

# Owner's Manual & Safety Instructions

**Save This Manual** Keep this manual for the safety warnings and precautions, assembly, operating, inspection, maintenance and cleaning procedures. Write the product's serial number in the back of the manual near the assembly diagram (or month and year of purchase if product has no number). Keep this manual and the receipt in a safe and dry place for future reference.



## UNIVERSAL WINCH MOUNTING CHANNEL



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When unpacking, make sure that the product is intact and undamaged. If any parts are missing or broken, please call 1-888-866-5797 as soon as possible.

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### **⚠WARNING**

**Read this material before using this product.  
Failure to do so can result in serious injury.  
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# Specifications

Winch Compatibility	9,000 & 12,000 lb. Badlands Winches
Vehicle Compatibility	Various vehicles, including Toyota® models FJ-40 and FJ-45

## Important Safety Information

### Assembly Precautions

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1. Assemble only according to these instructions. Improper assembly can create hazards.
2. Verify Channel is compatible with the vehicle it is being mounted on.
3. Prior to installing, read and understand instructions and safety precautions outlined in vehicle's manufacturer's service manual.
4. Wear ANSI-approved safety goggles and heavy-duty work gloves during mounting.
5. Keep assembly area clean and well lit.
6. Keep bystanders out of the area during mounting and use.
7. Do not mount or use winch when tired or when under the influence of alcohol, drugs or medication.
8. Weight capacity and other product capabilities apply to properly and completely assembled product only.

### Use Precautions

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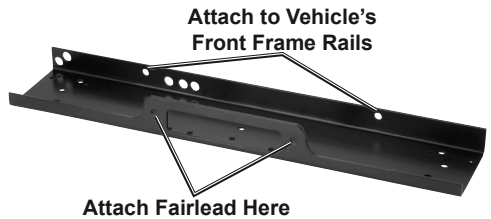
1. This product is not a toy. Do not allow children to play with or near this item.
2. Use as intended only. This Channel is designed to be used with 9,000 & 12,000 lb. Badlands Winches. Do not weld, bend, drill new holes in, or otherwise modify this item. Modifications may compromise the structure of this product, leading to sudden failure under load and decreased capacity.
3. Inspect before every use; do not use if parts are loose or damaged.
4. Do not exceed 12,000 lb. capacity. Mounting location and hardware must support winch and load. **Be aware of dynamic loading!** Sudden load movement may briefly create excess load causing product failure.
5. Maintain product labels and nameplates. These carry important safety information. If unreadable or missing, contact Harbor Freight Tools for a replacement.

# Mounting Instructions



Read the **ENTIRE IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION** section at the beginning of this document including all text under subheadings therein before set up or use of this product.

1. **Avoid accidental damage to Channel and/or vehicle to which Channel will be installed.** Prior to installing the Channel on vehicle, read and understand instructions and safety precautions as outlined in vehicle manufacturer's service manual.
2. **CAUTION!** Prior to attaching the Channel to vehicle, make sure vehicle's engine is off and emergency brake is set.
3. With assistance, position Channel between front frame rails of vehicle.
4. Align mounting holes in Channel with the factory bolt holes in the frame rails of vehicle. Then, securely attach Channel to vehicle's frame rails with at least 4 sets of ASTM Grade 5 Bolts, Washers, Lock Washers, and Nuts (not included) the largest diameter that will fit.
5. With assistance, and use of proper lifting device, position Winch (not included) over Channel.
6. Using the appropriate size ASTM Grade 5 Bolts, Washers, Lock Washers, and Nuts, attach Winch's Fairlead (roller or hawse) onto front of Channel. Then run the Winch's Hook through the Fairlead.
7. Align mounting holes in base of the Winch with mounting holes in Channel.
8. Securely attach Winch to Channel, using correct hardware.



**Record Serial Number Here:**

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**Note:** If product has no serial number, record month and year of purchase instead.

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