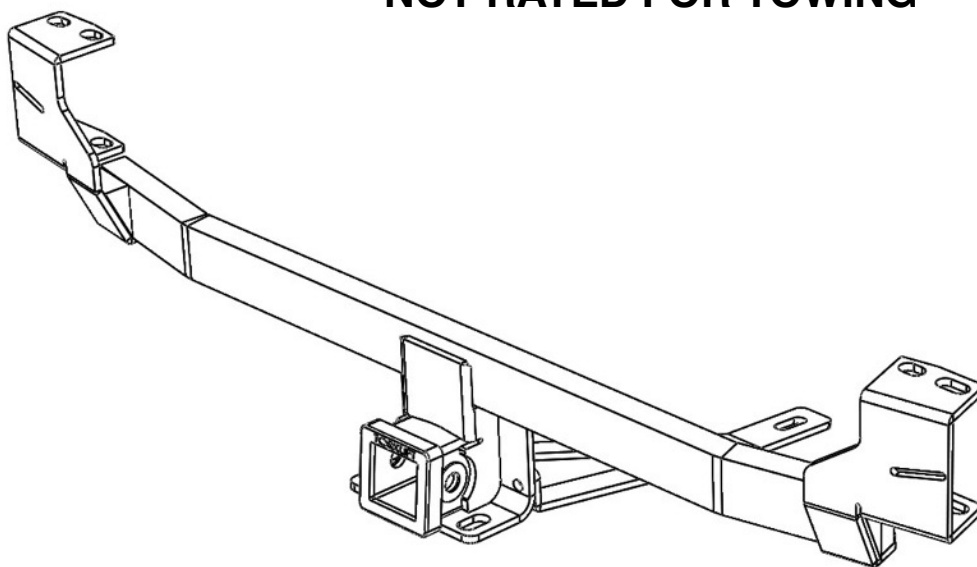




# Installation Instructions

Application Fits  
2014+ BMW i3  
X7277 & X7278

2" & 1.25" Stealth EcoHitch  
200 lbs. Tongue Weight  
**NOT RATED FOR TOWING**



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*Bolt Kit Weight: 540g +/-*

*Hardware Included*

QTY Fastener

- 5 5/16" Flat Washer
- 2 5/16"-18 Hex Nut Gr. 5
- 2 5/16"-18 x 1" Hex Cap Screw Gr. 5
- 8 3/8" Flat Washer
- 4 3/8"-16 Nylock Hex Nut Gr. C
- 4 3/8"-16 x 5" Hex Cap Screw Gr. 8

QTY Fastener

- 1 1/2"D-1"x2" Plate Washer
- 1 18" Trim Lok Strip
- 1 Stiffener Plate
- 2 Velcro Square

**READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS THOROUGHLY AND ACCOUNT FOR ALL HARDWARE LISTED BEFORE BEGINNING INSTALLATION!**

**Step 1.** Raise vehicle on suitable jack stands, ramps, or hoist.

**Step 2.** Open rear trunk hatch and remove license plate. Remove the (1) screw located behind the license plate. See Figure [1].

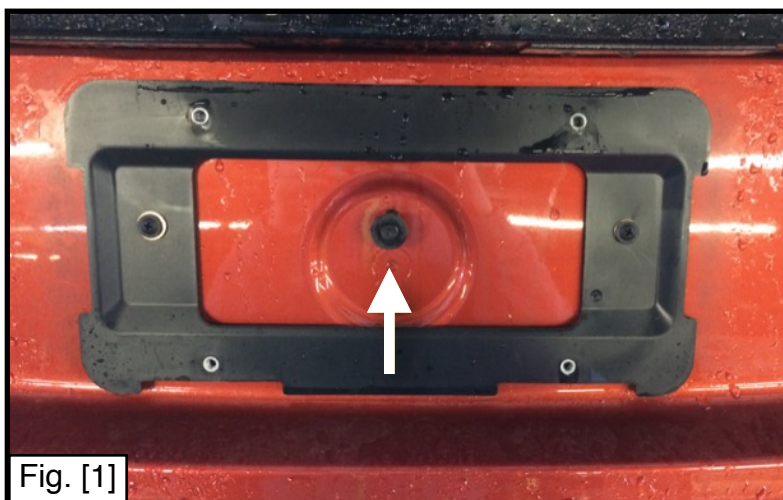


Fig. [1]

**Step 3.** Remove the (2) screws located on the lower portions of the rear hatch edges of the driver and passenger side. See Figure [2] & [3].

