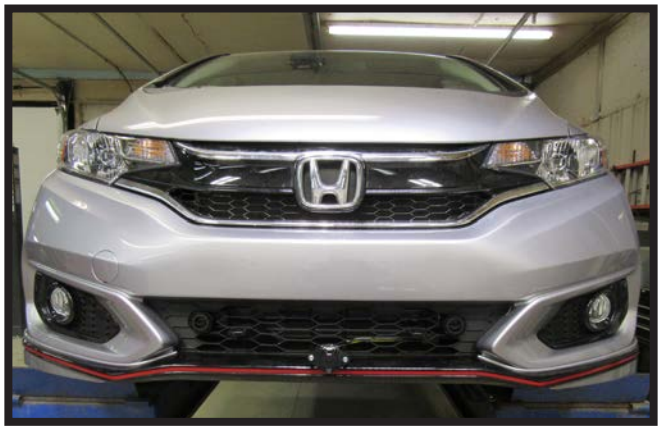
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Attachment Tab Height: 13”

Attachment Tab Width: 22”

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

1. 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”.
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”	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

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.

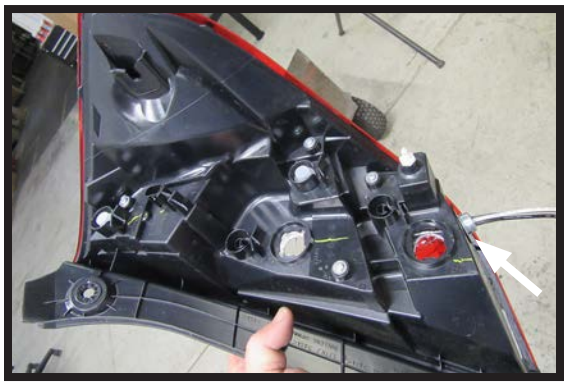
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Instruction Notes: The fascia, windshield washer fluid reservoir, and bumper are removed and reinstalled for the baseplate installation. Some drilling and trimming is required.

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.

