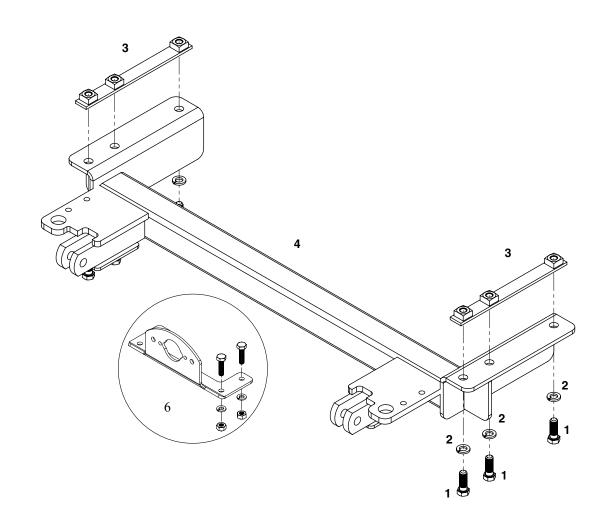




**BASEPLATE** 

Pin height - 18"

Centers - 22-1/4"



### **9518126 PARTS LIST**

REF. NO.	PART NO.	QTY.	DESCRIPTION
1.	01898	6	7/16" NC x 1-1/4" Hex Bolt
2.	00078	6	7/16" Lock washer
3.	10876-76	2	Nut Strip
4.	13082-76	1	Base Plate Crossmember
5.	09551	12	Plastic Pop Rivet
6.	5937	1	Plug Mount Kit
7.	12329	1	Loctite (not shown)

Please order replacement parts by PART NO. and DESCRIPTION.

ASSEMBLY OPERATION REPLACEMENT PARTS

**READ** complete manual CAREFULLY BEFORE attempting operation.

WARNING: FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAN RESULT IN LOSS OF TOWING VEHICLE CONTROL, SEPARATION OF THE TOW BAR FROM THE TOWING VEHICLE, SEPARATION OF THE TOWED VEHICLE FROM THE TOW BAR, CAUSING SEVERE PERSONAL INJURY, DEATH, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE.

## **A**CAUTION

Safety is of utmost importance at all times. There are several items that must be checked each time <u>before</u> using and <u>while</u> using a tow bar.

Before allowing anyone to hook up or operate a tow bar, be sure they have read and understand the proper operating procedure.

DO NOT use worn or damaged cables and/or pins.

Be sure the **SAFETY CABLES** are hooked, chassis to chassis, to both the towing and towed vehicles using the crisscross method.

Check clearance between vehicles in a turning situation.

Check base plate mounting bolts for tightness and frame for metal fatigue.

Do not load the towed vehicle with anything as you may exceed the towing capacity of the tow bar.

Keep fingers away from pivot points to prevent personal injury.

Be sure the steering components of the towed vehicle are properly aligned.

Demco baseplates are designed for use on factory vehicle suspension setups. Demco baseplates are not recommended for use on modified suspensions lowered or raised. Towing vehicle must be larger and at least 500 lbs. heavier than the towed vehicle and tow bar combined.

**NOTE:** This unit can be backed up in moderate increments. Any severe backwards cornering could result in damage to the Tow Bar and/or towed vehicle chassis.

**For automatic transmissions:** Consult your vehicle owners manual for towing suitability with the drive shaft connected. Otherwise, the towed vehicle will have to be equipped with a transmission pump or drive shaft disconnect.

Check to make sure that all lights are in proper working order.

The information on towability of vehicles is reprinted with permission of MotorHome® Magazine, and is believed to be reliable. However, **Demco does not** warrant the information to be correct. Always consult your towed vehicle owner's manual and follow towing instructions. Each year, **MotorHome® Magazine**, compiles a list of vehicles that can be towed four-down behind a motorhome with no modifications required.

Caution: MotorHome® Magazine left out any vehicles that have towing speed limits slower than 55 m.p.h., or distance limits of less than 200 miles. At a minimum, these vehicles require significant modification, such as the use of an aftermarket product, to make them towable. The availability of a Demco Tow Bar Base Plate does not imply that these vehicles can be modified or that there is an aftermarket product available. Refer to your vehicle owner's manual or consult your dealer to determine whether your vehicle can be modified to make it towable. Failure to observe this precaution could result in property damage or personal injury.