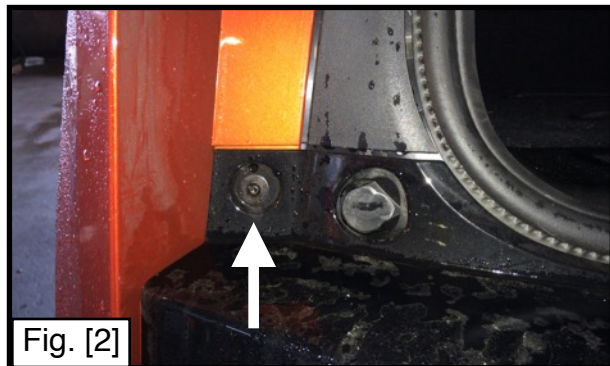


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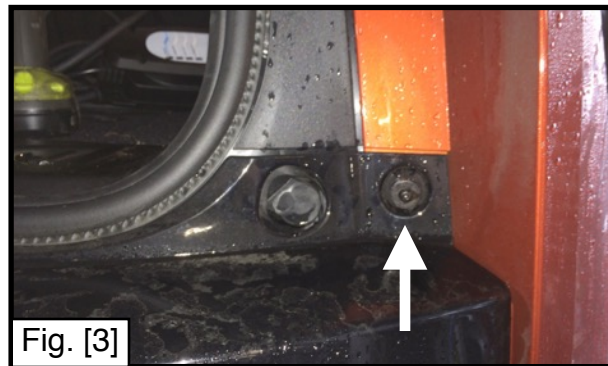


Fig. [3]

**Step 4.** Remove (1) screw in the rearward wheel well wall. Repeat on opposite side.  
See Figure [4].

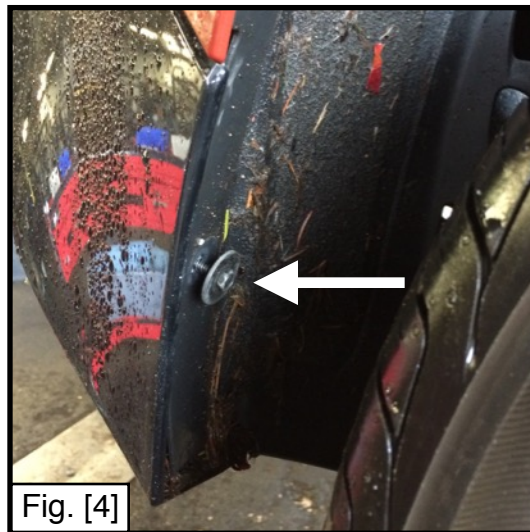


Fig. [4]

