



Hitch Docker

Thanks to Hitch Docker, my days of damaging the rear bumper of my tow vehicle, by banging it with the trailer coupler when backing up alone, are over. Now hitching up my sled hauler is a breeze! Hitch Docker is an easily installed device that fastens to my hitch ball and places a V-shaped metal shield behind it, between the ball and my fender. While I didn't find Hitch Docker that effective to help guide the backing up itself, now if I overshoot the hitch, the trailer coupler hits the Hitch Docker, not my bumper.

I have only two provisos. One, you must be able to remove the nut that secures the ball to your tow vehicle in order to install Hitch Docker. For hitches exposed to a season or two of road crud, this may be very difficult. Two, an installed Hitch Docker adds size to a removable hitch shaft and ball, so it may not store as easily as previously when not in use. But these are a small inconvenience compared to the protection Hitch Docker provides. Hitch Docker even offers a special model for bumper mounted hitch balls: when not in use, the shield folds down so as not to block your license plate! Price ranges from \$19.95 to \$34.95 at www.hitchdocker.com



Easy Hitch

If you've ever had trouble lining up your trailer coupler

with your vehicle's hitch ball when you're backing up alone, your worries are over. Easy Hitch provides a simple system that helped me back up accurately to the trailer hitch every time! Easy Hitch consists of two, easily stored, telescoping metal wands with a strong magnet at one end and a red light at the other.

It works by placing one wand magnet on the hitch ball and the other wand magnet on top of the hitch coupler, then adjusting each so their heights are equal and can be seen by the driver while backing up. Then activate each battery-powered red light by twisting it slightly. Now when I back up, all I have to do is look over my shoulder and watch the two lights come together. When they do, the trailer coupler knocks off the one on the hitch ball and as soon as it falls, I'm in the right position and stop backing up. Thanks to the bright lights, Easy Hitch works during blinding snow, fog and after dark. One tip: before you start, make sure that your trailer coupler is higher than your vehicle's hitch ball, so it will go over it and hit the wand when you back up. While Easy Hitch has solved my hook up problems Price is \$19.99 at www.easyhitch.net



Blurr Pouch

Today, many snowmobilers carry everything from cell or satellite phones to PGS units and digital music players, all of which prefer to be protected from the elements, from being hit or jarred, and to be kept as warm as possible. Exterior pockets and exposed handle bar bags aren't very effective, and cold is especially hard on battery life. So keeping your technology inside your jacket makes good sense. Taking trail shots for Snow Goer tours means that I must have a camera handy. Until I found my FRS Guide Radio Pouch by Blurr, keeping it warm, dry, secure and accessible was a chore. Now I fasten my Blurr Pouch around my chest with an easy adjust and quick-release snap system, wearing it under my snowmobile coat. Blurr even has a waterproof zipper and a mesh back for breathability. The company makes several sizes and configurations of chest pouches, ranging from \$43 to \$52. Click on www.mec.ca and do a product search for Blurr.