

**BX1846** BLUE OX<sup>®</sup> 2012-14 Nissan Versa Sedan S/SV/SL Installation Instructions

### Attachment Tab Height: 15"

#### Attachment Tab Width: 27"

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

- 1. Blue Ox<sup>®</sup> towing products and accessories are intended to be installed by Blue Ox<sup>®</sup> Dealers who are familiar with our products and have the equipment and knowledge necessary to do " it work".
- 2. 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 speci ied in the installation instructions.



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

#### **Bolt Torque Specifications** Torque in Foot-Pounds for Inch Bolts

| Bolt Size | Grade 5 | Grade 8 |
|-----------|---------|---------|
| 1/4"      | SL 10 U | 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 - 0     | 8          |
| 8MM       | 16        | 22         |
| 10MM      | 31        | 40         |
| 12MM      | 54        | 70         |
| 14MM      | 89        | 117        |
| 16MM      | 161       | 230        |
| 18MM      | 222       | 318        |

# 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.

**Instruction Notes:** The fascia and windshield washer fluid reservoir 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.

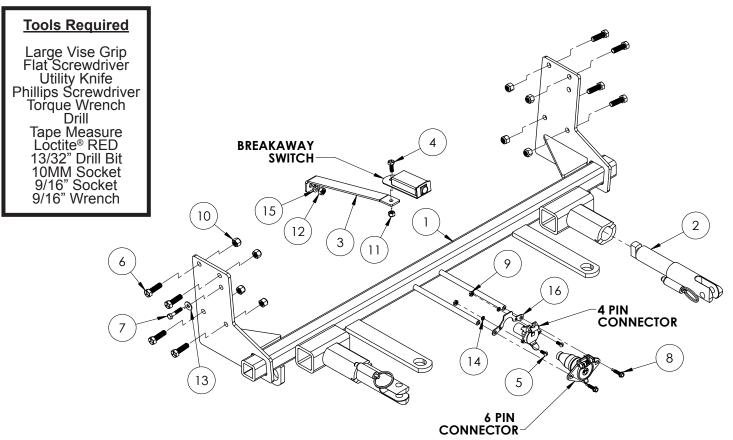


Drill a hole according to the tail light wiring kit instructions.

# 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<sup>®</sup> 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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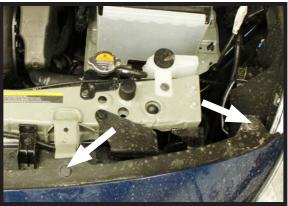


| Item No. | Part No.            | Description                                 | Qty. |
|----------|---------------------|---|------|
| 1        | 61-7006             | BX1846 Baseplate                            | 1    |
| 2        | 62-3469             | Attachment Tab Assembly with Hole           | 2    |
| 3        | 102-7325            | BX1846 Breakaway Bracket                    | 1    |
| 4        | 201-0050            | 1/4"-20 x 3/4" Hex Head Bolt, Grade 5, ZP   | 1    |
| 5        | 201-0192            | #10-32 1/2" Round Slotted Head Screw        | 2    |
| 6        | 201-0368            | 3/8"-16 x 1-1/4" Hex Head Bolt, Grade 5, ZP | 8    |
| 7        | 201-0655            | 6MM-1.0 x 30MM Hex Head Bolt, Grade 8.8, ZP | 1    |
| 8        | 201-0979            | #12-14 x 1" Self Drilling Screw, ZP         | 2    |
| 9        | 202-0047            | #10-32 Hex Nut                              | 2    |
| 10       | 202-0090            | 3/8"-16 Hex Nylon Insert Lock Nut, ZP       | 8    |
| 11       | 202-0102            | 1/4"-20 Hex Nylon Nut, ZP                   | 1    |
| 12       | 202-0118            | 8MM-1.25 Hex Nut, ZP                        | 1    |
| 13       | 203-0001            | 1/4" Flat Washer, ZP                        | 1    |
| 14       | 203-0054            | #10 Lock Washer, ZP                         | 2    |
| 15       | 203-0102            | 8MM Lock Washer, ZP                         | 1    |
| 16       | 299-0685            | 4-Way Bracket                               | 1    |
| 17       | 226-0046(not shown) | Class III Safety Cables                     | 2    |
| 18       | 229-0359(not shown) | 3/8" Quicklink, ZP                          | 4    |
| 19       | 290-0437(not shown) | Black Cap Plug Receiver                     | 1    |

#### 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. Towing behind a non-motorized vehicle will void the warranty.