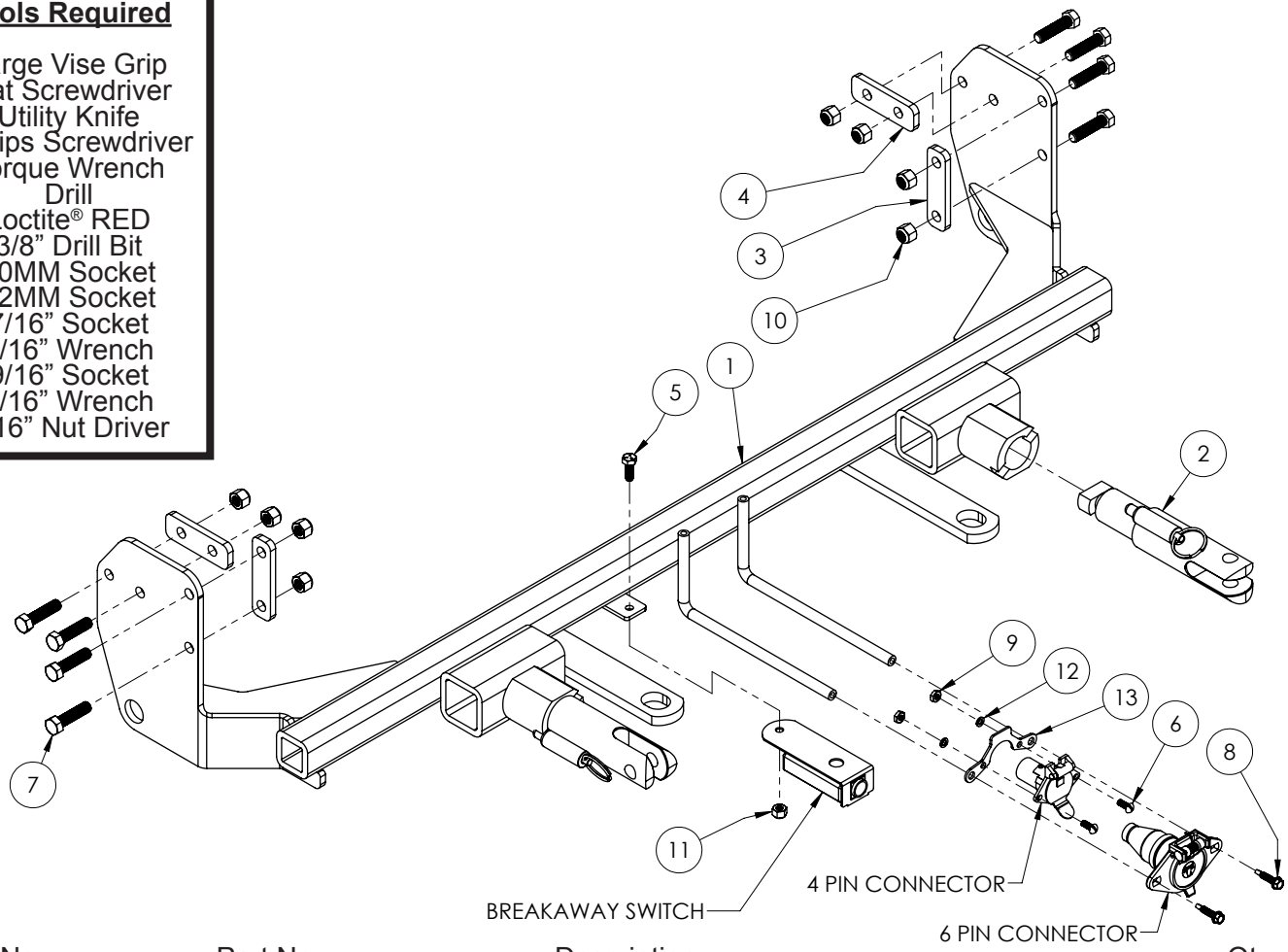
NOTICE

- 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 unless specified.
- 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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Large Vise Grip
Flat Screwdriver
Utility Knife
Phillips Screwdriver
Torque Wrench
Drill
Loctite® RED
3/8” Drill Bit
10MM Socket
12MM Socket
7/16” Socket
7/16” Wrench
9/16” Socket
9/16” Wrench
5/16” Nut Driver

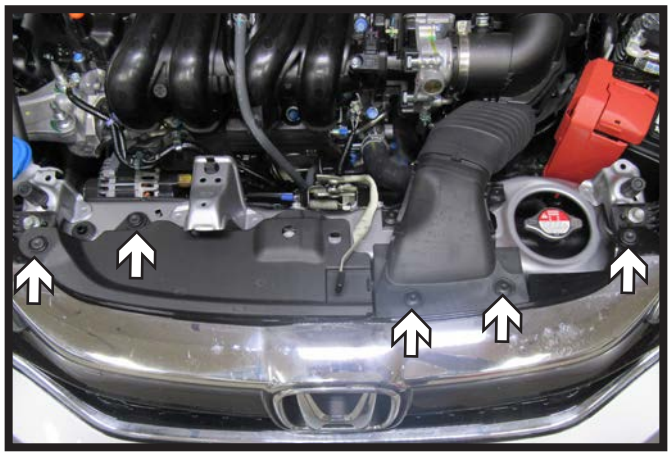


Item No.	Part No.	Description	Qty.
1	61-7981	BX2266 Baseplate	1
2	62-3468	Attachment Tab Assembly with Hole	2
3	102-7774	1/4” x 7/8” x 3-1/4” Flat with Holes	2
4	102-7775	1/4” x 1” x 3” Flat with Holes	2
5	201-0050	1/4”-20 x 3/4” Hex Head Bolt, Grade 5, ZP	1
6	201-0192	#10-32 1/2” Round Slotted Head Screw	2
7	201-0440	3/8”-16 x 1-1/2” Hex Head Bolt, Grade 5, ZP	8
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	203-0054	#10 Lock Washer, ZP	2
13	299-0685	Electrical Bracket, ZP	1
14	226-0046(not shown)	Class III Safety Cables	2
15	229-0359(not shown)	3/8” Quicklink, ZP	2
16	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. Towing behind a non-motorized vehicle will void the warranty.

