



## 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 or you have the universal wedge.
2. Verify that you also have two (2) 5/8 bolts and two (2) 5/8 conical washers.
3. With the truck unhooked from the unit bolt the wedge to the Sidewinder. The wedge needs to be positioned with the narrow end towards the front of the unit and the recessed area downward. The recessed area is for socket head clearance to the bolts. Install bolts hand tight including the conical washers, then slide the wedge to the rear most 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 150 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.**

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