

PRODUCT: Bronco SportGate Tire Carrier

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READ INSTRUCTIONS IN FULL BEFORE INSTALLATION. QUESTIONS? CALL 916-631-8071 M-F 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM PST

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If you have any difficulties at all, please give us a call. Thank you and enjoy your MetalCloak Products!

IMPORTANT NOTE: We use Stainless Steel Hardware where possible. Therefore, a tube of Silver Anti-seize is provided and should be used on all bolts—only a small amount is needed.

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Section 1: Tools & Notes on Installation



Tools Required:



HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE: The installation guide contains ALL steps for installation. Please read and follow the instructions in order of each page top to bottom and left to right.

Model: Instructions may apply to multiple Bronco models but are labeled separately where appropriate.

Options: Because of the number of component options we offer, these instructions may contain steps that will not match your particular configuration. You can skip these steps.

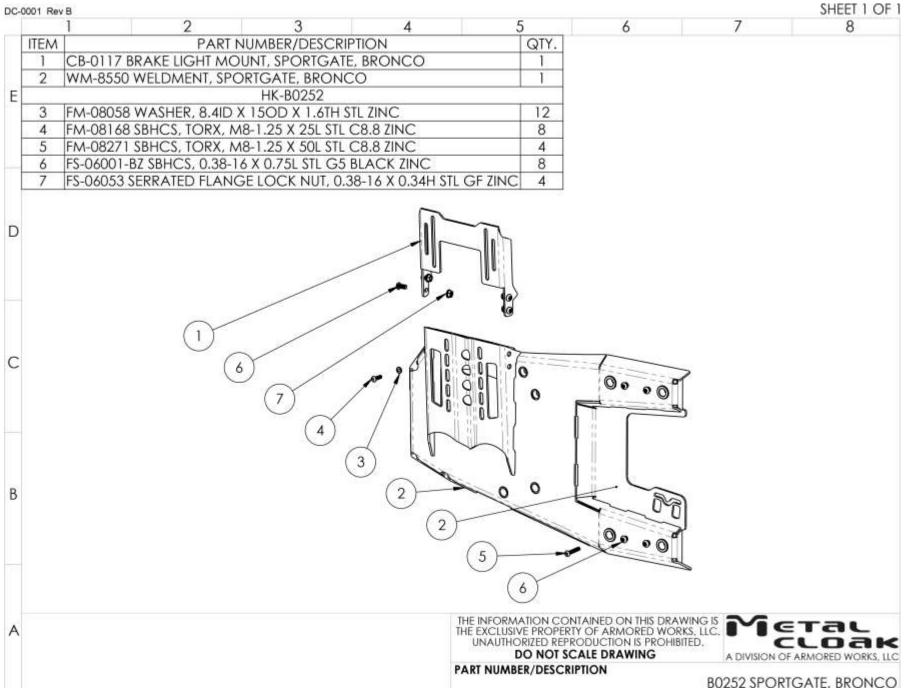
Images: Pictures are provided, and parts are labeled throughout the instructions. Each text box contains guidance based on the pictures next to it. The text will refer to alphabetical labels (A, B, etc.) found in the images.

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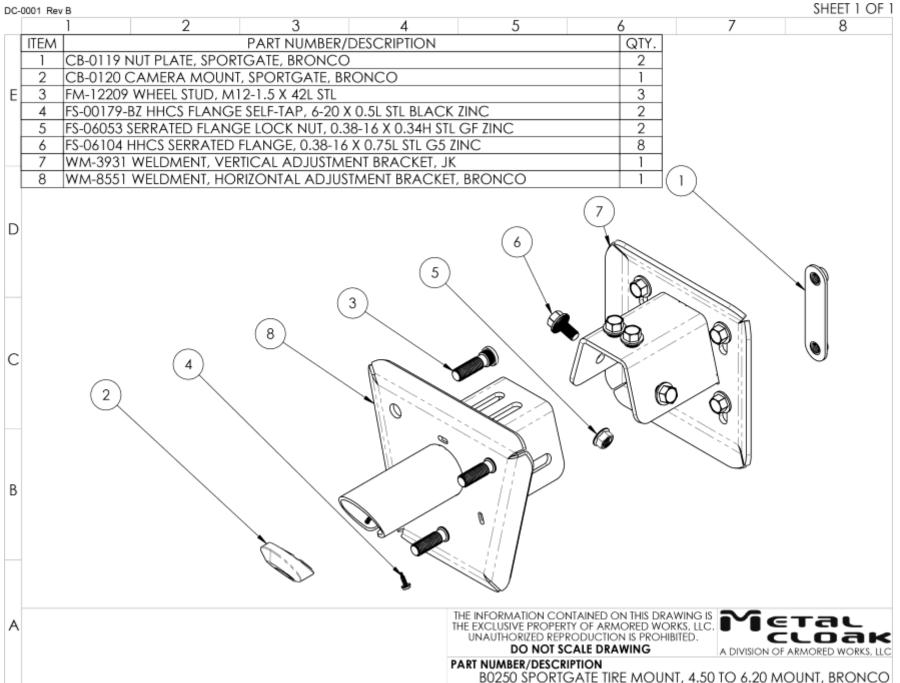
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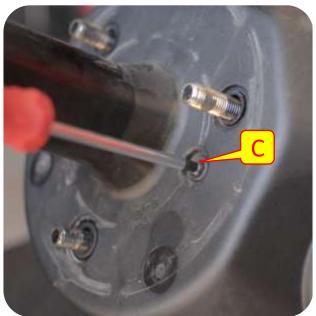