**Step 5.** Remove (8) screws located along the underside of the bumper fascia.  
See Figure [5] & [6].

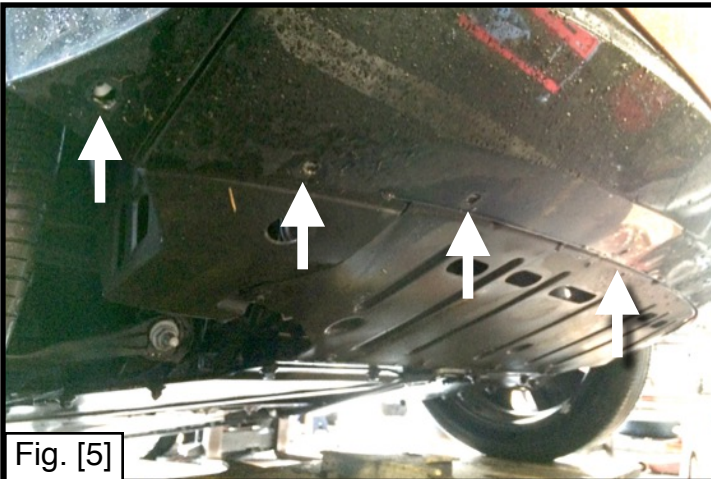


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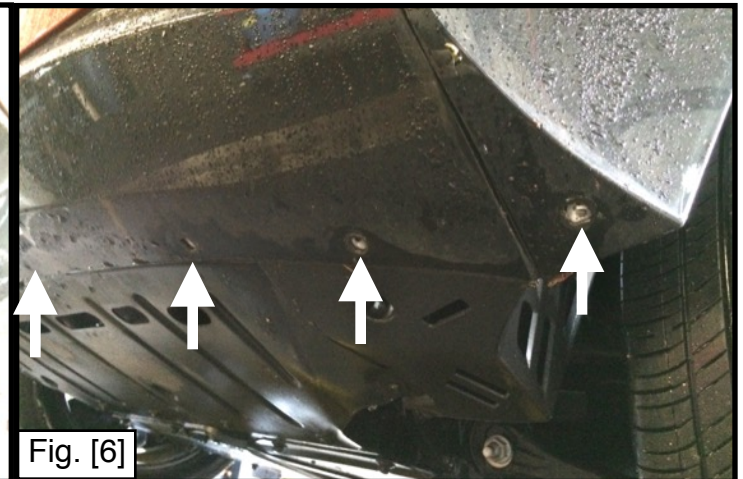


Fig. [6]

**Step 6.** On the passenger side, peel back the wheel well liner as shown in Figure [7] and release the first bumper fascia tab. Once the first tab is released, begin to pull downwards on the bumper fascia. Use a flat head tool to release remaining tabs as shown in Figure [8]. Repeat process on driver side.

**DO NOT COMPLETELY REMOVE.**

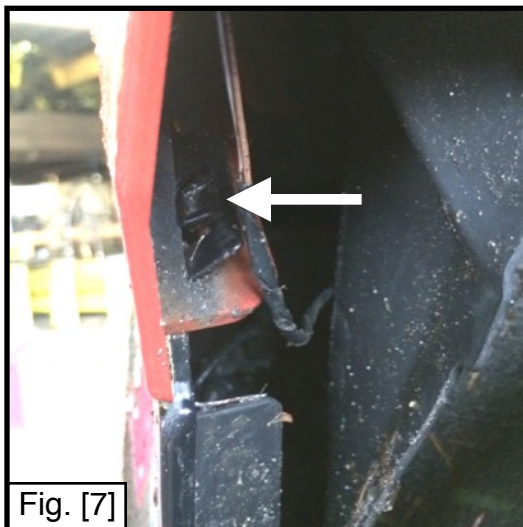


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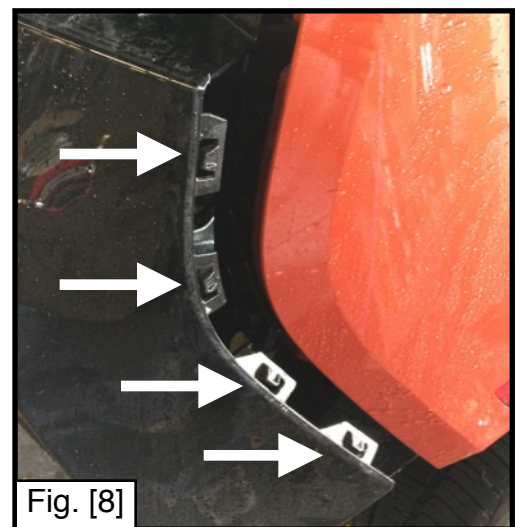


Fig. [8]

**Step 7.** With all of the tabs released, have an assistant help unclip the various back up sensor wires and antennas. To remove the license plate light wire harness, pinch the light assembly housing holding clip and push the housing down, then remove the wire harness clip. See Figure [9], [10], [11].

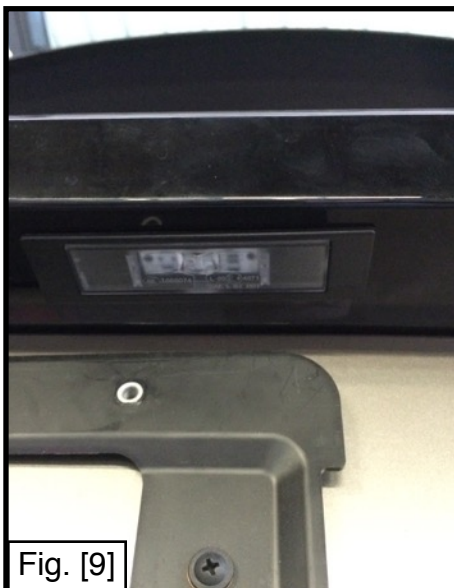


Fig. [9]



Fig. [10]



Fig. [11]

**Step 8.** Once all of the sensor wires have been unclipped you can set the bumper fascia aside. Remove the wiring harness from the black plastic hangers and then remove the black plastic wire holder held on by clamps. See Figure [12], [13], [14].