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1. Remove the five (5) push pins from the fascia cover. Remove fascia cover and set aside to be reinstalled later.



2. Using a 10MM socket to remove the one (1) bolt.



3. Using a Phillips screw driver remove the two (2) screws (white) from the wheel well. Then remove the one (1) push pin (gray).

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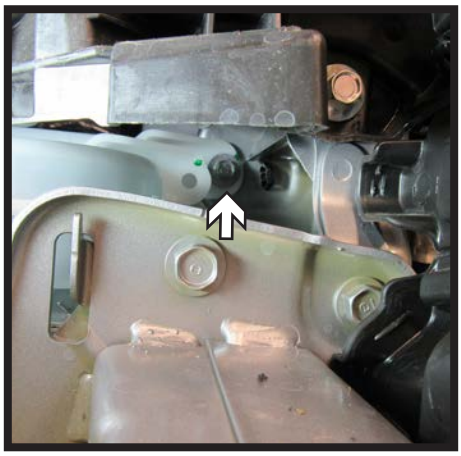
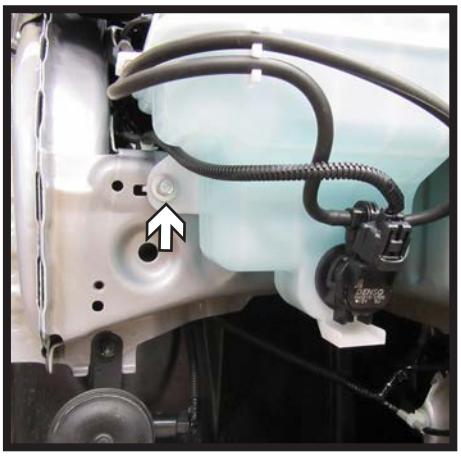


4. Remove the nine (9) push pins (white) from the underside of the vehicle. Then using a Phillips screw driver, remove the two (2) screw (gray). Remove fascia and set aside to be reinstalled later.

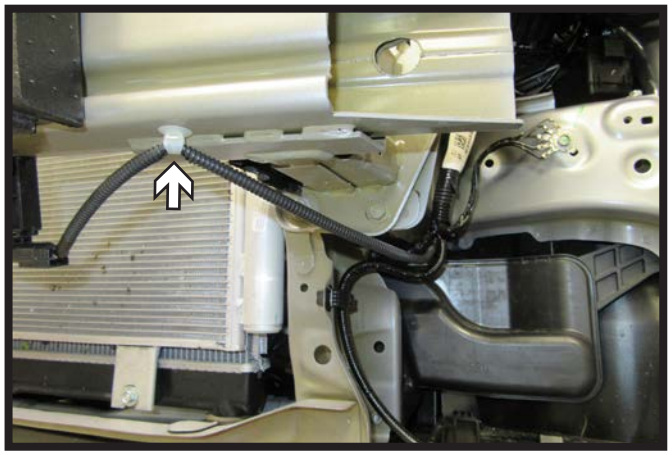


5. Trim plastic piece as indicated so that it is flush with the bumper. Do this on both sides of the vehicle.

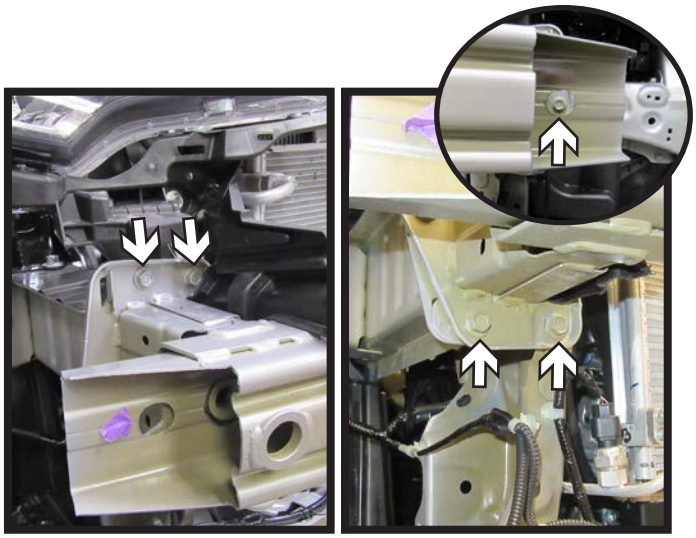
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6. On the passenger side of the vehicle remove the windshield washer reservoir. Remove the one (1) push pin (gray) at the top (gray). Then using a 10MM socket remove the two (2) bolts (white) holding the reservoir. Unplug all lines, remove the reservoir and set aside to be reinstalled later.