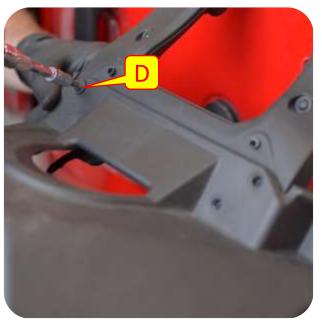
Step 1: Factory Tire Carrier Removal

- A. Remove the spare tire.
- B. Using a 14mm socket disconnect the factory tire carrier from the tailgate.
- C. Using a T30 torx wrench remove the bolts securing the camera mount to the factory tire carrier.
- D. Using a T30 torx wrench remove the bolts holding the third brake light to the factory tire carrier. **Save Hardware.**









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Step 2: Back Up Camera Removal

- E. On the camera mount disconnect the wire from the back up camera.
- F. Using a T20 torx wrench remove the bracket holding the backup camera into place.
- G. Remove the back up camera from the camera mount.



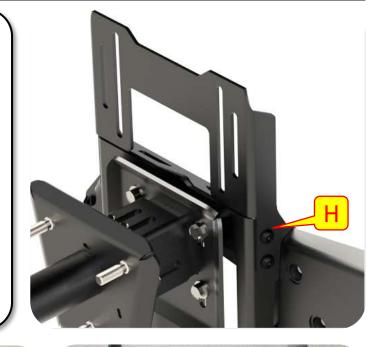


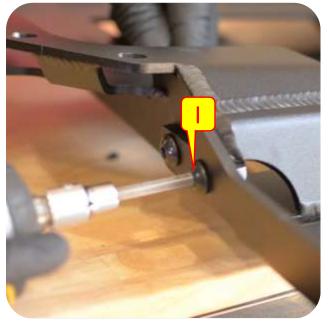


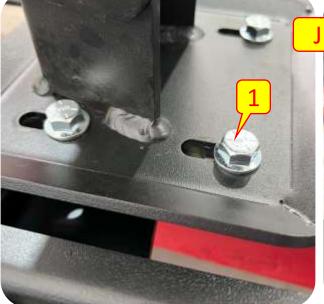


Step 3: Third Brake Light Mount and Tire Mount Install

- H. Using the provided bolts and nuts install the third brake light mount to the SportGate Tire Carrier.
- I. Using a 7/32" allen socket and 9/16" wrench tighten the light mount to the SportGate Tire Carrier.
- J. Install the vertical adjustment bracket to the SportGate in the position you would like your spare tire to sit and using a 9/16" socket and wrench tighten the provided bolts (J1) into the captive nuts in the nut plates (J2).









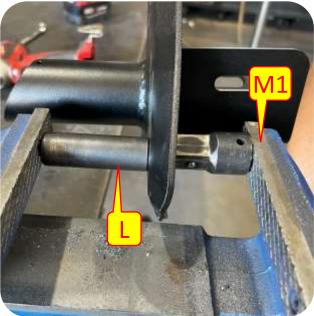
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Step 4: Press in Wheel Studs

- K. To press the wheel stud into place. Place the wheel stud into the adjustment bracket in the chosen wheelbase location.
- L. Place a long socket on the other end of the adjustment bracket. Make sure the socket has enough room for the wheel stud to be pressed in fully.
- M. Place the wheel stud and socket inside a vice (M1) and tighten the vice until the wheel stud is completely pressed in (M2). repeat process for remaining wheel studs.

