ultimate Connection base in the bed of your truck so that the Ultimate Adjustable Ball is closest to the tailgate (as shown left).

Square up the hitch before tightening it down.



4-2. Place the pin through the lower coupler sleeve under the gooseneck ball and secure it in place with the hairpin clip. Push the entire base forward towards the cab of the truck until it will not go any further.



4-3. Using a 15/16" socket wrench, tighten the top bolt of the square coupler to 50 ft-lbs of torque. This will ensure that the coupler is pulling up on the gooseneck ball and holding the Ultimate Connection firmly to the bed of the truck.



4-4. Line up the Gooseneck Coupler tube above the Ultimate Ball and place the full weight of your trailer onto the ball. Secure the Coupler Tube by using the remote latch and then locking the remote handle in place (see previous page).

4-5. IMPORTANT Now **RETIGHTEN** the top bolt to 60 ft-lbs of torque (see step 4-3 above). This takes up any extra slack from the Ultimate base.

4-6. Using a 15/16" socket wrench, tighten the two square coupler set bolts to 60 ft-lbs of torque to take out any play in the tube. **DONE.** You are now ready to attach your 5th wheel trailer to the base unit.



SECTION 5: REMOVING THE BASE UNIT

Once you have disengaged the Gooseneck Coupler tube and your trailer is out of the way, you can remove the base and free up your truck bed by simply reversing the steps above as follows: Loosen the two coupler set bolts, loosen the coupler top bolt and remove the pin from the square coupler tube.

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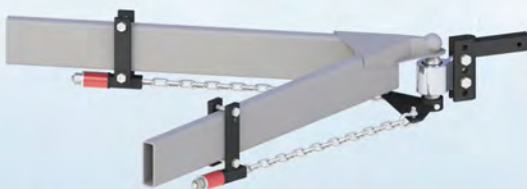
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