

 **911 Trailer Hitch**

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You may have to make one (or have one made).

Method A is to have an L shaped piece made for you. One surface holds the ball and the safety chain holes or other attachments, and the other surface is bolted to the bumper - two or four bolts with a backing plate on the other side - behind where the license plate would be. Having the part with the hitch stick out at about the height of the bottom of the license plate means you can leave the plate on with the hitch in place, and it should be a reasonable height for the trailer tongue. That bumper is pretty strong, and the bumper shocks are up to the task also. I haven't done this, but saw a guy with a 944 with such a setup.

Method B is to do something more complicated. Following something some one else had, I U bolted a piece of heavy angle iron below and between the bumper shocks. In its center was welded a heavy curved flat piece which kind of followed the contours of the valance down, but inside the valance. At the bottom it flattened out and had a hole in it. To that was bolted a curved drawbar, which ascended the outside of the valance to about license plate height, and then went straight back. It was held there by a slot in an L shaped piece attached as in A (but less elaborately). The ball bolted to this draw bar. Worked fine for me on my '77 with my ten tire plus tools, jack, gas, air, and a lawn chair load on the trailer. The guy I copied this from said he hauled a Hobie cat with a Boston Whaler on top across mountain passes, no sweat.

Plan C: I think maybe the company in Florida? which sells trailers for this purpose may also sell some sort of hitch. Never paid much attention, as my Checker Auto (or was it K Mart) special trailer worked (with some modifications of mine) just fine.

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P.s. - Porsche used to sell a trailer hitch as an accessory. I noticed one in my '72-73 Factory parts catalog (no picture). It's not in my '74-77 parts catalog, and doubtless would not fit your later bumpered car. So did the catalog houses, but they stopped maybe 10 or more years ago.

P.p.s. - at a D.E. last weekend in Denver I saw a guy with a Boxster S with a trailer hitch. He unbolted the rear bumper guards and bolted a hitch in their place. Pretty neat.

