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## GVW-HITCH-FRONT



Front Mounted 2" Hitch Receiver for  
1980-1991 Vanagon With GoWesty Front Bumper

If you need to attach a hitch-mount accessory on the front of your van, you need a front hitch receiver! This stout receiver mounts with long bolts that pass through the front structure of the van, using your GoWesty bumper for additional support so you can do whatever crazy stuff you have in mind for your front hitch.

### Tools Needed

- Drill
- 1/8", 3/8", and 1/2" Drill Bits
- Hammer and Center Punch
- 13mm and 19mm Wrenches
- 13mm and 19mm Sockets
- Tape Measure

**DISCLAIMER:** This kit has been designed for easy installation. If you have a long, 1/2" drill bit you can drill the long bolt holes all the way through the bumper in one operation, which will produce clean, well aligned holes. These instructions detail simple installation using only standard drill bits.

Hardware List 	Parts List 
(4) 3/8"x1" Bolts, Grade 8 (8) 3/8" flat washers, grade 8 (4) 3/8" Nylock nuts (2) 1/2" x 7 1/2" bolts, grade 8 (8) 1/2" flat washers, grade 8 (2) 1/2" Nylock nuts	Front Hitch Receiver Plate

*Installation Note: It is recommended to leave all fasteners loose until everything is installed and clocked correctly. The final torque should be applied once everything is fitted properly.*

### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Find the exact center of the bumper and hitch receiver. Mark the center carefully, then center the hitch receiver on the front bumper flush with the back edge.



2. Mark all 6 holes and carefully center punch them.





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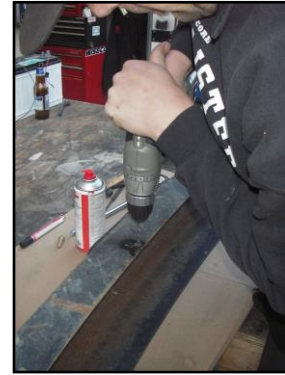
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3. Flip over the bumper and find the exact center. Using the receiver as a template, carefully mark and center punch the two lower holes. For GoWesty's newer, high clearance bumper, use a ruler to align the front edge of the receiver with the front of the bumper.

*NOTE: You will be drilling the two larger holes in the lower part of the bumper and through the vehicle. Your measurements are crucial so that all the holes line up, allowing you to insert the two long bolts.*



4. Using a 1/8" drill bit, drill pilot holes for all of the bolts. Using a 3/8" drill bit, open up the 4 holes closest to the front and rear edges.



5. Place the bumper on the van. Center the bumper and tighten the front 2 bolts to hold it in place. Using the 1/8" drill bit—and using the bumper as a template—drill the pilot holes for the 2 long bolts in the vehicle's crush member (top and bottom). These holes must be drilled accurately so that the long bolt can pass through both the top and bottom of the bumper.



6. Remove the bumper and open up all the holes for the long bolts with a 1/2" drill bit.





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- Using the 4 small bolts and 8 washers, bolt the receiver to the top of the bumper.



- Place the bumper on the car and loosely install the front 2 bolts. Push the long bolts up from the bottom, making sure you stack TWO washers on each side of each bolt. This can be rather difficult if you were even the slightest bit "off" when drilling the holes. You may need to use a file to open up the holes and get proper alignment.
- Finish installing the bumper, then tighten the long bolts just until the bumper starts to flex. Now, crack a cold beverage and enjoy your fine handiwork!



**You're Done!**