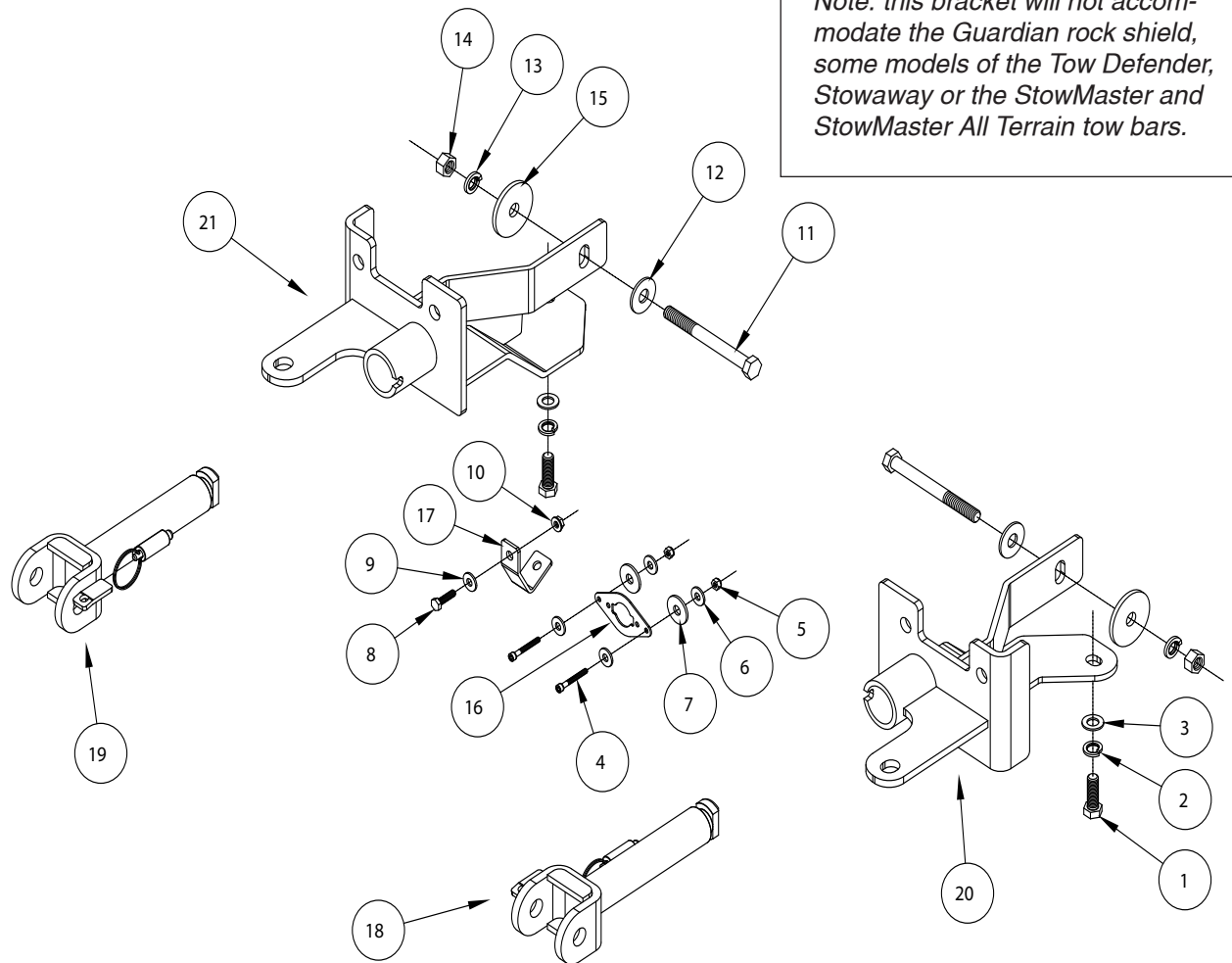




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*Important*  
 Note: this bracket will not accommodate the Guardian rock shield, some models of the Tow Defender, Stowaway or the StowMaster and StowMaster All Terrain tow bars.