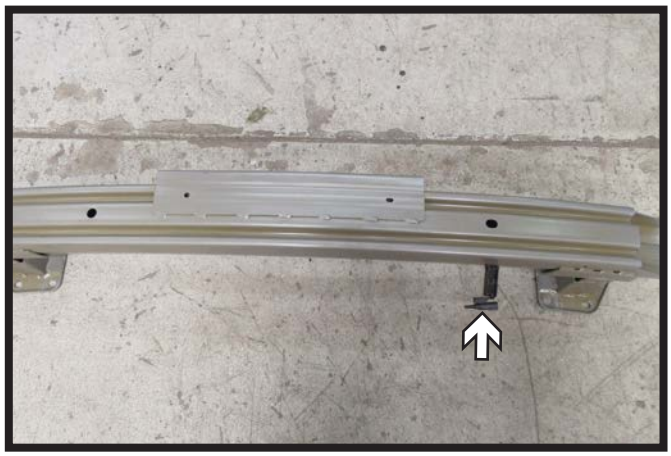


7. Unclip the temperature sensor wire loom from the bumper and unplug sensor.

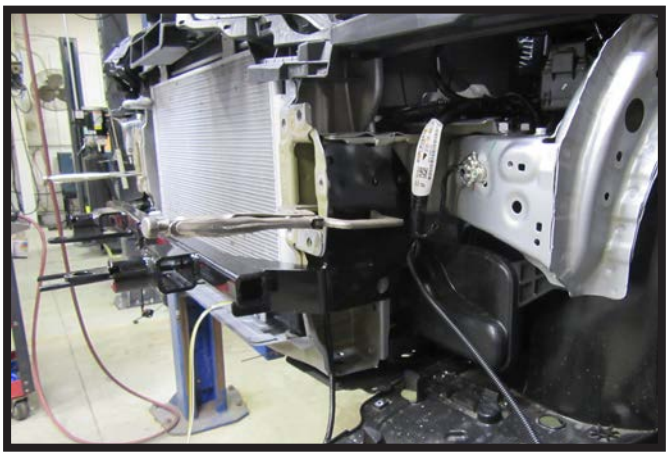


8. Using a 10MM socket remove the five (5) bolts attaching the bumper to the frame. Do this on both sides of the vehicle. Remove bumper and set aside to be reinstalled later.

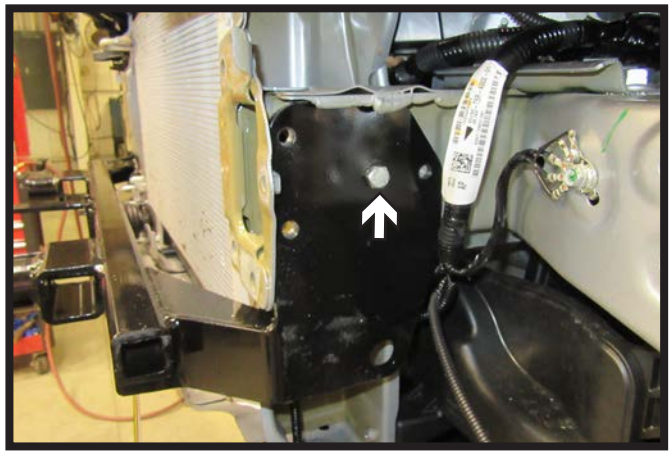
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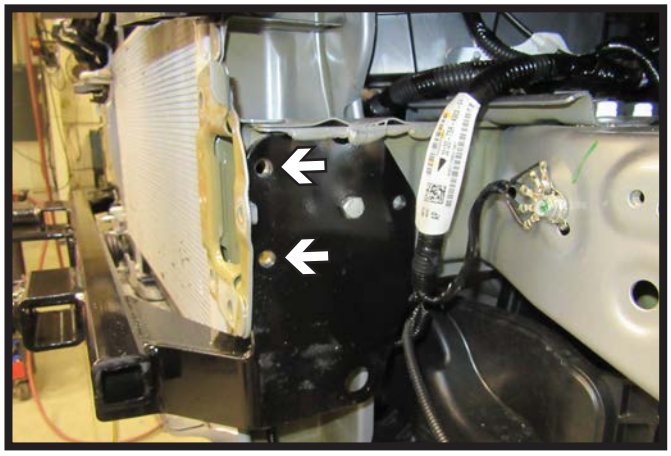
9. Remove the temperature sensor bracket from the bumper. Set aside to be relocated and reinstalled later.



