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   Note: if the button is missing, it will be necessary to lift the button stem (Figure 1) up slightly as you extend the arm, so that the button stem will clear the inner arm weldment and inner arm bushing.

2. Set the coupler on any object that will allow the tow bar arms to rest at a convenient height to work on the button.

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   If you choose this method, dry the button completely before applying the glue.

7. Follow the instructions on the supplied package of epoxy glue to mix and activate the glue, then apply enough to lightly cover the inside of the button. Next, apply enough glue to completely fill the grooves at the top of the button stem.

   Within 30 seconds, position the button over the top of the button stem, and tap the button down over the stem, as far as it can go, with a rubber mallet.

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