

# SIDEWINDER™ WEDGE INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Verify the part number with shipping paper work. Verify that the wedge is named for your 5<sup>th</sup> wheel hitch head or you have the universal wedge.
2. Verify that you also have two (2) 5/8 bolts and two (2) 5/8 lock washers.

3. With the truck unhooked from the wedge needs to be positioned with unit and the recessed area head clearance to the bolts. Install slide the wedge to the rear most



unit bolt the wedge to the Sidewinder. The the narrow end towards the front of the downward. The recessed area is for socket bolts hand tight including the lock washers, then position of the slot.

**Caution DO NOT position yourself or others under the trailer kingpin area or between the truck and trailer during coupling or uncoupling. Serious injury or death may occur.**

**If it is necessary to place any part of your body under the trailer or between truck and trailer:**

- **All tires MUST be blocked in front and behind AND**
  - **Trailer landing gear MUST be resting on firm ground AND**
  - **Truck MUST be stationary, in park, with emergency brake on**
4. Hook the truck to the unit. **Back straight into the Sidewinder.** Make sure hitch jaws close. Pull forward slightly to align truck, Sidewinder and 5<sup>th</sup> wheel in a straight position. Set brakes, turn off truck and lower trailer landing gear to the ground.
  5. Slide wedge forward to make contact in to the 5<sup>th</sup> wheel hitch head. A slight tapping on the rear of the wedge with a hammer may help with this step.
  6. Torque the wedge bolts to 160 ft. lbs.
  7. Unhook the truck from the unit. Apply a small amount of grease to sides of the wedge block. This will allow a much easier hook-up.
  8. Connect the Sidewinder to your hitch in back of the truck making sure hitch jaws close. **Back straight into Sidewinder. Caution DO NOT position yourself or others under the trailer kingpin area during coupling or uncoupling. Serious injury or death may occur.**
  9. Sidewinder will be hard to turn by hand until it has at least 500 miles on unit.

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