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2005 Nissan Pathfinder LE/SE/XE
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Installation Instructions

Attachment Tab Height: 12-1/2"

Attachment Tab Width: 33-1/2"

Please read BOTH these Installation Instructions and the General Information sheet prior to installing or operating this equipment.

- Blue Ox® towing products and accessories are intended to be installed by Blue Ox® Dealers who are familiar with our products and have the equipment and knowledge necessary to do "it work".
- Many Blue Ox® baseplates are designed to use existing holes and hardware to mount the baseplate to the towed vehicle. Even though bolts are there, do not assume they are adequate for baseplate mounting. Always use the hardware supplied in the hardware kit and existing hardware as specified in the installation instructions.

Bolt Torque Specifications

Torque in Foot-Pounds for Inch Bolts

Bolt Size	Grade 5	Grade 8
1/4"	10	14
5/16"	19	29
3/8"	33	47
7/16"	54	78
1/2"	78	119
5/8"	154	230
3/4"	257	380

Bolt Torque Specifications

Torque in Foot-Pounds for Metric Bolts

Bolt Size	Grade 8.8	Grade 10.9
6MM	6	8
8MM	16	22
10MM	31	40
12MM	54	70
14MM	89	117
16MM	161	230
18MM	222	318



Reference your vehicle owner's manual for manufacturer's towing specifications.



WARNING

Failure to read and follow these instructions could result in separation of the towed vehicle from the tow bar, causing property damage, loss of towed vehicle, personal injury or death.

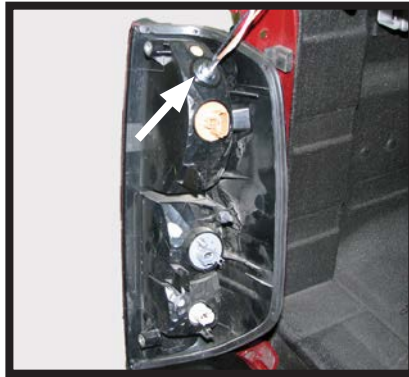
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Instruction Notes: The grille, fascia and bumper are removed and reinstalled for the baseplate installation. Some drilling and trimming is required.

Place all components that are removed on a flat, sturdy surface. All items will be reinstalled unless otherwise noted after the baseplate is installed.

The dimensional variations between otherwise identical vehicles can be considerable. While the baseplate was designed for easy installation, it may be necessary to tailor the baseplate slightly to compensate for vehicle manufacturer's tolerances.

The BX8869 Tail Light Wiring Kit is recommended for this vehicle.



Drill a hole according to the tail light wiring kit instructions.