Fig. [12]

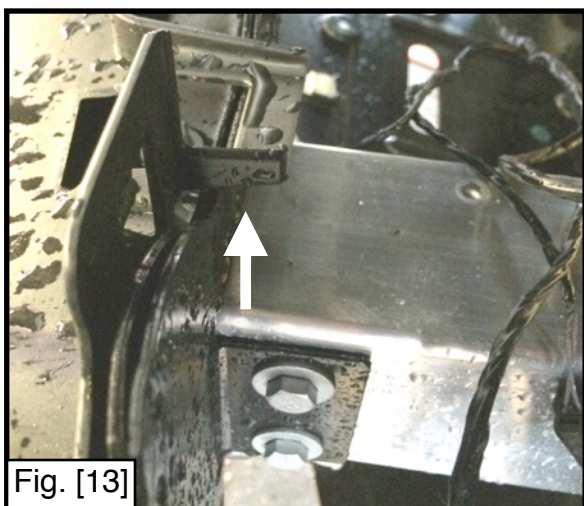


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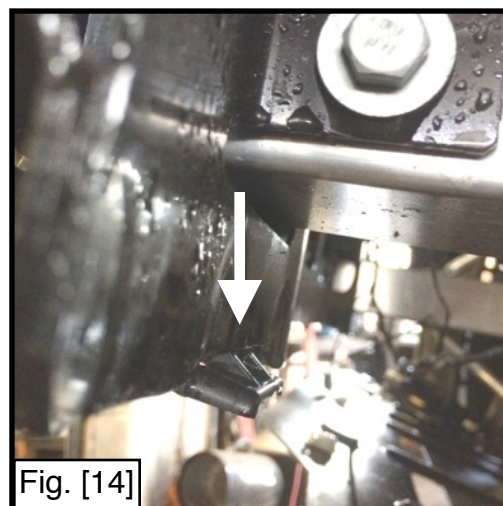


Fig. [14]

**Step 9.** Remove the (2) factory bolts on the passenger side holding the impact bar to the vehicle and discard. Repeat on driver side. See Figure [15] & [16].

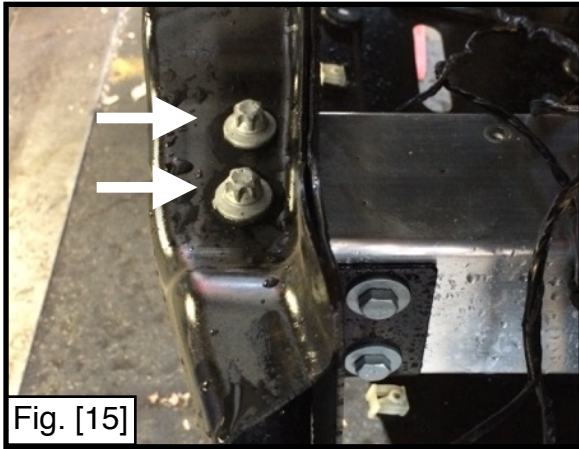


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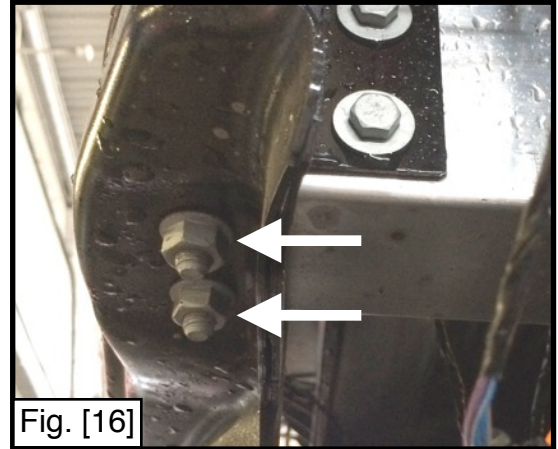


Fig. [16]

**Step 10.** Trim a 1-1/4" x 6-1/4" section from the center of the underbody panel still attached to the vehicle as shown in Figure [17] to allow room for the hitch.