 Remove the five (5) push pins that are located in the front area, underneath the hood. There are two (2) push pins located on the outer edges on **BOTH** the driver side and the passenger side. There is also one (1) located in the center.





2. Using a 20 torx remove the two (2) screws underneath the vehicle on the outside edge. Towards the center there are three (3) push pins that need to be removed. Do this on **BOTH** sides of the vehicle.



3. Remove the two (2) 10MM bolts that are located in the center.



4. Pull the splash guard back slightly. At the top portion of the wheel well area is a 10MM bolt. Using a 10MM socket remove this bolt. Do this on **BOTH** sides of the vehicle.

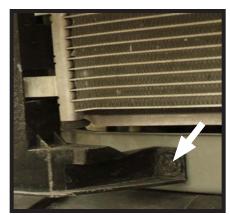


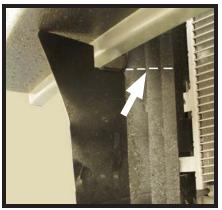


5. With a Phillips screwdriver, remove the screw on top of the windshield wiper fluid reservoir. Next, disconnect the tubes and plug to prevent leakage. Set the reservoir off to the side temporarily.



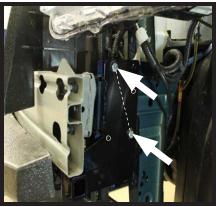
6. With a 10MM socket remove the three (3) bolts that hold the windshield wiper fluid reservoir in place. On the front of the reservoir there is one (1) bolt at the bottom and one (1) towards the top. On the backside of the reservoir is the 3rd bolt. It may be necessary to push back on the wheel well liner to access this bolt.





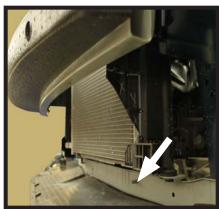
7. Release the push pin that is connected to the bumper. Using a utility knife cut straight across to remove the plastic guard. Do this on **BOTH** sides of the vehicle.

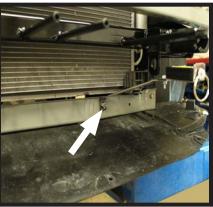




8. Slide the baseplate downward at a slight angle and then up so the baseplate frame runs parallel with the vehicle's main frame. The top of the baseplate endplate should be flush with the top of frame. The back edge of the baseplate endplate should be aligned with the front edge of the main frame.

Start two (2) of the 3/8"-16 x 1-1/4" hex head bolts and 3/8" nut diagonally from each other. Insert the remaining two (2) bolts and nuts. Once all the fasteners have been started tighten securely. Do this on **BOTH** sides of the vehicle.





9. Using the existing stud, attach the breakaway bracket and securely fasten with the 8MM x 1.25 nut that has been provided.



10. Reconnect the windshield wiper fluid reservoir using the existing fasteners except



11. Attach the permanent baseplate safety cables to the provided convenience link on

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for the top, front hole. For this, use the 6MM-1.0 x 30MM hex head bolt and the 1/4" washer that has been provided.

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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 instructions included with the permanent baseplate safety cables. Be sure the safety cables do not rub against any hoses or moving parts. Do this on **BOTH** sides of the vehicle.

# **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<sup>®</sup> 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

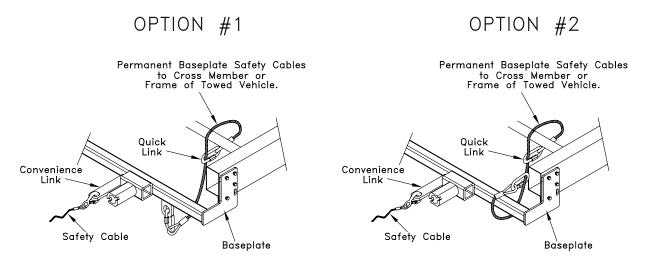
\*\* If the baseplate is improperly installed and is against a wire or hose, it could cause fluid leaks or electrical shorts some time after the actual baseplate installation.

# 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.



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