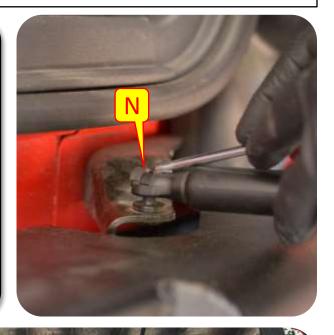








- N. Open the tailgate and using a flat head screwdriver pop the tab on the gas strut and remove the strut on either the body side or tailgate side. You can remove the strut all together if you would prefer but is not necessary.
- O. On the passenger side of the tailgate remove the lower rubber stopper with a Philips head screwdriver.
- P. We will be disconnecting the tailgate hinge bolts. Make sure the tailgate is shut securely and using painter's tape and placing wood or cardboard under the tailgate will help keep the tailgate in place when the bolts are removed.

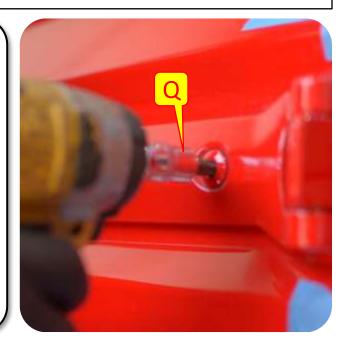


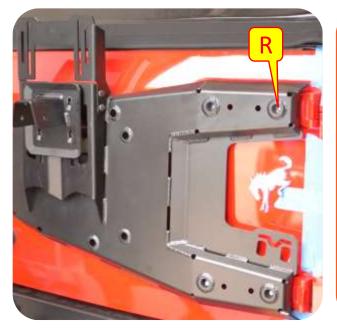






- Q. Using a T45 torx wrench remove the four tailgate hinge bolts.
- R. Using the supplied bolts and washers install the SportGate tire carrier to the tailgate hinges loosely.
- S. Before installing the remaining bolts make sure to tuck the third brake light wiring behind the SportGate.
- T. Using the provided bolts install the SportGate to the tailgate. Once all bolts have been installed tighten all the tire carrier and hinge bolts with a T40 torx.







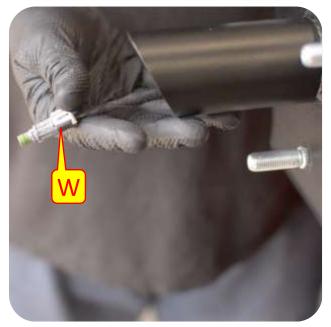




- U. Install the third brake light to the SportGate brake light mount using the stock hardware. Tighten with a T30 torx wrench.
- V. We recommend plugging the camera back into the camera wiring and making sure the camera is installed in the correct position. The bronco may need to be in reverse before the camera activates having a second pair of hands is helpful BE CAREFUL. Once you know the proper orientation of the backup camera install the camera into the provided camera mount.
- W. Insert the backup camera wiring through the backspacing tire adjustment mount.

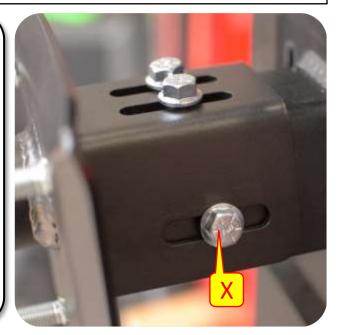


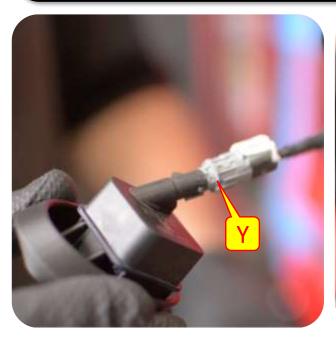






- X. Loosely install the backspacing adjustment bracket to the tire carrier bracket using the provided hardware.
- Y. Connect the back up camera wiring to the back up camera.
- Z. Install the backup camera into the backspacing adjustment bracket and tighten the provided hardware with a 1/4" socket.
- AA. Using a 7/32" allen wrench install the provided bolts into the SportGate accessory mount bolt locations.











- BB. Install the spare tire. Making sure it is snug against the SportGate to reduce tire movement.
- CC. Remove the tape to open the tailgate and tighten all hardware using a 9/16" socket while pulling the tire firmly against the tailgate.
- DD. Reconnect the tailgate gas strut