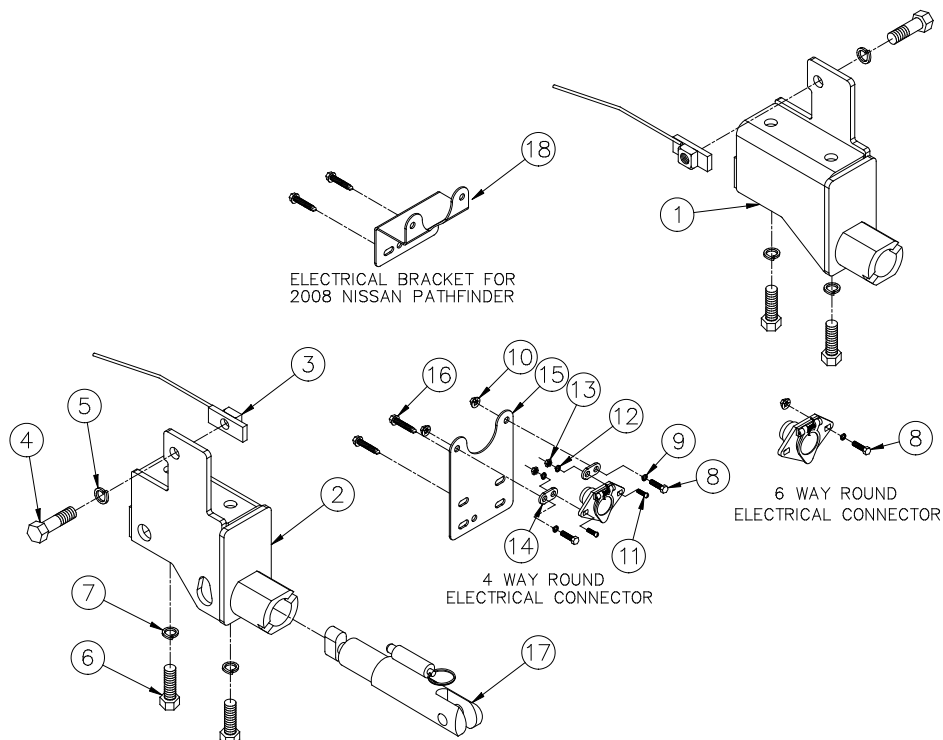
NOTICE

- Handling of some cosmetic parts when installing this product may require the use of protective covers, rags, specialty tools, etc. to prevent damage.
- When using power drills be aware of the dangers of torque and drill bit length.
- When using a reciprocating saw be aware of objects behind the cutting surface.
- Use a good quality paint to spray cut edges of frame to prevent rusting.
- Be sure that **ALL** electrical connections are plugged in and accessories are functioning properly before reinstalling the fascia.
- The baseplate is computer tested to your vehicle's GVWR, exceeding this weight will void the manufacturer's warranty.
- Be sure to use a sufficient amount of Loctite® Red on all bolt threads before tightening. Tighten all bolts according to the torque chart provided.
- Dealer or installer be certain the user receives these instruction sheets.
- If the baseplate is in an accident, it must be replaced. **DO NOT** use it again! An accident can cause unseen damage and using it again could result in more damage or serious injury. **DO NOT** use the baseplate if it is damaged or missing parts.

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Tools Required

Large Vise Grip
 Flat Screwdriver
 Utility Knife
 Phillips Screwdriver
 Torque Wrench
 Drill
 Tape Measure
 Loctite® RED
 17/32" Drill Bit
 1-1/4" Hole Saw
 10MM Socket
 17MM Socket
 19MM Socket
 7/16" Socket
 3/4" Socket
 5/16" Nut Driver

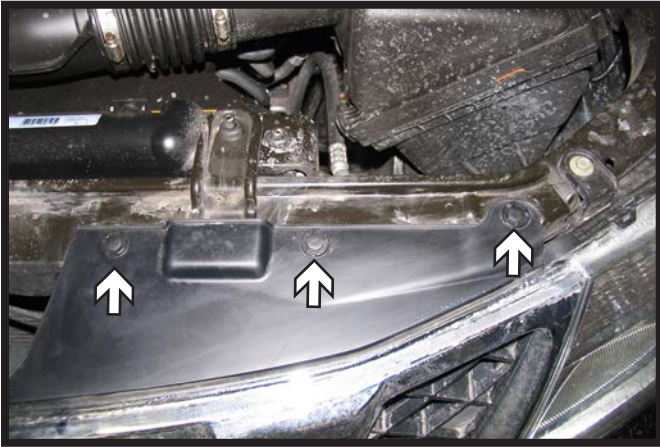


Item No.	Part No.	Description	Qty.
1.....	61-6130	BX1843 Baseplate, DS.....	1
2.....	61-6131	BX1843 Baseplate, PS.....	1
3.....	61-3799	1/2"-13 Nut Plate, w/10" Wire	2
4.....	201-0051	1/2"-13 x 1-1/2" Hex Head Bolt, Grade 5, ZP	2
5.....	203-0012	1/2" Lock Washer, ZP	2
6.....	201-0411	12MM-1.25 x 40MM Hex Head Bolt, Grade 8.8, ZP.....	4
7.....	203-0105	12MM Lock Washer, ZP	4
8.....	201-0050	1/4"-20 x 3/4" Hex Head Bolt, Grade 5, ZP	2
9.....	203-0008	1/4" Lock Washer, ZP	2
10.....	202-0069	1/4"-20 Hex Flange Whiz Lock Nut, ZP	2
11.....	201-0192	#10-32 x 1/2" Round Slot Head Screw	2
12.....	203-0054	#10 Lock Washer.....	2
13.....	202-0047	#10-32 Hex Nut	2
14.....	101-5822	4 Way Connector Adapter	2
15.....	101-6739	BX2908 Electrical Bracket.....	1
16.....	201-0654	#10-16 x 1" Self Drilling Screw, ZP.....	2
17.....	62-3468	Attachment Assembly, SF/SB (R).....	2
18.....	101-7202	BX1843 Electrical Bracket.....	1
19.....	102-7186(not shown)	Breakaway Bracket	1
20.....	226-0046(not shown)	Class III Safety Cables	2
21.....	229-0359(not shown)	3/8" Quicklink, ZP	2
22.....	290-0437(not shown)	Black Cap Plug Receiver.....	2