ITEM	QTY	NAME	PART #
1.....	2.....	12mm x 1.5 x 35mm BOLT.....	357102-00
2.....	2.....	12mm LOCK WASHER.....	355725-00
3.....	2.....	12mm FLAT WASHER.....	355720-00
4.....	2.....	10-24 x 1 1/2" ALLEN HEAD BOLT.....	350390-75
5.....	2.....	10-24 NYLOCK NUT.....	350249-00
6.....	4.....	6mm FENDER WASHER.....	355755-00
7.....	2.....	3/8" FLAT WASHER.....	350304-00
8.....	1.....	1/4" x 1" BOLT.....	350005-00
9.....	1.....	1/4" FLAT WASHER.....	350300-00
10.....	1.....	1/4"-20 WHIZ NUT.....	350251-20
11.....	2.....	1/2" x 5" BOLTS.....	350107-00
12.....	2.....	1/2" FLAT WASHER.....	350308-00
13.....	2.....	1/2" LOCK WASHER.....	350309-00
14.....	2.....	1/2" NUT.....	350258-00
15.....	2.....	1/2" PLATE WASHER.....	A-003086
16.....	1.....	WIRE PLUG PLATE.....	A-003801
17.....	1.....	BREAK AWAY BRACKET.....	B-003171
18.....	1.....	DRIVER SIDE ARM.....	C-002383
19.....	1.....	PASSENGER SIDE ARM.....	C-002384
20.....	1.....	DRIVER SIDE RECEIVER BRACE.....	C-003069
21.....	1.....	PASSENGER SIDE RECEIVER BRACE.....	C-003070



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This is one of our EZ4 Twistlock series brackets, which allows the visible front portion of the bracket to be easily removed from the front of the vehicle (Fig.A and Fig.B). The bracket consists of two main receiver braces, two removable front braces, and a hardware pack. The main receiver brace mounts to the frame rails, and the removable front braces install in the main receiver brace.

Before starting the installation, lay out the kit components in order, as they will be used. This will give you a visual idea of how the components work, and will also confirm that everything is present and accounted for.



Fig.A



Fig.B

**IMPORTANT:** All baseplates **must** be assembled with all the bolts left loose for final adjustment and positioning (before tightening) unless otherwise instructed. All bolts **must** be torqued for proper strength. If more than one bolt is used per fastening point, the diagram may only show one.

- Use flat washers over all slotted holes
- Use lock washers on all fasteners

ROADMASTER Limited Warranty, including One-Year Conditional Warranty Text and Product Registration Card, in Carton.

## WARNING

Failure to follow these instructions can result in property damage, personal injury or even death.

- Installation of most baseplates requires moderate mechanical aptitude and skills. We strongly recommend professional installation by an experienced installer.
- The installer must read the instructions and use all bolts and parts supplied. Failure to do so could result in loss of the towed vehicle.
- Use Loctite® Red on all bolts used for mounting this bracket.
- Every 3,000 miles, the owner must inspect the fasteners for proper torque, according to the bolt torque requirements chart on the last page of these instructions. The owner must also inspect all mounting points for cracks or other signs of fatigue every 3,000 miles. Failure to do so could result in loss of the towed vehicle.
- The owner must check the vehicle manufacturer's instructions for the proper procedure(s) to prepare the vehicle for towing. Some vehicles must be equipped with a transmission lube pump, an axle disconnect, driveline disconnect or free-wheeling hubs before they can be towed. Failure to properly equip the vehicle will cause severe damage to the transmission.
- If running changes were made by the vehicle manufacturer after this kit was designed, some bolts or other fasteners in the hardware pack may no longer be the correct size. It is the installer's responsibility to verify that the baseplate is securely fastened to the vehicle and fitted with the correct hardware to account for these changes. Failure to securely fasten the baseplate could result in loss of the towed vehicle.
- If the towed vehicle has been in an accident, it must be properly repaired before attaching the baseplate. Do not install the baseplate if any structural frame damage is found. Failure to repair the damage could result in the loss of the towed vehicle.
- Roadmaster manufactures many styles of baseplates. If your baseplate has removable arms, they must be removed before driving the vehicle, unless the arms can be pinned or padlocked in place. If not secured, the arms could vibrate out, resulting in non-warranty damage or personal injury.
- Some motorhome chassis have such a tight turning radius that you can damage your motorhome, towed vehicle, tow bar or baseplate while turning sharply. Before getting on the road, test your turning radius in an empty parking lot. Turning too sharply could result in non-warranty damage to towing system, motorhome and/or towed vehicle.
- Do not back up with the towed vehicle attached or non-warranty damage will occur to your towing system, motorhome and/or towed vehicle.
- The safety cables must connect the towing vehicle to the towed vehicle frame to frame, with the cables crossed, with enough slack for sharp turns. Refer to the cable instructions for proper routing. Failure to leave enough slack in the safety cables, or failure to connect the safety cables frame to frame, will result in the loss of the towed vehicle.
- This kit is designed for use with ROADMASTER tow bars and ROADMASTER adaptors only. Using this kit with other brands, without an approved ROADMASTER adaptor, may result in non-warranty damage or injury.
- Do not use this document for custom fabrication, as it may not show all parts or structural components. Custom fabrication, or any attempt to copy this baseplate design, could result in loss of the towed vehicle.
- Upon final installation, the installer must inspect the baseplate to ensure adequate clearance, particularly around hoses, air conditioner lines, radiators, etc., or non-warranty damage to the towed vehicle will result.
- This baseplate is only warranted for the original installation. Installing a used baseplate on another vehicle is not recommended and will void the warranty.



