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2011-14 Ford Edge

(Includes Adaptive Cruise Control)(No 2.0L EcoBoost AWD)
Installation Instructions

Attachment Tab Height: 26-1/2"

Attachment Tab Width: 26"

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 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 fascia, headlights 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 BX8848 4-Diode Wiring Kit is recommended for this vehicle.

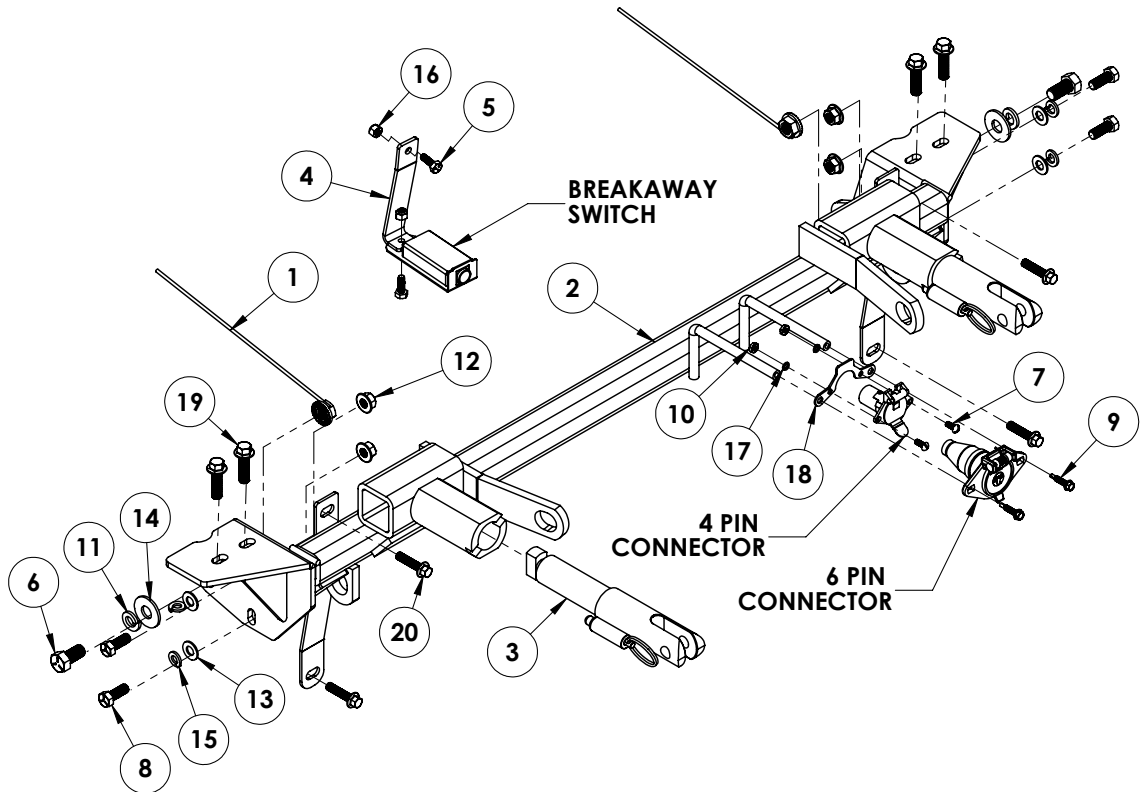
NOTICE

- 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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Tools Required

5.5MM Socket
 Large Vise Grip
 Drill
 8MM Socket
 Reciprocating Saw
 Hammer
 10MM Socket
 Phillips Screwdriver
 1 1/4" Hole Saw
 13MM Socket
 Utility Knife
 13/32" Drill Bit
 9/16" Socket
 Torque Wrench
 17/32" Drill Bit
 3/4" Socket
 Tape Measure
 Loctite® RED



