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Reese 58426 5th Wheel Bracket Kit User Manual

Model: 58426

1. Introduction

This user manual provides comprehensive instructions for the installation, proper use, and maintenance of the Reese 58426 5th Wheel Bracket Kit. This kit is specifically designed to facilitate the installation of Reese #30035 and #30095 5th wheel hitches in Ford F-150 trucks manufactured between 2004 and 2014.
Please read this manual thoroughly before attempting installation or operation to ensure safety and optimal performance of your towing system. Keep this manual for future reference.

2. Safety Information

WARNING: Failure to follow these instructions could result in serious injury, death, or property damage.

- Always wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), including safety glasses and gloves, during installation.
- Ensure the vehicle is parked on a level surface, the parking brake is engaged, and the engine is off before beginning installation.
- Never exceed the towing capacity of your vehicle or the hitch system. Refer to your vehicle's owner's manual for specific towing limits.
- All fasteners must be tightened to the specified torque values. Refer to the specific hitch manual for torque specifications if not provided here.
- Regularly inspect all components for wear, damage, or loose fasteners. Replace damaged parts immediately.
- If you are unsure about any part of the installation process, consult a qualified professional.

3. Package Contents

Verify that all components listed below are present and undamaged before beginning installation. If any parts are missing or damaged, contact Reese customer support.



Figure 3.1: Contents of the Reese 58426 5th Wheel Bracket Kit. This image displays the four primary L-shaped mounting brackets and a clear plastic bag containing various nuts, bolts, washers, and other small fasteners required for installation.

- Four (4) L-shaped mounting brackets (Alloy Steel, Powder Coated)
- One (1) Hardware bag containing:
    - Assorted bolts
    - Assorted nuts
    - Assorted washers
    - Other necessary fasteners for installation

Note: The specific quantity and type of fasteners may vary slightly. Refer to the detailed parts list included with your physical product for exact counts.

4. Setup and Installation

This section outlines the general steps for installing the Reese 58426 5th Wheel Bracket Kit. This kit is designed to be used with Reese #30035 and #30095 5th wheel hitches in Ford F-150 trucks (2004-2014). Always refer to the specific instructions provided with your Reese 5th wheel hitch for complete installation details, as this bracket kit serves as an adapter.

4.1. Tools Required

- Standard wrench set
- Socket wrench set
- Torque wrench
- Drill and appropriate drill bits (if required by hitch instructions)
- Measuring tape
- Marker or chalk
- Safety glasses and gloves

4.2. Pre-Installation Steps

1. Park the vehicle on a firm, level surface. Engage the parking brake and turn off the engine.
2. Clear the truck bed of any obstructions.
3. Review the instructions for your specific Reese 5th wheel hitch (#30035 or #30095) to understand the overall installation process and any specific requirements for bracket placement.

4.3. Bracket Installation



Figure 4.1: Components of the Reese 58426 kit laid out, showing the four L-shaped brackets, multiple carriage bolts, flat washers, lock washers, hex nuts, and rectangular spacer plates. These components are used to secure the 5th wheel hitch rails to the truck frame.

1. **Positioning the Brackets:** The four L-shaped brackets are designed to attach to the truck frame and provide mounting points for the 5th wheel hitch rails. Refer to your specific hitch manual for precise measurements and locations for drilling or utilizing existing frame holes. Typically, two brackets are positioned near the front of the truck bed and two near the rear, aligned with the hitch rails.
2. **Securing the Brackets:** Use the provided hardware (bolts, nuts, washers, and spacer plates) to secure the brackets

to the truck frame. The spacer plates are often used between the truck bed and the frame, or between the frame and the bracket, to ensure proper alignment and distribute load.

3. **Tightening Fasteners:** Hand-tighten all fasteners initially to allow for minor adjustments. Once all brackets are in place and aligned with the hitch rails (which may require temporarily placing the rails), tighten all bolts to the torque specifications provided in your Reese 5th wheel hitch manual. It is critical to use a torque wrench for this step to prevent loosening or damage.
4. **Final Check:** After tightening, double-check all connections to ensure they are secure. Verify that the brackets are firmly attached and do not interfere with any vehicle components.