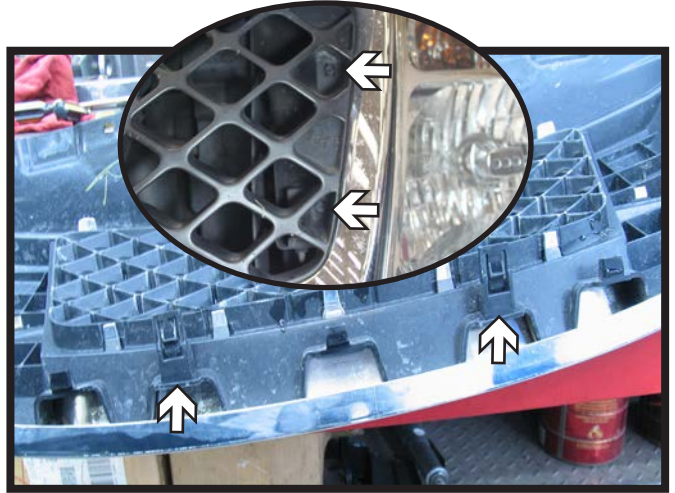
Important:

Use only genuine factory replacement parts on your baseplate. Do **NOT** substitute homemade or non-typical parts. If a bolt is lost or in need of replacement, for your safety and the preservation of your baseplate, be sure to use a replacement bolt of the same grade (In most cases it will be Grade 5, please reference the parts list above). Replacement parts may be ordered through your nearest Blue Ox® Dealer or Distributor. Failing to follow and/or altering these installation instructions in either installation or required equipment will void the manufacturer's warranty.

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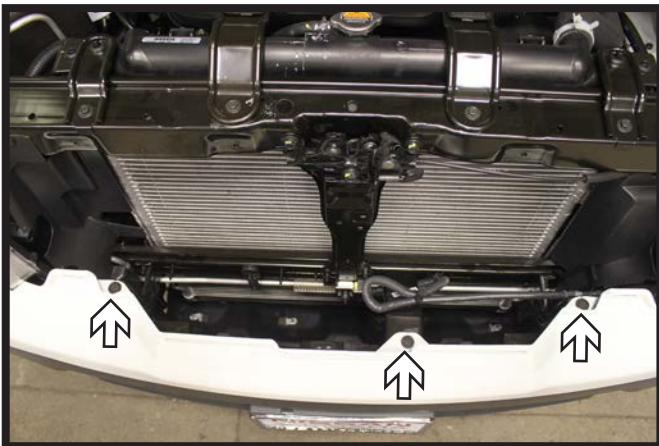


1. Remove three (3) push pins from the top of the grille. Do this on both sides.



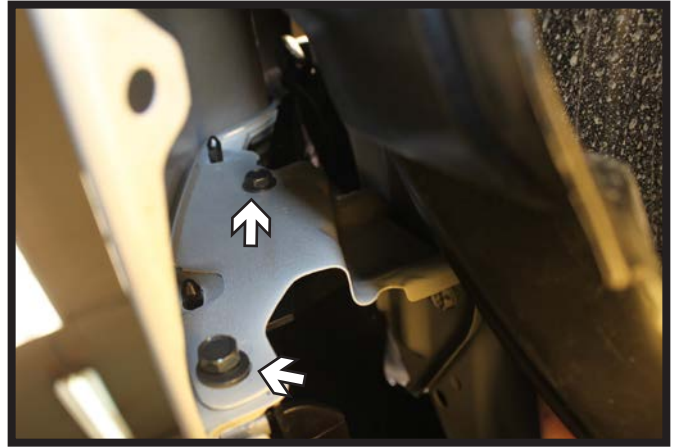
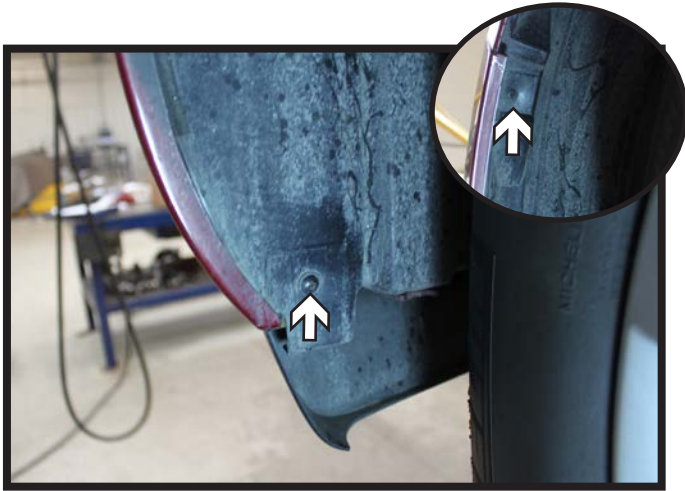
2. **2011 & Older Models:** To remove the grille, turn the two (2) square pins (inset). Then reach in and push up on the two (2) clips. Do this on both sides and remove the grille.