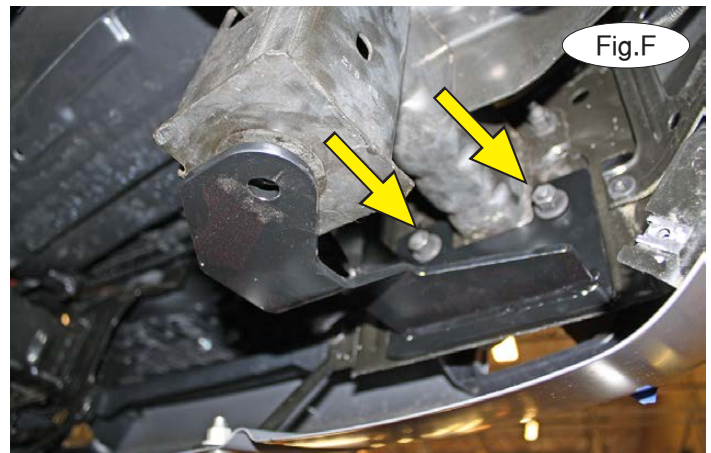
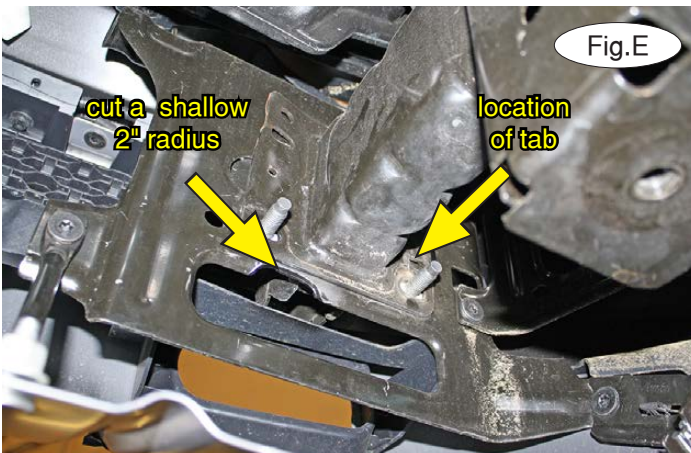
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1. **Important:** please use all supplied bolts and parts and read all instructions carefully before beginning this installation. The majority of questions you may have can be answered within the text, and proper installation will ensure safe and secure travel. Now, begin the installation by removing three 8mm (head) screws and two plastic fasteners attaching the fascia to the forward fender liner (Fig.C).