#### **IMPORTANT INSTALLATION ITEMS**

<u>DEMCO products</u> and accessories are intended to be installed by professional installers with experience, proper equipment and the ability to do modification work. Installers with these qualifications can be found in RV and Automotive Service Centers.

If the car to be towed has been in an accident, the chassis may be damaged in an area where the Base Plate attaches. It may no longer be suitable for towing. Extreme caution and careful examination are required in such a situation. It is also likely, even from a minor accident, that the hole alignment will be more difficult due to hole alignment problems.

Many DEMCO Base Plates are designed to use existing holes and hardware to mount the Base Plate to the towed vehicle. Even though the bolt is there, however, do not assume it is adequate for mounting the Base Plate. Manufacturers make many changes in hardware both within and between model years. Be sure the bolt is long enough to protrude past the nut a distance no less than 1/2 the diameter of the bolt, after the Base Plate is mounted. The threads should be in good condition. We require that "LOCTITE® Blue" be used on all bolts. If a new bolt is required, be sure it is SAE Grade 5 or Metric 8.8.

NOTE: The dimensional variations between otherwise identical vehicles can be considerable. Some minor modifications may have to be made to ensure a proper fit.

# BOLT TORQUE SPECIFICATIONS STANDARD BOLTS: METRIC BOLTS:

Size	Grade	Torque	Size	Grade	Torque
5/16"	5	18 ft/lbs	8mm	8	23 ft/lbs
3/8"	5	30 ft/lbs	10mm	8	45 ft/lbs
7/16"	5	50 ft/lbs	12mm	8	78 ft/lbs
1/2"	5	75 ft/lbs	14mm	8	125 ft/lbs

### **INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS**





 Open hood and remove four screws on to of grill. Tip top of grill out and lift up to release bottom clips on grill, set aside. NOTE: If equipped with tow hooks, remove tow hooks and hardware associated.



**2.** Remove six plastic push fasteners from facia across the front.



**3.** Remove four bolts from bottom of facia behind air dam.



4. With a 3/16" drill bit, drill out twelve plastic rivets, six on each side. Four rivets are located on front fender extension to wheel well, on each side. The other two on each side are located on the bottom of fender extension and approximately 10-1/2" over on air dam. (See Pictures)



**5.** Front fender extension will have to be pulled away from side of facia by releasing three double sided clips on each side.



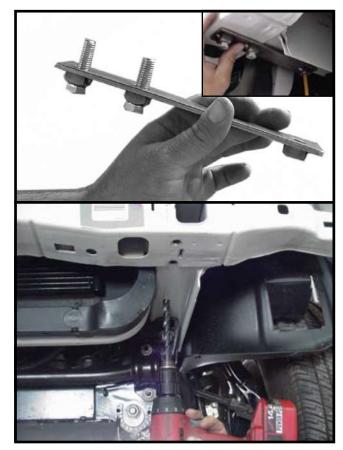
**8.** Remove both tin covers on front of bumper to allow access for nut strip.



**6.** Unplug front facia wiring by driver's side headlight.



7. Release one clip on each side by going through wheel well access one on each side. (See Pictures). Pull facia up over fingers by each headlight and pull straight off.



**9.** Install two bolts into nut strip and insert bolts into front frame holes. Mark rear hole and drill with 1/2" drill bit. Remove two bolts and insert nut strip into end of frame, nuts on nut strip up.



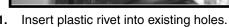
10. With an assistant install base plate with six 7/16" x 1-1/4" bolts and 7/16" lock washers. NOTE: Use blue LOCTITE. on all bolts.



- 11. Reinstall tin covers on both sides, facia and all previously removed fasteners and plug in light connector. Install 12 included plastic rivets, where previously drilled out.
- **12.** Plug mount (item #6) may be installed if desired in convenience holes on either chain anchor or as desired. **NOTE:** Excess material may be trimmed from bracket.

### **PLASTIC RIVET INSTALLATION**







**2.** Use pliers as leverage tool for vise grip. **3.** 



Use vise grip on rivet, and roll on pliers as shown.