2012 & Newer Models: To remove the grille, reach under the grille and push up on the six (6) clips. There are three (3) on each side and remove the grille.



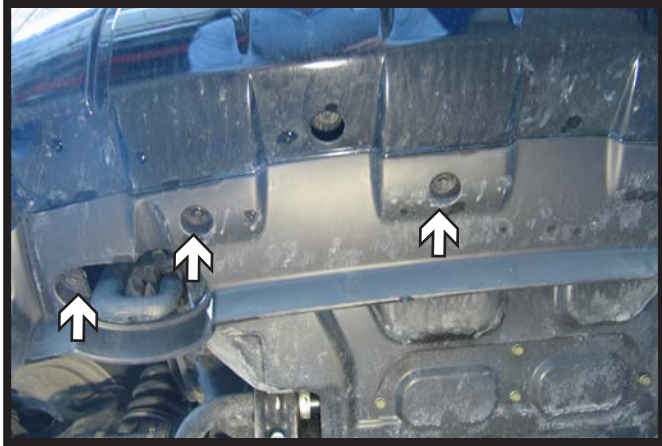
3. Remove three (3) push pins from the top of the fascia.

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4. In the wheel well, using a Phillips screwdriver, remove the lower and upper screws. Do this to both sides of the vehicle.

Note: On newer models behind the wheel well cover, using a 10MM socket, remove the screws from the fender/fascia joint. Do this on both sides of the vehicle.



5. On the underside of the fascia, using a 10MM socket, remove the six (6) screws from the shrouding. There are three (3) on each side. Set the shroud aside.



6. Using a 10MM socket, remove the four (4) screws from the underside of the fascia.

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7. **Older Models:** On the back side of the rubber cover in front of the tire, remove the two (2) screws using a Phillips screwdriver. Do this on both sides. (Left)

Newer Models: On the underside of the fascia, remove the two (2) screws using a Phillips screwdriver. Do this on both sides. (Right)



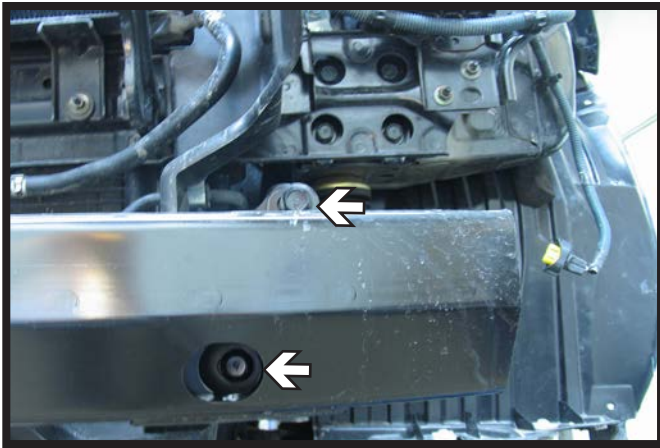
8. On the top side of the lower grille opening remove the three (3) push pins.

Pull the corners of the fascia away from the vehicle disconnecting any electrical connections and set the fascia aside.