10. Tilt baseplate to slide into place. Make sure that the baseplate is as far upward and forward as possible. Then clamp into place.

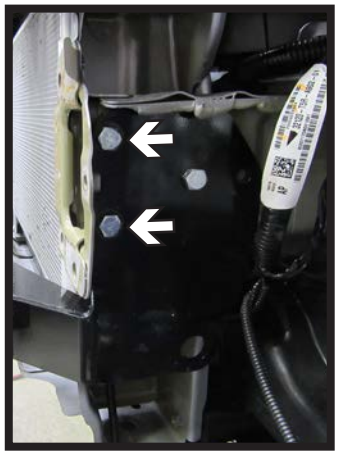


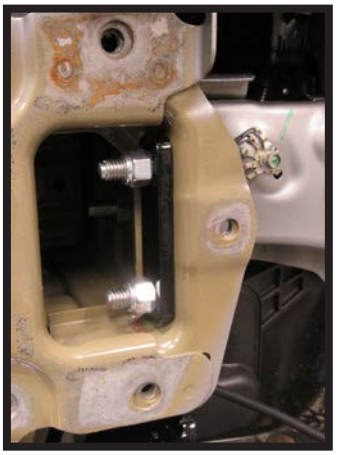
11. Using a 3/8” drill bit, drill out the center hole. Install the one (1) 3/8” bolt and hardware. Tighten but do not use Loctite® Red at this time. Do this on both sides of the vehicle.



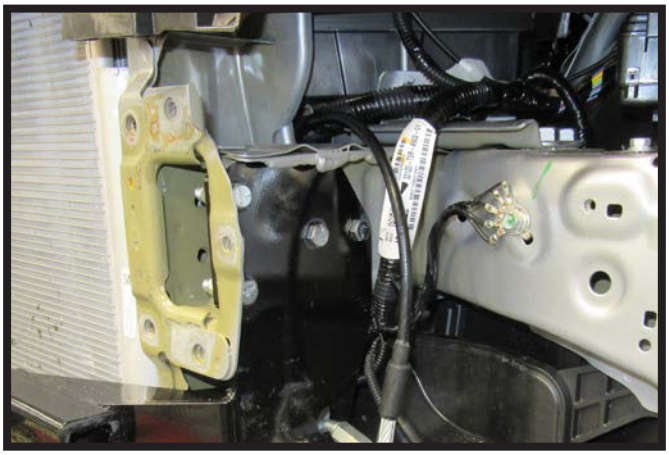
12. Using a 3/8” drill bit, drill out the front two (2) holes. Do this on both side of the vehicle.