Parts List

Ref. No.	Qty.	Part #	Description
1.....	2.....	61-4029.....	1/2"-13 Whiz Nut Weldment with 10" Wire
2.....	1.....	61-6844.....	BX2628 Baseplate
3.....	2.....	62-3469.....	Attachment Tab Assembly
4.....	1.....	102-7256.....	BX1131 Breakaway Bracket
5.....	2.....	201-0050.....	1/4"-20 x 3/4" Hex Head Bolt, Grade 5, ZP
6.....	2.....	201-0060.....	1/2"-13 x 1" Hex Head Bolt, Grade 5, ZP
7.....	2.....	201-0192.....	#10-32 1/2" Round Slotted Head Screw
8.....	4.....	201-0443.....	3/8"-16 x 1" Hex Head Bolt, Grade 5, ZP
9.....	2.....	201-0979.....	#12-14 x 1" Self Drilling Screw, ZP
10.....	2.....	202-0047.....	#10-32 Hex Nut
11.....	2.....	203-0012.....	1/2" Lock Washer, ZP
12.....	4.....	202-0071.....	3/8"-16 Hex Flange Nut, ZP
13.....	4.....	203-0003.....	3/8" Flat Washer, ZP
14.....	2.....	203-0005.....	1/2" Flat Washer, ZP
15.....	4.....	203-0010.....	3/8" Lock Washer, ZP
16.....	2.....	202-0102.....	1/4"-20 Hex Nut with Nylon Insert
17.....	2.....	203-0054.....	#10 Lock Washer, ZP
18.....	1.....	299-0685.....	Electrical Bracket, ZP
19.....	4.....	Existing Bolt.....	M10 x 1.5 x 35 Hex Flange Screw
20.....	4.....	Existing Bolt.....	M8 x 1.25 x 35 Hex Flange Screw
21.....	2.....	226-0049 (not shown).....	Class IV 36" Safety Cable
22.....	2.....	229-0512 (not shown).....	1/2" Quicklink, ZP
23.....	2.....	290-0437 (not shown).....	Black Cap Plug Receiver

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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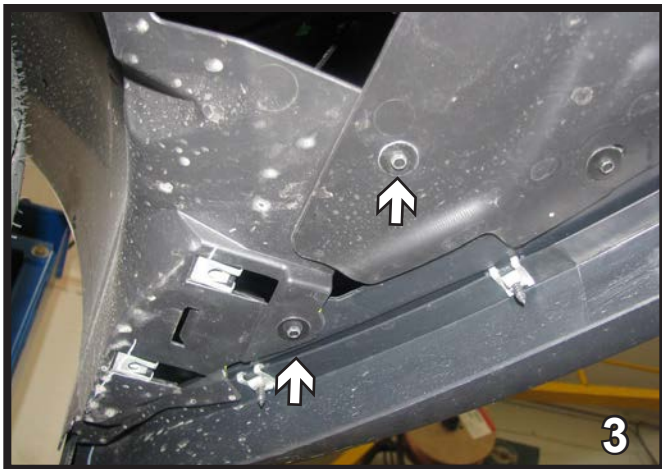
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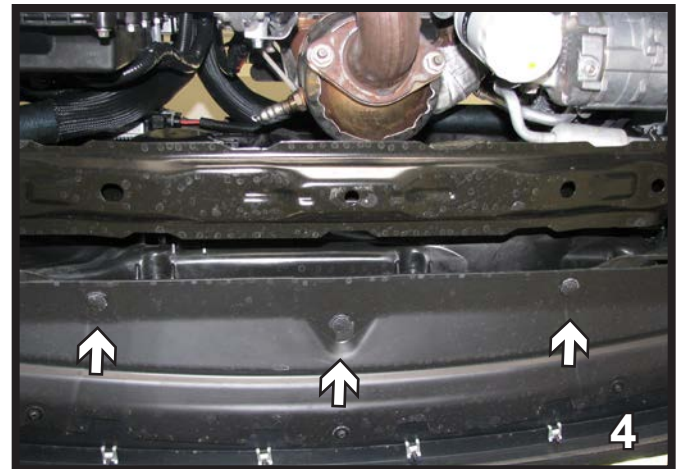
1. Using a Phillips screwdriver, remove two plastic Phillips push pins (see white arrows) and then using a 10MM socket, remove one bolt (see grey arrow) from the flat plastic piece on top. Do this to both sides of the vehicle. Set bolts and push pins aside to be reinstalled later.



2. Using a 5.5MM socket, remove three bolts just forward of the front tire on the wheel well. Do this to both sides of the vehicle. Set bolts aside to be reinstalled later.



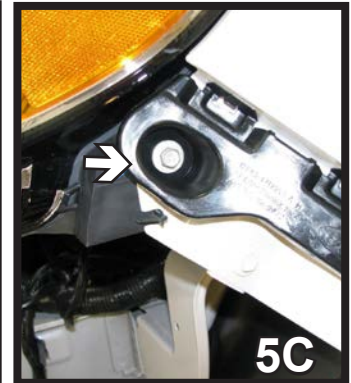
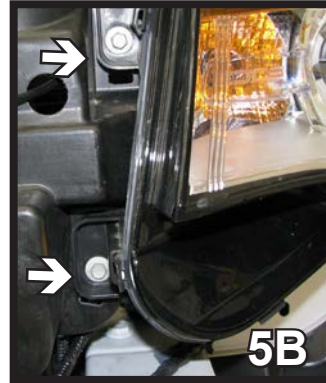
3. Using a 5.5MM socket, remove two bolts that are located underneath. Set bolts aside to be reinstalled later. Do this on both sides of the vehicle.