9. Using the 10MM socket, remove the two (2) bolts from the belly pan that bolt into the bottom of the metal bumper.

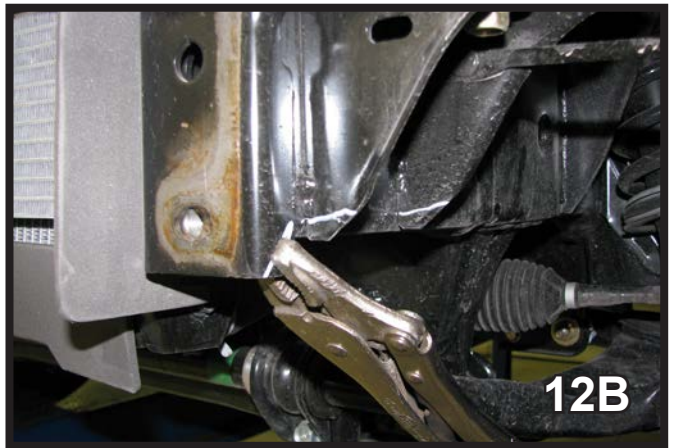
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10. Remove the two (2) bolts from the metal bumper with a 17MM socket. Do this on both sides.



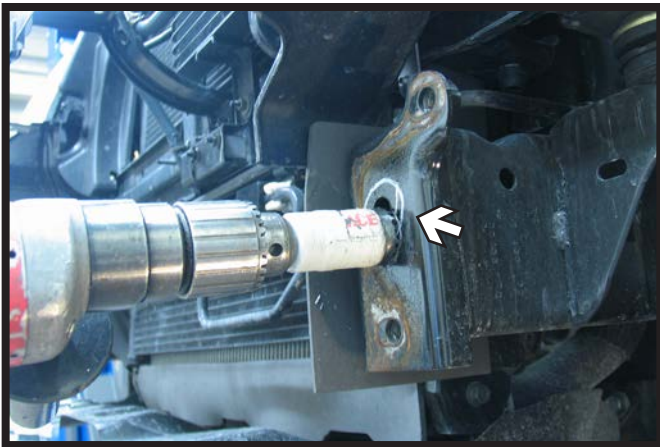
11. Remove the two (2) bolts from the tow hook on the passenger's side only using a 17MM socket. **The tow hook will NOT be reinstalled.**



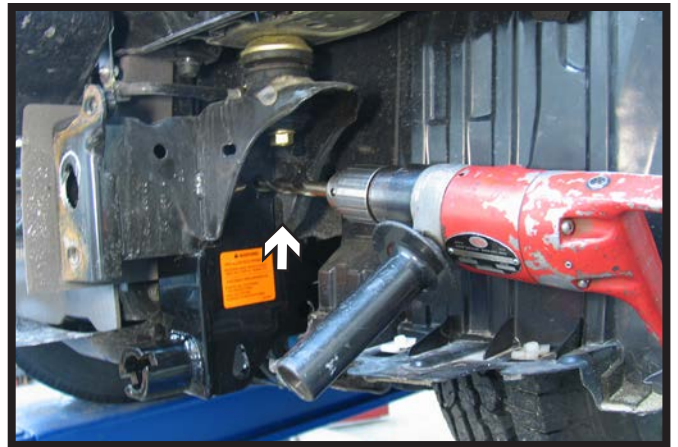
12. Using the vise grip bend the frame support, approximately 1/2" up from the bottom, back and fourth until it snaps off on both the front and back supports. Do this on both sides. (14A)
On 2011-12 Models: In addition to front and back supports, snap off the area in front of the supports for additional baseplate clearance. Do this on both sides (14B)

Align the baseplate on the passenger's side with the existing holes for the tow hook, tighten the 12MM-1.25 hex bolts and 12MM lock washers into existing holes. Install baseplate in the same location on the driver's side

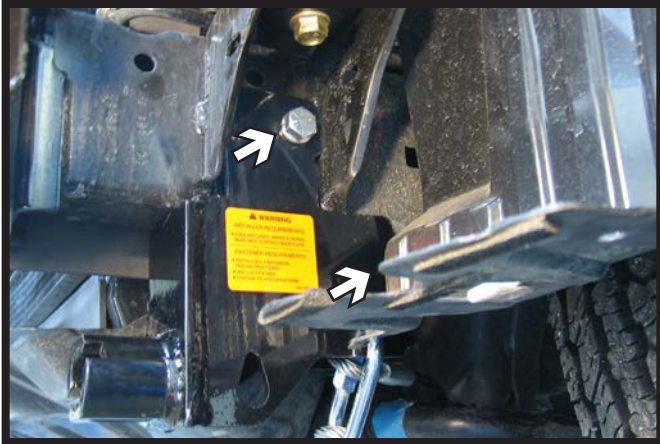
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13. Using a 1-1/4" holesaw, drill a hole as shown in the driver's side frame that is connected with the existing hole for nut plate access.