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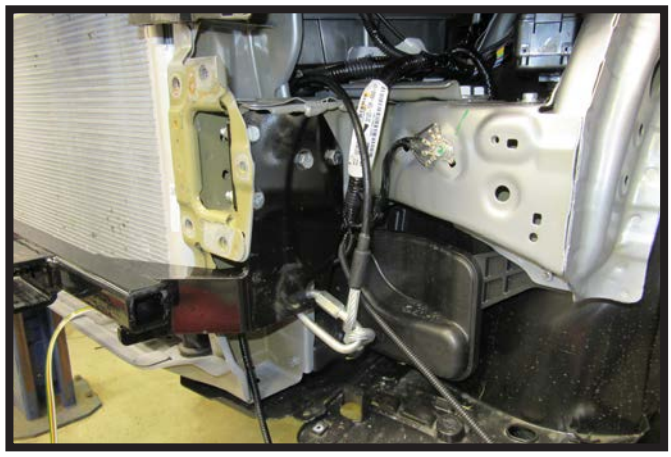


13. Install the two (2) 3/8” bolts with backing plate and nylon lock nuts on the inside. Tighten fully. Do this on both sides of the vehicle.



14. Remove the center bolt. Using a 3/8” drill bit, drill the final back hole. Install 3/8” bolts with backing plate and nylon lock nuts on the inside. Tighten fully. Do this on both sides of the vehicle.

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

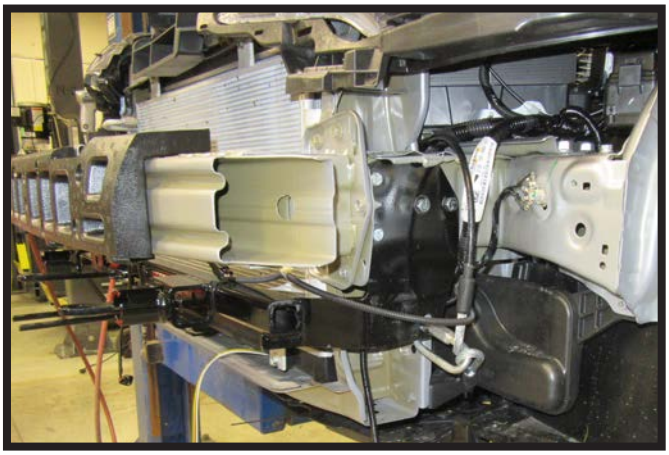


16. Attach the permanent baseplate safety cables to the provided convenience link on the baseplate. The photo above shows the recommended installation of the cables to frame of vehicle. Additional options may interfere with suggested mounting; in this case, secure the cables to a solid piece of the frame 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.



16. Reinstall the bumper on the vehicle. Then reinstall the windshield washer fluid reservoir to the passenger side of the vehicle.

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17. Reclip the temperature sensor wire loom to the baseplate. Then using a zip tie attach the sensor to the top of the baseplate.



18. Hold the fascia as close to its original position, mark and trim the fascia around the convenience links and attachment tabs. Reinstall the fascia and fascia cover.

Optional: If the vehicle does not have a front license plate bracket the electrical rods may be trimmed for a better fit.

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

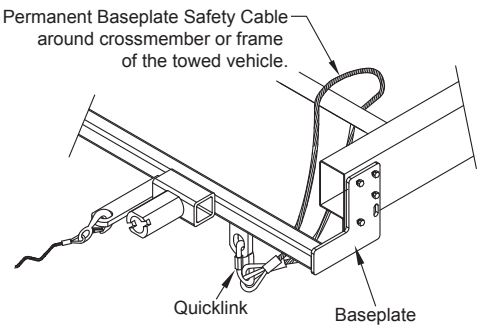
Permanent baseplate safety cables are strongly recommended when towing a vehicle with a tow bar. The principle function of the permanent baseplate safety cables is to prevent the towed vehicle from breaking loose in the event the connection between the frame of the towed vehicle and the baseplate fails 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.

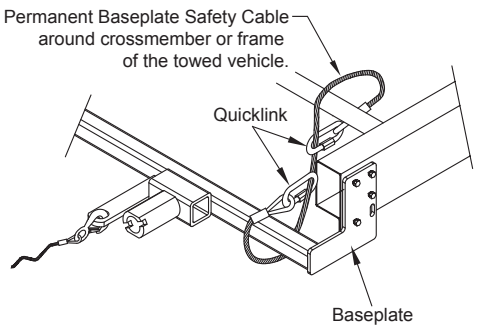
Option #1

(Baseplates with Convenience Link Tabs)



Option #2

(Baseplates with out Convenience Link Tabs)



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