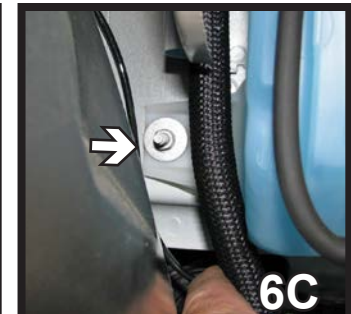
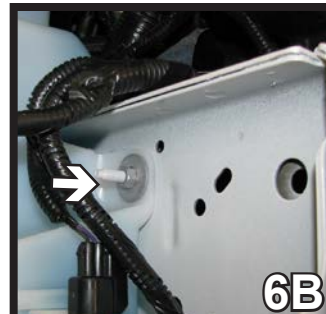
4. Using a flat screwdriver, remove three push pins across the middle. Set push pins aside to be reinstalled later. Pull the fascia up and out to remove from the vehicle and set aside carefully to be reinstalled later.

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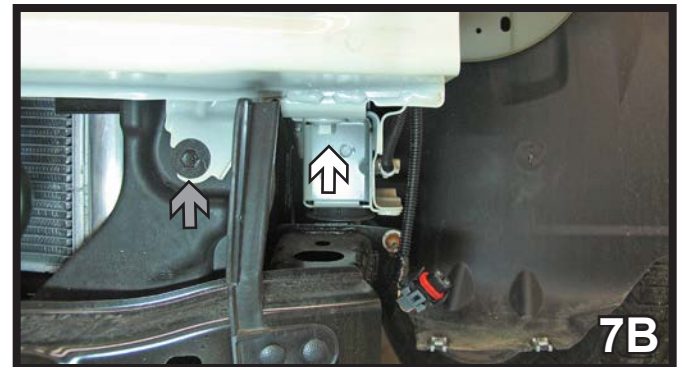
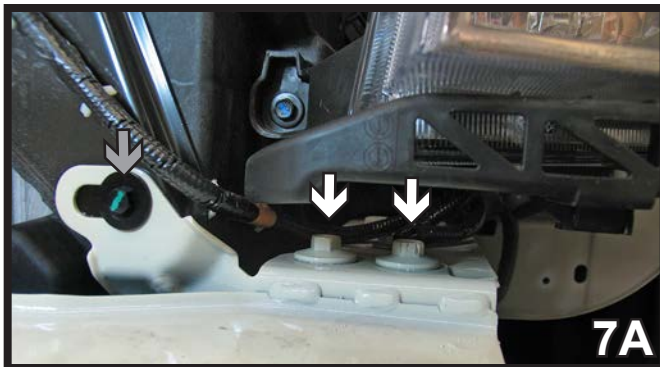
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5. Using a 10MM socket, remove four bolts from the headlight assembly. Remove headlight by pulling it forward and disconnecting the electrical connections. Do this to both sides of the vehicle. Set headlight assemblies and bolts aside to be reinstalled later.



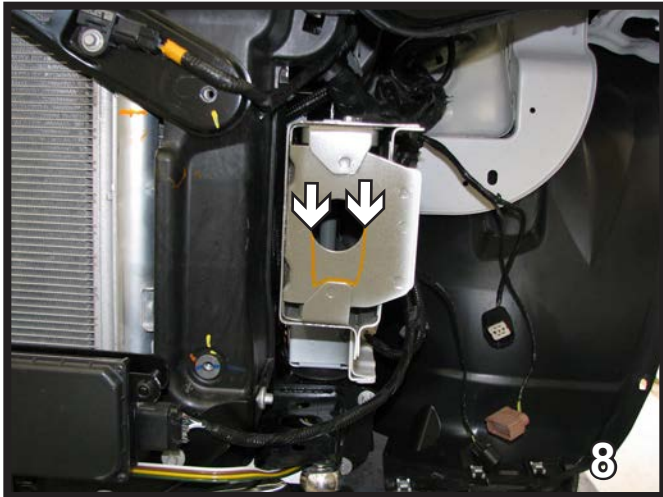
6. On the passenger side using an 8MM socket, remove one bolt from the top of the washer reservoir. Using a 10MM socket, remove two bolts one on each side. Disconnect the electrical connections and the hoses and remove the washer reservoir. Cap the fluid openings. Set the washer reservoir and bolts aside to be reinstalled later.