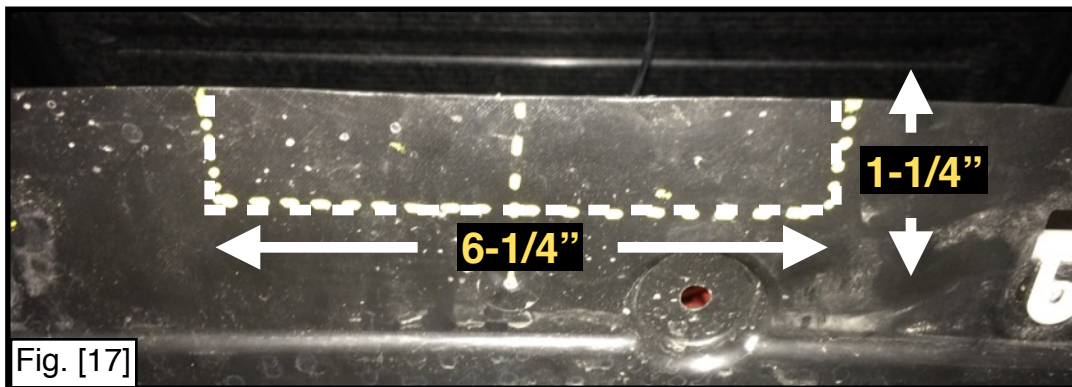


Fig. [17]

**Step 11.** Remove the antenna located on the bumper fascia that is held on by retainer clips. Relocate it to the underside of the hitch on the passenger side. Secure it with the supplied velcro squares as shown in Figure [19].



Fig. [18]



Fig. [19]

**Step 12.** Place hitch over the impact bar and drop (1) 3/8" x 5" bolt and (1) 3/8" flat washer, through each of the top frame plate holes. On the underside, secure the 3/8" hardware with (1) 3/8" flat washer and (1) 3/8" nylock hex nut.

**NOTE: Hand tighten only at this time.**

**Step 13.** Located directly forward of the hitch receiver, remove the factory bolt shown in Figure [20]. Place the supplied 1x2 plate washer into the groove to sit flush with the vehicle, then raise the Stiffener Plate into position. Secure with (1) 5/16" flat washer and the factory nut. Next, place (1) 5/16" x 1" bolt and (1) 5/16" flat washer through each hole on the face of the chain plate, through the Stiffener Plate, and secure on the back side with (1) 5/16" flat washer and (1) 5/16" hex nut. See Figure [20] & [21].