2. On each side, remove two 18mm nuts and one 18mm (head) bolt attaching the tow hook to the frame (Fig.D).



3. On each side, use a hammer to flatten the tab on the bumper mounting flange, or a cut-off wheel to remove it (Fig.E). Now, from the center of the inside bolt, measure over 7/8" to the outside and use a die grinder to cut a shallow 2" radius in the back of the bumper to allow clearance for the main receiver brace (Fig.E).

4. On each side, place two 1/2" flat washers over each stud you exposed in step 2, place the main receiver brace over the washers and replace the 18mm nuts (Fig.F).

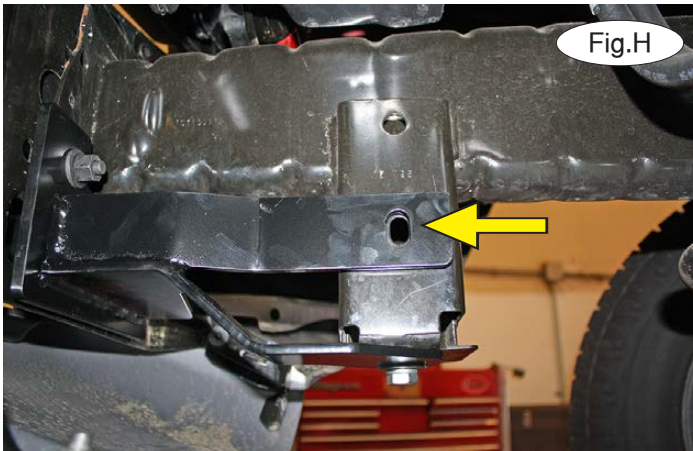
5. On each side, place a 12mm lock washer and 1/2" flat washer over a 12mm x 1.5 x 35mm bolt and bolt up through the bottom mount of the main receiver brace and into the tow hook mount (Fig.G).





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6. Tighten all bolts to the bolt torque requirements found at the end of these instructions. *Note:* use Loctite® Red on all nuts and bolts.

7. On each side, use a die grinder to enlarge the existing holes in the frame (Fig.H). Bolt through the frame with a ½" flat washer and a ½" x 5" bolt and finish with a ½" plate washer, lock washer and nut (Fig.I).



8. On each side, trim the fascia to allow clearance for the main receiver brace (Fig.J).

9. On the back of the fascia, push out on one of the electrical loom plastic fasteners to remove it from the mounting tab. Place the break away bracket over the hole and secure it using a ¼" x 1" bolt and ¼" flat washer and whiznut (Fig.K).

10. Due to space constraints, you can mount the wiring plug directly to the grille (refer to the instructions on the last page). If you are using a six-way plug, bolt through the grille using the included 10-24 x 1½" bolts and a 6mm flat washer, and finish with a 3/8" flat washer, a 6mm flat washer and 10-24 Nylock nut (Fig.L). If you are using one of the round four-wire or flat four-wire plugs, use the plug plate and the hardware just mentioned. Figure L (inset) shows the completed installation of the wiring plug.





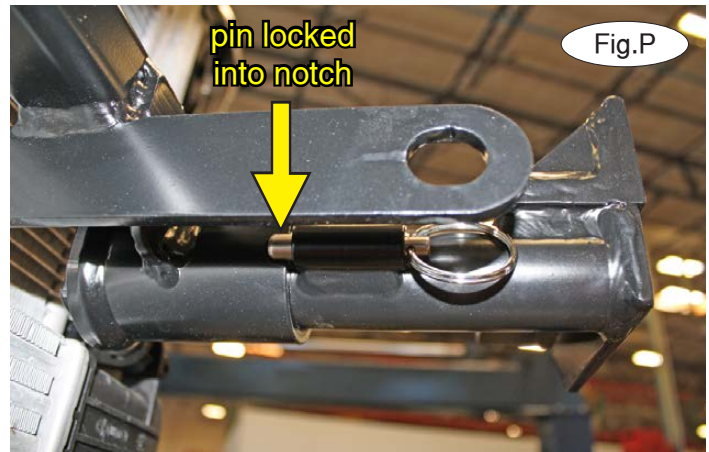
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11. **Note: the following four images are for illustration purposes only, as your specific application may be slightly different.**

The spring-loaded pin on the removable arm snaps into a notch on the receiver, locking the removable arm into its final towing position. Before inserting each arm into the receiver, verify that the spring is working by ensuring that the spring-loaded pin moves easily back and forth within the barrel when pulled and that it can be pulled flush with the face of the barrel (Fig.M and Fig.N).



