

Please read BOTH these Installation Instructions and the General Instructions 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 speci ied in the installation instructions.





Reference your vehicle owner's manual for manufacturer's towing specifications. Attachment Tab Height: 16"

Attachment Tab Width: 19"

Bolt Torque Specifications

Torque in Foot-Pounds for Inch Bolts

| Grade 5 | Grade 8 |
|---------|-----------------------------------|
| 10 | 14 |
| 19 | 29 |
| 33 | 47 |
| 54 | 78 |
| 78 | 119 |
| 154 | 230 |
| 257 | 380 |
| | 10 19 33 54 78 154 |

| 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 | | | |



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, temperature sensor, baffle 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.

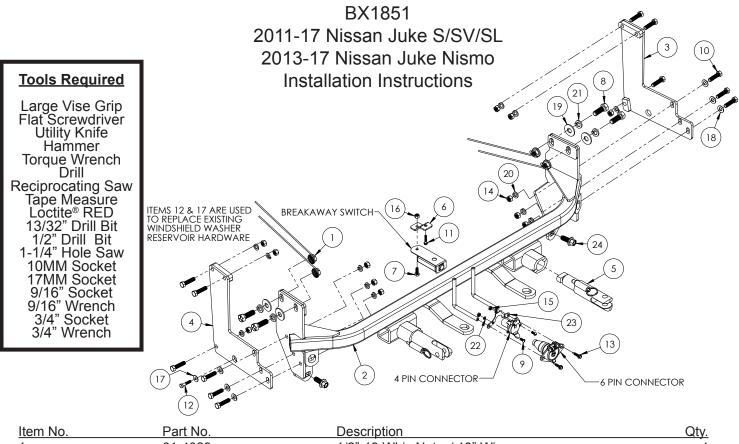
The BX8869 Tail Light Wiring Kit is recommended for this vehicle.



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[®] 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.



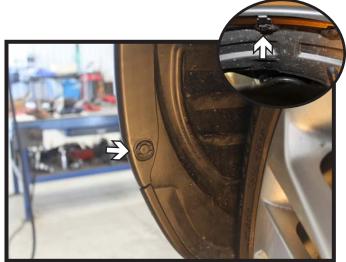
| Item No. | Part No. | Description | Qty. |
|----------|---------------------|---|------|
| 1 | 61-4029 | 1/2"-13 Whiz Nut w/ 10" Wire | 4 |
| 2 | 61-7343 | BX1851 Baseplate | 1 |
| 3 | 61-7344 | DS Support Plate | 1 |
| 4 | 61-7345 | PS Support Plate | 1 |
| | | Attachment Tab Assembly with Hole | |
| 6 | 101-7599 | Breakaway Bracket | 1 |
| 7 | | 1/4"-20 x 3/4" Hex Head Bolt, Grade 5, ZP | 1 |
| 8 | | 1/2"-13 x 1-1/2" Hex Head Bolt, Grade 5, ZP | 4 |
| 9 | | #10-32 1/2" Round Slotted Head Screw | 2 |
| | | 3/8"-16 x 1-1/2" Hex Head Bolt, Grade 5, ZP | |
| 11 | | #10-16 x 1" Self Drilling Screw, ZP | 1 |
| 12 | | 6MM-1.0 x 30MM Hex Head Bolt, ZP | 1 |
| 13 | | #12-14 x 1" Self Drilling Screw, ZP | 2 |
| 14 | | 3/8"-16 Hex Nut, ZP | 12 |
| 15 | | #10-32 Hex Nut | 2 |
| | | 1/4"-20 Hex Nylon Nut, ZP | |
| 17 | | 1/4" Flat Washer, ZP | 1 |
| 18 | | 3/8" Flat Washer, ZP | 6 |
| 19 | | 1/2" Flat Washer, ZP | 4 |
| 20 | | 3/8" Lock Washer, ZP | 12 |
| 21 | | 1/2" Lock Washer, ZP | 4 |
| | | #10 Lock Washer, ZP | |
| 23 | | 4-Way Bracket | 1 |
| 24 | Existing | Frame Bolt | 2 |
| 25 | 226-0046(not shown) | Class III Safety Cables | 2 |
| | | 3/8" Quicklink, ZP | |
| 27 | 290-0437(not shown) | Black Cap Plug Receiver | 2 |
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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.



1. Remove the four (4) push pins from the top edge of the fascia.



2. In the wheel well, remove the two (2) push pins. There is one (1) on the lower edge and one (1) on the upper edge (inset). Do this on both sides of the vehicle.



 Gently pry the fender flare away from the vehicle. Using a 10MM socket, remove the exposed screw at the fascia and fender seam. Do this on both sides of the vehicle.



 Using a 10MM socket, remove the four (4) screws from the underside of the fascia in front of the tire. There are two (2) on each side.



5. Remove the three (3) push pins from the underside of the fascia towards the center. Gently pry the fascia from the vehicle, disconnecting any electrical connections and set the fascia aside.

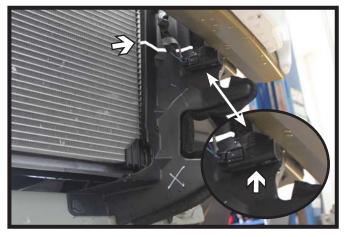
Note: Nismo models will have screws instead of push pins.