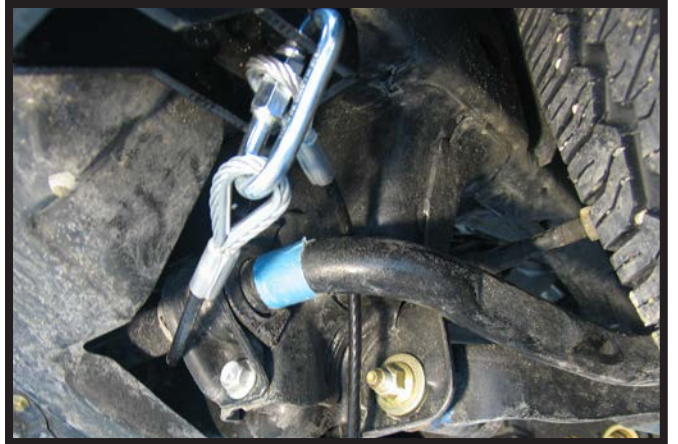


14. Using the baseplate as a template, drill a hole into the side of the frame rail with the 17/32" drill bit. Do this on both sides.



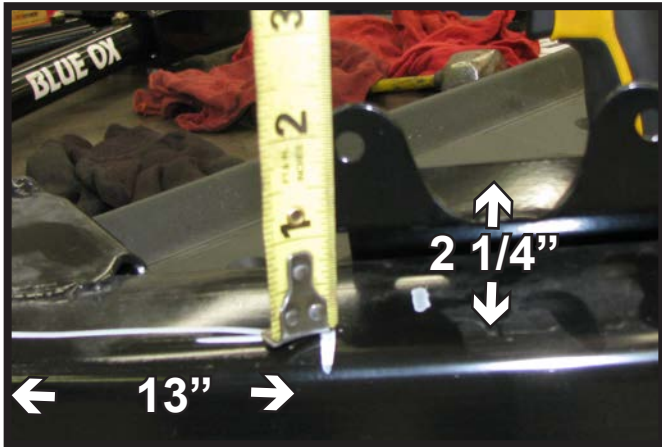
15. Insert the nut plate into the drilled hole on the frame cap to align with the drilled hole, tighten the 1/2"-13 hex bolt and 1/2" lock washer into the drilled hole. Repeat on other side.

** Use Loctite® Red on all bolt threads and tighten all bolts to the appropriate torque.

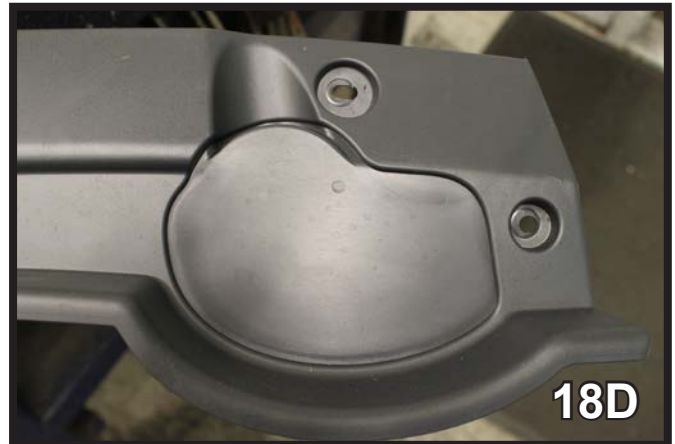
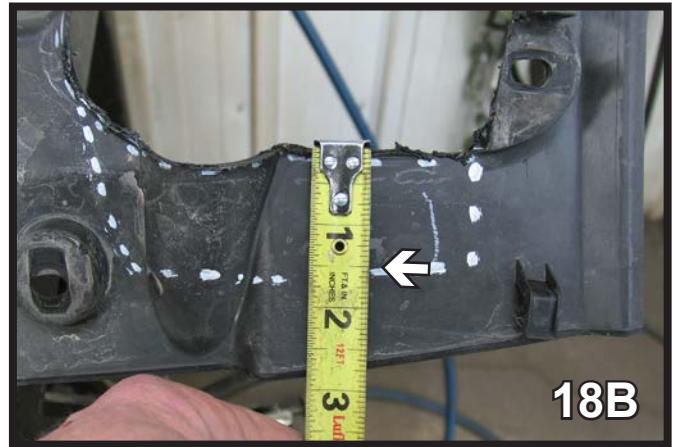