12. On each side, insert the removable front bracket arm into the front receiver 90 degrees from its final towing position, depressing the spring-loaded pin against the receiver (Fig.O). Now, twist back 90 degrees until the spring-loaded pin snaps into place in the notch on the receiver, locking the arm into place in its final towing position (Fig.P).

**Please note: it is the owner's responsibility to ensure the locking of the pins before towing. Otherwise, failure of the towing system will result.**

13. Install the tow bar to the mounting bracket according to the manufacturer's instructions.



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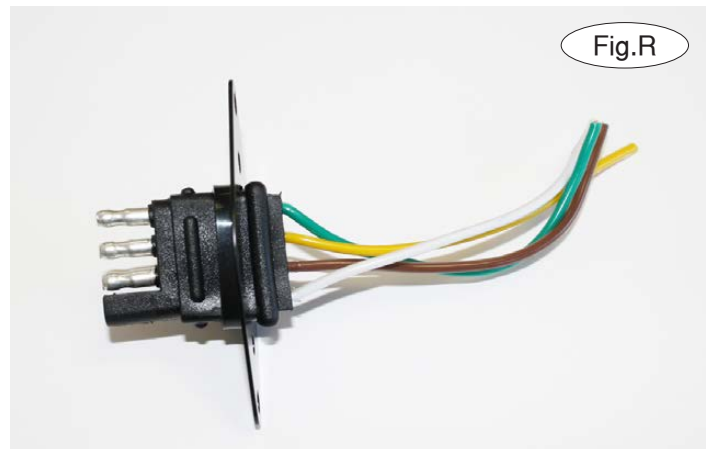
Safety cables are required by law. When towing, connect safety cables to the safety cable tabs illustrated in Figure Q. Make certain there is adequate slack in the cables to allow a full turning radius; otherwise, damage will result. If necessary, longer cables or cable extensions are available.



### Three options for attaching the wiring plug to the main receiver brace

**For four-wire round plugs:** attach to the plug mounting plate and then use the two supplied 3/4" self-tapping screws to attach the mounting plate to the grille.

**For four-wire flat plugs:** place the plug through the mounting plug plate, and then secure it using the supplied zip tie on the front of the plug (Fig.R). Use the two supplied 3/4" self-tapping screws to attach the mounting plate to the grille on the front of the main receiver brace.



### BOLT TORQUE REQUIREMENTS

Note: The torque values represented below are intended as general guidelines. Torque requirements for specific applications may vary. Roadmaster does not warrant this information to be accurate for all applications and disclaims all liability for any claims or damages which may result from its use.

#### STANDARD BOLTS

Thread Size	Grade	Torque
5/16.....	5.....	13 ft./lb.
3/8.....	5.....	23 ft./lb.
7/16.....	5.....	37 ft./lb.
1/2.....	5.....	56 ft./lb.
5/8.....	5.....	150 ft./lb.

#### METRIC BOLTS

Thread Size	Grade	Plated / Unplated
8mm-1.0 .....	8.8 .....	20 ft./lb. 18 ft./lb.
8mm-1.25 .....	8.8 .....	19 ft./lb. 18 ft./lb.
10mm-1.25 .....	8.8 .....	38 ft./lb. 36 ft./lb.
10mm-1.5 .....	8.8 .....	37 ft./lb. 35 ft./lb.

#### METRIC BOLTS

Thread Size	Grade	Plated / Unplated
12mm-1.25 .....	8.8 .....	70 ft./lb. 65 ft./lb.
12mm-1.5 .....	8.8 .....	66 ft./lb. 61 ft./lb.
12mm-1.75 .....	8.8 .....	65 ft./lb. 60 ft./lb.
14mm-2.0 .....	8.8 .....	104 ft./lb. 97 ft./lb.

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