

# Fitting Instructions



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PRODUCT

**T2S490**

**TAG Standard Duty Towbar  
to suit Subaru Forester  
(02/1997 - 12/2008)**



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## SPECIFICATIONS

- Towbar Class: Standard Duty
- Towing Capacity: 1400kg

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## Step-By-Step Instructions

### Warning:

Safety First: Always use correct safety equipment.

This towbar is NOT to be drilled, cut, welded, or modified in any way.

Check the surrounding area before drilling into chassis or body panels for fuel lines, wiring harnesses and other components that may be a hazard.

### General:

Before fitting this towbar read fitting instructions and check installation hardware is correct.

Check that the towbar is suitable for the vehicle and be wary of any changes to the vehicle design that may conflict with the fitting of this towbar.

After drilling, blow any filings clear, remove any swarf and treat exposed metal with a rust inhibitor.

If this vehicle requires a bumper cut out, please check to make sure that you measure twice and check twice before cutting any panels as some bumper profiles can change.

If you are not sure, then ask your towbar supplier.

Tighten all bolts as specified on the last page.

1. REMOVE CHARCOAL CANISTER AND BRACKET IF INSTALLED. [RETAIN]
  - 1.1. REMOVE BUMPER RETAINING BOLTS FROM UNDER VEHICLE [RETAIN]
  - 1.2. REMOVE SHIPPING HOOK FROM PASSENGER SIDE/DROP EXHAUST FROM HANGER AND REMOVE BRACKET FROM VEHICLE. [DISCARD BRACKET]
  - 1.3. REMOVE CENTRE BUMPER SUPPORT BRACKET. [DISCARD]
2. FIT TOWBAR ONTO VEHICLE PLACING OVER EXHAUST ON PASSENGER SIDE AND USING ORIGINAL BOLTS TO SECURE.
  - 2.1. IF CHARCOAL CANISTER WAS INSTALLED, SPACER PLATES PROVIDED NEED TO BE FITTED ON DRIVERS SIDE BETWEEN TOWBAR AND SUBFRAME AS WELL AS BRACKET FOR CHARCOAL CANISTER SECURING WITH ORIGINAL BOLTS.
  - 2.2. TIGHTEN ALL BOLTS TO SPECIFIED RATINGS.
  - 2.3. REFIT EXHAUST WITH LONG BOLT, NUT AND WASHER SUPPLIED INTO EXISTING HOLE ON SIDE OF TOWBAR.

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## 3. REFIT CHARCOAL CANISTER IF REMOVED.

3.1. FIT BALL MOUNT USING M16 BOLTS AND WASHERS SUPPLIED AND TIGHTEN.

3.2. ATTACH RATINGS STICKER TO DRIVERS SIDE DOOR PILLAR.

## Torque table for bolt tightening

<b>Metric GRADE 8.8</b>	<b>UNC GRADE 8</b>
M6 – 12.5 Nm	3/8 – 50 Nm
M8 – 30 Nm	1/2 – 125 Nm
M10 – 60 Nm	5/8 – 245 Nm
M12 – 103 Nm	
M14 – 167 Nm	
M16 – 270 Nm	

## TAG Warranty Statement

SWD warrants your TAG Towbar for its full product life under the following conditions:

- You can show proof of purchase.
- The towbar has been correctly installed by a suitably qualified installer.
- The towbar has not been modified or abused in any way and has only been used for the intended purpose.
- The towbar was not fitted second hand to your vehicle.

The extent of this warranty includes materials and workmanship used in the manufacture of the towbar and is to the equivalent value of current, full replacement cost.

Nothing stated or implied in this warranty limits in any way, the statutory rights that you may have.

To make a claim visit the original installer in the first instance or, if you are unable to or are not satisfied with their help, then contact us direct by phone on 1300 669122 or visit [www.swd.com.au](http://www.swd.com.au)