7. Using a 13MM socket, remove two bolts from the top of the metal bumper and one bolt from the bottom (see white arrows). Then using a 10MM socket, remove one bolt from the top of the bumper and one bolt from the bottom (see grey arrows). Do this to both sides of the vehicle. Set bolts aside to be reinstalled later and the metal bumper will not be reinstalled. NOTE: When bumper is removed, radiator cross member will fall down slightly and will need to be brought back up into position when installing the baseplate.

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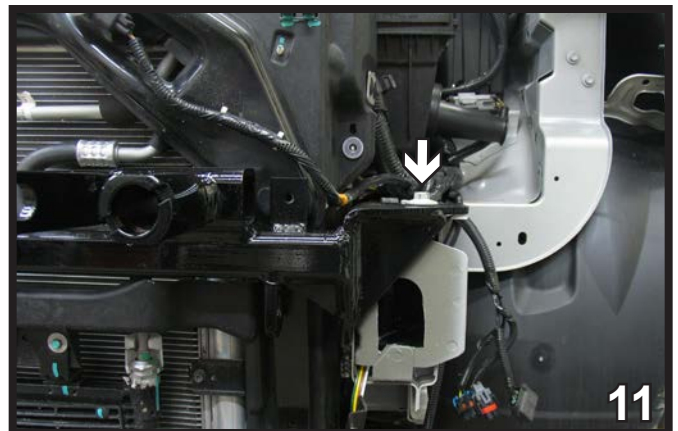
8. On the front of the frame, using a reciprocating saw, cut straight down on the dashed lines. Bend in across the bottom. Do this to both sides of the vehicle.



9. Some models may need to have this area trimmed. Set baseplate on top of frame and clamp into place with vise grips. You then need to take a marker and draw a line on the plastic piece below the tube (see photo 9A). Remove baseplate and using a reciprocating saw, trim away plastic area outlined in photo 9B. Do this to both sides of the vehicle. On the passenger side, be very careful not to damage the area behind.



10. You will need to hit the top of the frame a couple times with a hammer to get it level. You can use a straight edge as a guide. Do this to both sides of the vehicle.



11. Place baseplate on top of frame and line up the holes in the baseplate with the existing holes on top of the frame. Insert one existing 13MM bolt removed in step 7, to hold baseplate into place. Do this to both sides of the vehicle. Use a floor jack to hold the radiator up in place.

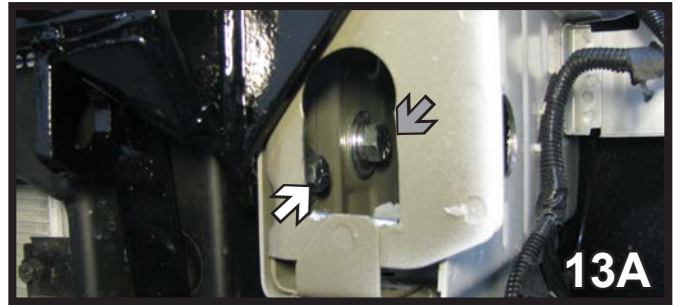
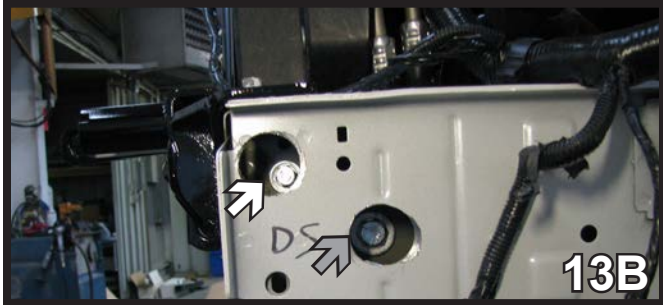


12. Using a 1 1/4" hole saw, drill two 1 1/4" holes into the frame, so an extension can be used to tighten up bolts. Do this to both sides of the vehicle.