**Hand tighten only at this time.**

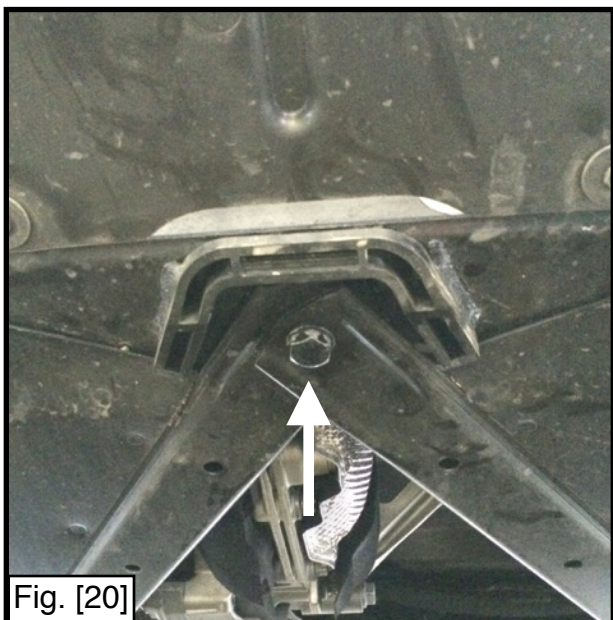


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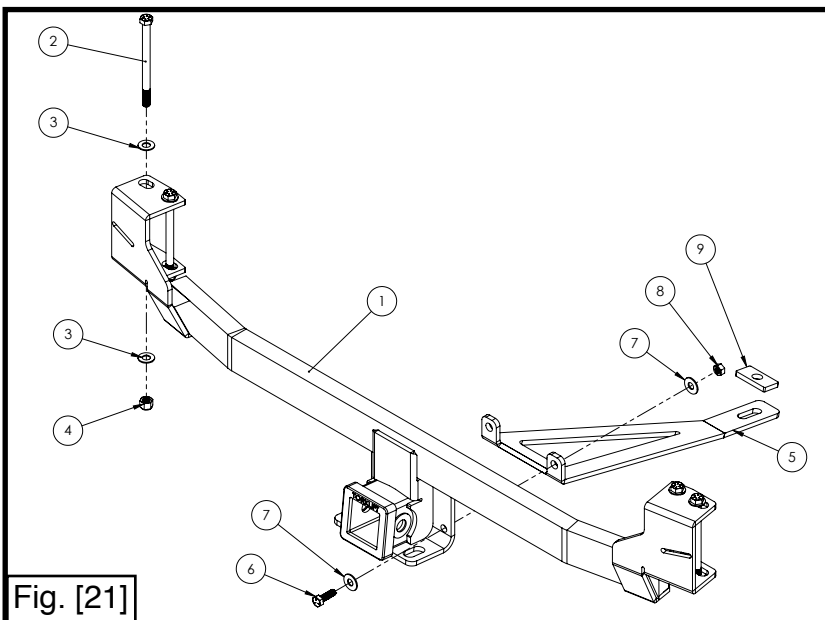


Fig. [21]

**Step 14.** With all the hardware hand tighten and in place, torque hardware to the following specifications:

**3/8" Hardware: 33ft-lbs**

**5/16" Hardware: 17ft-lbs**

**Factory Stiffener Hardware: 33ft-lbs**

**Step 15.** Following Figure [22] & [23], trim the wire harness holder and replace over the EcoHitch. Additional trimming may be required at your desire.