For detailed diagrams and specific drilling templates, always consult the installation guide for your Reese #30035 or #30095 5th wheel hitch.

5. Operating Considerations

The Reese 58426 Bracket Kit itself does not have operational components. Its function is to provide a secure and stable mounting platform for your Reese 5th wheel hitch. Once installed, the brackets become an integral part of your truck's towing system.

- **Hitch Installation:** After the brackets are installed, proceed with the installation of your Reese #30035 or #30095 5th wheel hitch onto these brackets as per the hitch's specific instructions.
- **Towing:** Always follow safe towing practices, including proper trailer hook-up, weight distribution, and speed limits. Refer to your vehicle and trailer manuals for comprehensive towing guidelines.

6. Maintenance

Regular inspection and maintenance are crucial for the longevity and safe operation of your Reese 5th Wheel Bracket Kit.

- **Periodic Inspection:** Before each towing trip, and at least every 3 months during regular use, inspect all brackets, bolts, and connections for signs of wear, corrosion, cracks, or loosening.
- **Tightness Check:** Re-torque all fasteners to the manufacturer's specifications annually, or more frequently if heavy towing is performed.
- **Cleaning:** Keep the brackets clean and free of dirt, salt, and debris. A mild soap and water solution can be used.
- **Corrosion Protection:** The brackets are powder coated for corrosion resistance. If the coating is damaged, touch up with a rust-inhibiting paint to prevent corrosion.
- **Damage:** If any component of the bracket kit is bent, cracked, or severely corroded, it must be replaced immediately. Do not attempt to repair damaged components.

7. Troubleshooting

This section addresses common issues that may arise during the installation or use of the Reese 58426 5th Wheel Bracket Kit.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Brackets do not align with truck frame holes.	Incorrect positioning; vehicle model year outside specified range (2004-2014 Ford F-150); manufacturing variance.	Double-check measurements and vehicle compatibility. Ensure brackets are oriented correctly. Minor adjustments may be possible. If significant misalignment, contact Reese support.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Hitch rails do not align with installed brackets.	Brackets installed incorrectly or not to precise measurements; incorrect hitch model.	Verify bracket placement against hitch manual. Ensure you are using Reese #30035 or #30095 hitch. Re-adjust bracket positions before final tightening.
Loose fasteners after installation.	Fasteners not torqued to specification; vibration during use.	Re-torque all fasteners using a torque wrench to the specified values. Implement regular inspection and re-torquing as part of maintenance.
Missing or damaged hardware.	Packaging error; damage during shipping or handling.	Do not proceed with installation. Contact Reese customer support for replacement parts.

8. Specifications

Model Number	58426
Brand	Reese
Compatible Vehicle Service Type	Truck (Ford F-150, 2004-2014)
Compatible Hitch Models	Reese #30035, Reese #30095
Material	Alloy Steel
Finish Type	Powder Coated
Product Dimensions (Approx.)	5.13 x 7.25 x 6.83 inches
Country of Origin	China
UPC	016118052268
OEM Part Number	BCKX58426

Note: Specifications are subject to change without notice.

9. Warranty Information

Reese products are manufactured to high-quality standards. For specific warranty terms and conditions applicable to the Reese 58426 5th Wheel Bracket Kit, please refer to the official Reese website or the warranty card included with your product at the time of purchase.
Generally, warranties cover defects in material and workmanship under normal use and service. Proof of purchase is typically required for all warranty claims.

10. Customer Support

If you have any questions regarding the installation, operation, or maintenance of your Reese 58426 5th Wheel Bracket Kit, or if you require technical assistance, please contact Reese customer support.

- **Website:** Visit the official Reese website for FAQs, product information, and contact options. (Reese Store on Amazon or search for Reese Towpower official website)
- **Phone:** Refer to the Reese website or product packaging for customer service phone numbers.

When contacting support, please have your product model number (58426) and purchase information readily available.

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