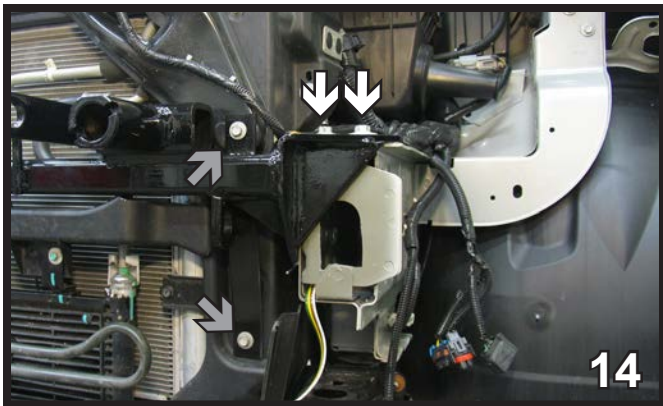
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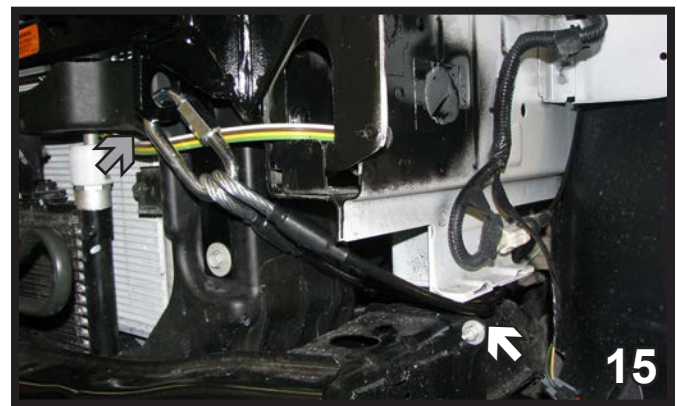
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13. Using the baseplate as a template, insert 3/8-16x1" hex bolts with Loctite, 3/8" lock washers and 3/8" flat washers into the two outside holes and tighten down with a 3/8-16 hex flange whiz lock nuts (see white arrows). On the inside hole use a 1/2-13x1" hex bolt with Loctite, 1/2" lock washer and 1/2" flat washer tightened to a 1/2" wire nut inserted into the frame (see grey arrows). Do this to both sides.



14. After the bolts in Step 13 are installed, you can reinstall the top two 13MM bolts (white arrows) removed in Step 7 and also the two 10MM bolts (gray arrows) removed in Step 7 to hold the radiator support back in place. Do this to both sides of the vehicle. (See note on Step 7.)



15. Attach the permanent baseplate safety cables to the provided convenience link on the baseplate (gray arrow). The photo above shows the recommended installation of the cables to frame of vehicle (white arrow). 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 to both sides of the vehicle.

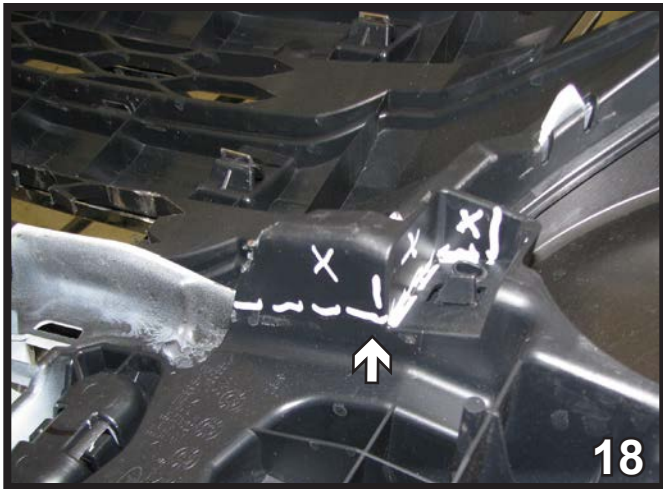


16. On the passenger side, reinstall the washer reservoir. Reconnect the electrical connections and the hoses.

17. Reinstall the headlight assemblies. Reconnect all electrical connections.

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18. On the back side of the front fascia, using a reciprocating saw, trim the plastic as shown on the passenger side. Do this to both sides of the fascia.



19. Align the fascia to its original position and using a utility knife, trim grille area in front of the attachment tabs. This will then create an opening for the tabs to come through, when reinstalling the fascia. Do this to 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® 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

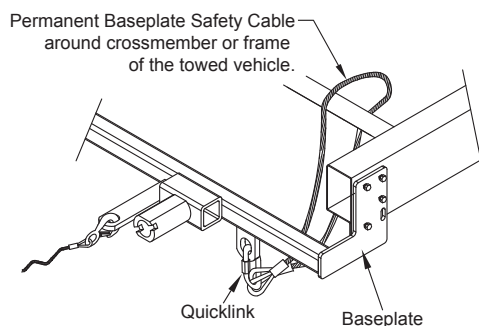
Permanent baseplate safety cables are strongly recommended when towing a vehicle with a tow bar. The principle function of the permanent baseplate safety cables is to prevent the towed vehicle from breaking loose in the event the connection between the frame of the towed vehicle and the baseplate fails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