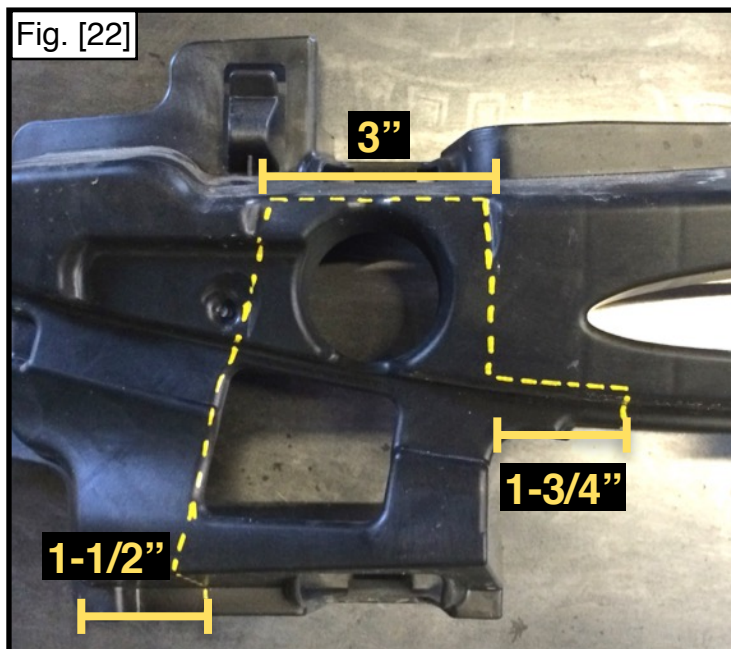


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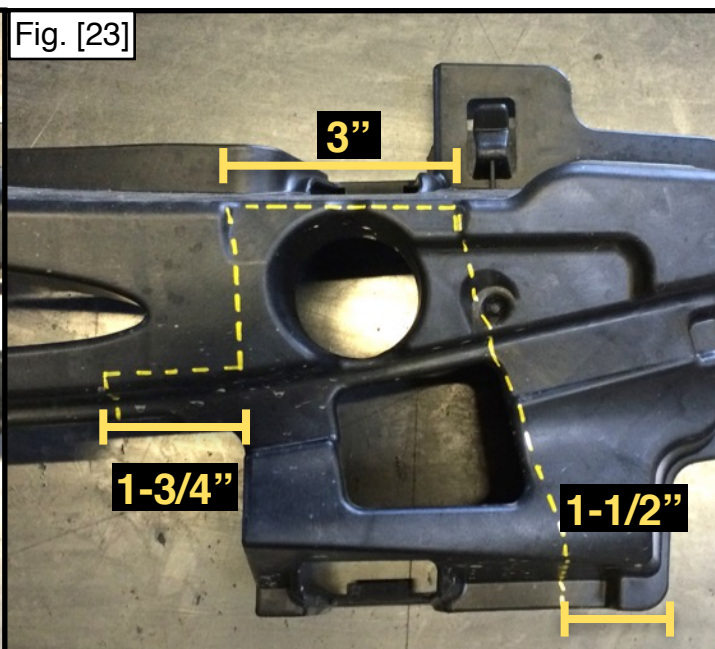
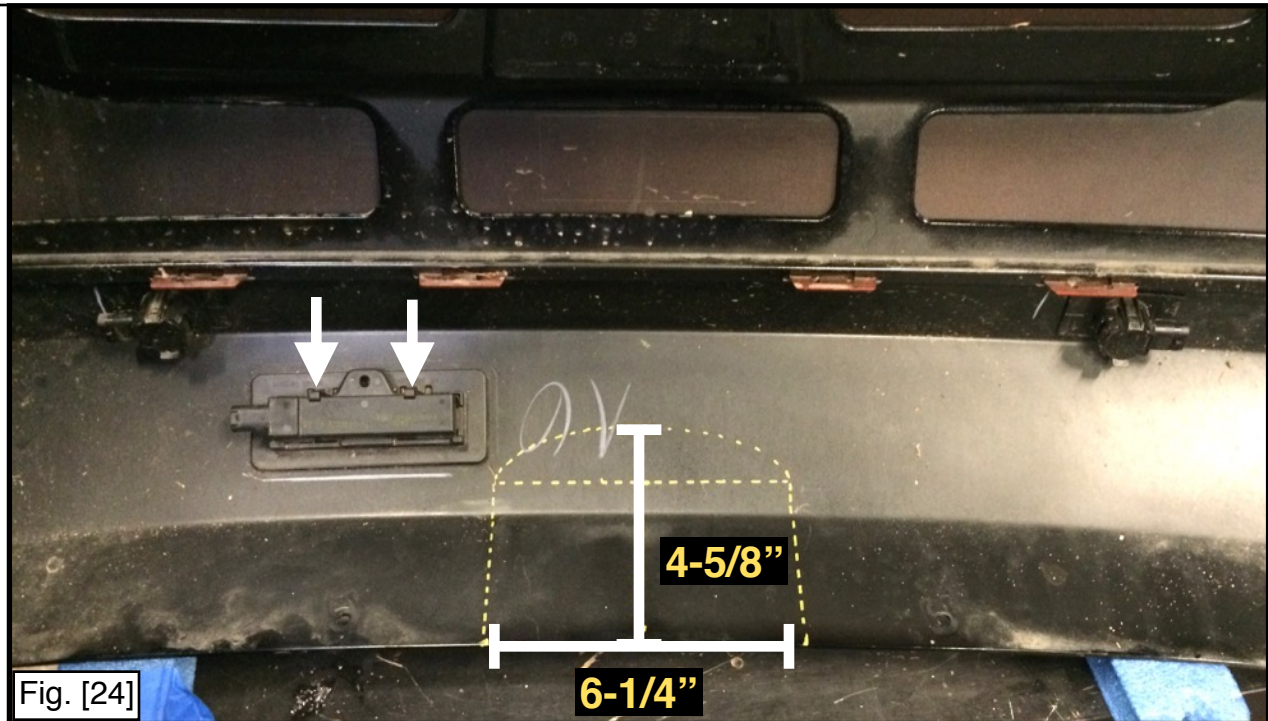


Fig. [23]

**Step 16.** Trim a 4-5/8" x 6-1/4" section from the center of the bumper fascia as shown in Figure [24] and apply the supplied Trim Lok. More or less trimming may be performed if you desire. You will also need to trim or break off the retaining clips that held the now relocated antenna. See Figure [24].



**Step 17.** After all hardware has been properly secured, reinstall the bumper fascia following these steps in reverse starting at Step 8. Be sure to reinstall the sensor wire harness on the wire harness holder.

**Congratulations on the completed installation of the BMW i3 Stealth EcoHitch!** It is designed with a lifetime warranty for a lifetime of enjoyment. If you have any questions or suggestions please contact our tech support at [support@tlcentral.com](mailto:support@tlcentral.com) or by phone at (253)-854-1832.



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