16. Attach the permanent baseplate safety cables to the provided convenience link on the baseplate. The photo above shows the recommended installation of the cables to frame of vehicle. Additional options may interfere with suggested mounting; in this case, secure the cables to a solid piece of the frame as described in the General Information sheet. Be sure the safety cables do not rub against any hoses or moving parts. Do this on **BOTH** sides of the vehicle.

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17. Set the metal bumper on a bench, clamp the electrical bracket to the back of the driver's side with the vise grip. The bracket should measure 13" from the driver's end of the metal bumper and 2 1/4" from the top edge of the bumper to the top hole location. Attach the bracket with the two (2) #10-16 self drilling screws using the 5/16" nut driver. Reinstall the metal bumper with the existing bolts. Reinstall the fascia.



19. **Older models:** Trim the lower fascia piece where the tow hooks come through, on the driver's side cut the lip and the whole circle out like on the passenger side (18A). Continue to trim an additional 1 1/2" straight down and next to the opening (18B).
- Newer Models:** On the driver side of the shroud (18D), trim out the recessed area to match the passenger side (18C).
- Reinstall the shroud.

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20. Reinstall the grille.



General Information

1. It is the owner's responsibility to inspect all towing equipment for cracked welds, missing or worn parts and loose bolts before each towing trip. Be sure to use Loctite® Red on all bolts and tighten to the recommended specifications.
2. It is the owner's responsibility to hook up all towing equipment per manufacturer's instructions/ recommendations.
3. Remove the attachment tabs when not in use (if applicable).

Notice To Baseplate Installer

1. It is YOUR responsibility to watch for:

- Oil cooler and air conditioner lines
- Electrical wires and hoses
- Missing parts or attaching points on the frame

** If the baseplate is improperly installed and is against a wire or hose, it could cause fluid leaks or electrical shorts some time after the actual baseplate installation.

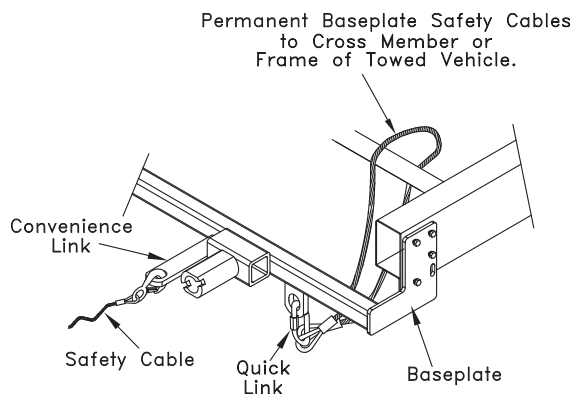
Permanent Baseplate Safety Cable Installation

Permanent baseplate safety cables are strongly recommended when towing a vehicle with a tow bar. The principle function of the permanent baseplate safety cables is to prevent the towed vehicle from breaking loose in the event the connection between the frame of the towed vehicle and the baseplate fails or becomes disconnected. The cables must be connected from the baseplate to the frame rail or cross member of the vehicle's frame. The illustrations below show the possible arrangements recommended by Blue Ox®. Each permanent baseplate safety cable must have an adequate weight rating for the towing system. The weight rating of the two (2) cables together will not qualify.

Do not mount the permanent baseplate safety cables against wires, hoses or brake lines.

These permanent baseplate safety cables should remain installed as long as the baseplate is installed on the vehicle. Permanent baseplate safety cables are to be used in conjunction with, and NOT a replacement for legally required safety cables attaching the towed vehicle to the towing vehicle.

OPTION #1



OPTION #2