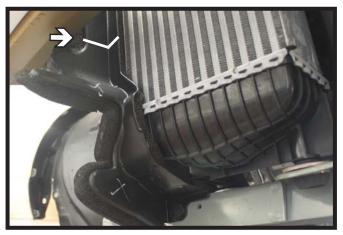
 On the driver side, using a 10MM socket, remove the screw from the lower section of the baffle. Remove the push pin from the upper section just below the blinker (inset). Set the baffle aside.



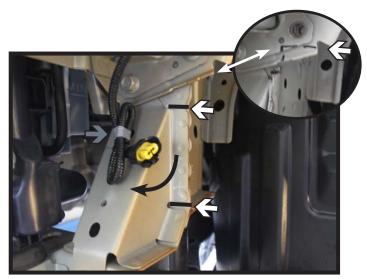
7. On the passenger side, remove the push pin from the washer reservoir just below the blinker (left). Using a 10MM socket, remove the upper screw (middle) and lower screw (right) from washer reservoir. Disconnect all lines and set reservoir aside.



8. On the driver side, remove the temperature sensor from the shrouding (inset). Then trim off the lower section of the shrouding flush with the bottom of the bumper.



9. On the passenger side, trim the lower section of the shrouding off flush with the bottom of the bumper.



10. Cut two (2) slits into the frame webbing as shown. Bend this section of webbing forward flat against the frame. Unclip the wiring harness from the face of the frame and secure out of the way. Do this on both sides of the vehicle.

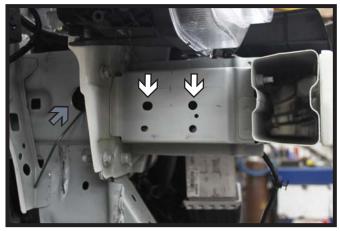
On the driver side only, trim the webbing lip under the bolt (inset).



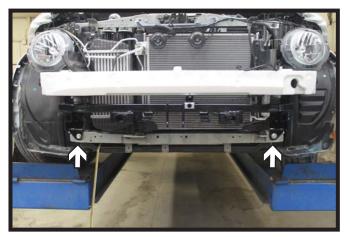
11. Using a 17MM socket, remove the two (2) bolts from the lower frame. There is one (1) on each side.



12. Using a hammer, flatten the ridge behind the frame webbing. Do this on both sides of the vehicle.



13. Using a 1/2" drill bit, ream out the two(2) top existing holes for bolt clearance (white).

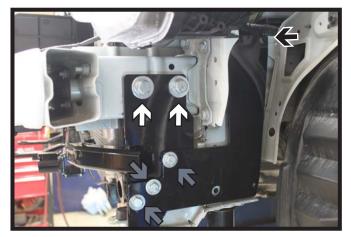


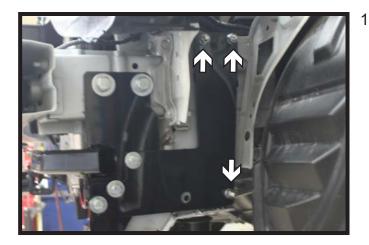
Using a 1-1/4" hole saw, drill an access hole behind the flange as shown (gray). Do this on both sides of the vehicle.

- 14. Position the baseplate onto the vehicle, starting the front two (2) existing bolts.
- 15. Install 1/2"-13 x 1-1/2" bolts with 1/2" lock and flat washers into the upper holes with a 1/2" whiz nuts on the inside of the frame using the access hole (white). Do this on both sides of the vehicle. Check for level and fully tighten the four (4) 1/2" bolts and two (2) existing bolts in front.

Install the support plate onto the baseplate with 3/8"-16 x 1-1/2" bolts with 3/8" flat washers and 3/8" lock washer and nuts on the inside (gray). Keep the plate level with the top of the frame (black) and fully tighten the 3/8" hardware. Do this on both sides of the vehicle.

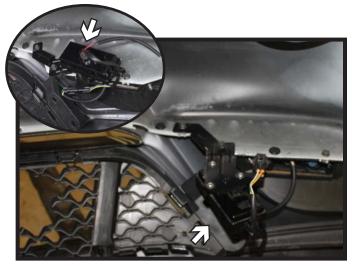
** Use Loctite[®] Red on all bolt threads and tighten all bolts to the appropriate torque.





- Using a 13/32" drill bit, drill the three (3) support plate holes thru the frame. Install 3/8"-16 x 1-1/2" bolts with 3/8" lock washers and nuts on the inside of the frame. Do this on both sides of the vehicle.
 - ** Use Loctite[®] Red on all bolt threads and tighten all bolts to the appropriate torque.

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



 Nismo Only: On the backside of the fascia, unscrew the fog light box and flip upside down and reattach to the fascia as shown for baseplate clearance. Do this on both sides of the fascia.



19. Hold the fascia as close to its original position, mark and trim the fascia around the convenience links and attachment tabs. Reinstall the washer reservoir using the supplied lower bolt. Reinstall the baffle and fascia.

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.

