

**BX2802**

2013 Fiat 500 Abarth Installation Instructions

Serial Number

Attachment Tab Height: 13"**Attachment Tab Width: 22"**

Please read BOTH these Installation Instructions and the General Instructions 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 "fit work". If needed, Blue Ox® Dealers can be found at www.blueox.com or by contacting our Customer Care Department at (402) 385-3051.
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.



If the front of your vehicle looks different than this, please contact us at (402)385-3051.

Reference your vehicle owner's manual for manufacturer's towing specifications.

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

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



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 is removed and reinstalled for the baseplate installation. Some 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.

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.
- Do not use the towed vehicle for storing luggage, equipment, etc. This may cause you to exceed the towing capacity of the tow bar, baseplate and its accessories.
- Be sure to use Loctite® Red on all bolts before tightening. Tighten all bolts according to the torque chart provided.
- Dealer or installer be certain the user receives these instruction sheet.

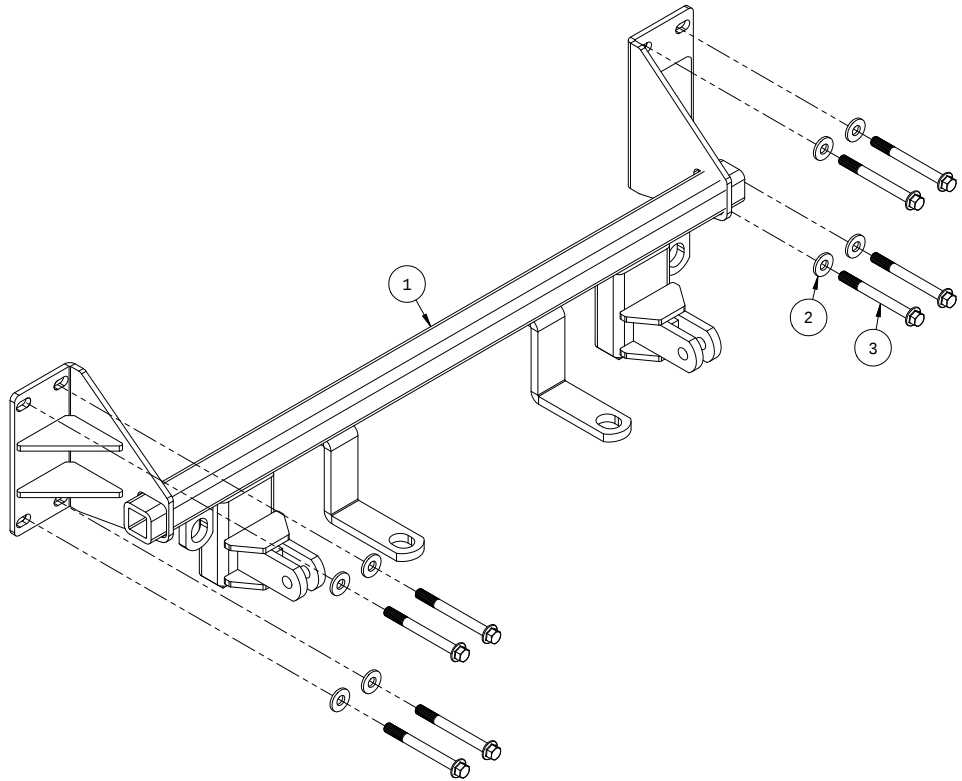
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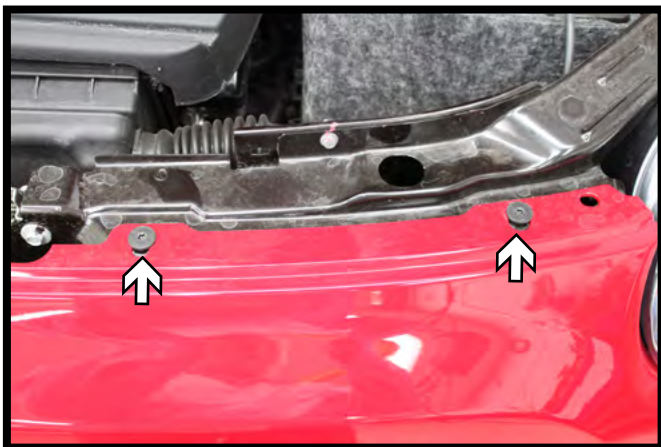
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Tools Required

Large Vise Grip
Utility Knife
Phillips Screwdriver
Torque Wrench
Tape Measure
Loctite® RED
T30 Torx
10MM Socket
15MM Socket
10MM Wrench
15MM Wrench



Item No.	Part No.	Description	Qty.
1.....	61-7006	BX1846 Baseplate.....	1
2.....	Existing.....	10MM Washer	8
3.....	Existing.....	10MM Bolt	8
4.....	226-0046(not shown)	Class III Safety Cables	2
5.....	229-0359(not shown)	3/8" Quicklink, ZP	2

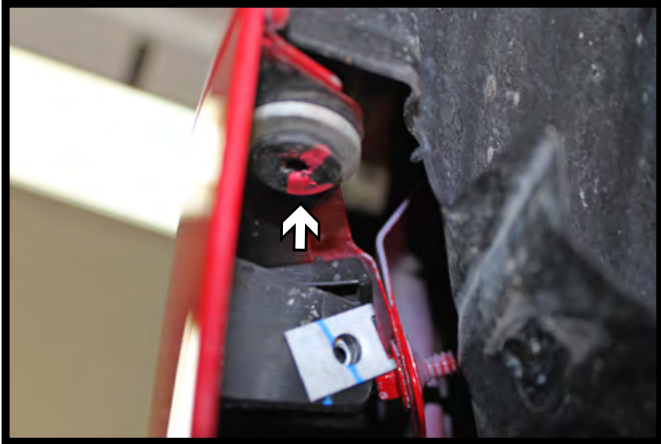


1. Using a T30 Torx, remove the four (4) screws from the top edge of the fascia. There are two (2) on each side.



2. Using a phillips screwdriver, remove the three (3) screws from the wheel well in front of the tire. Repeat on the other side of the vehicle.

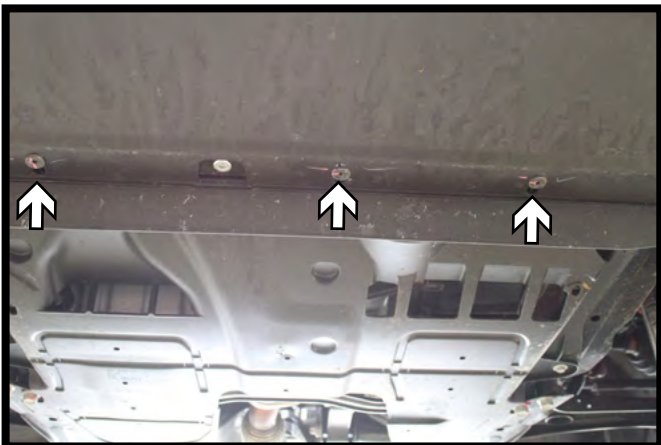
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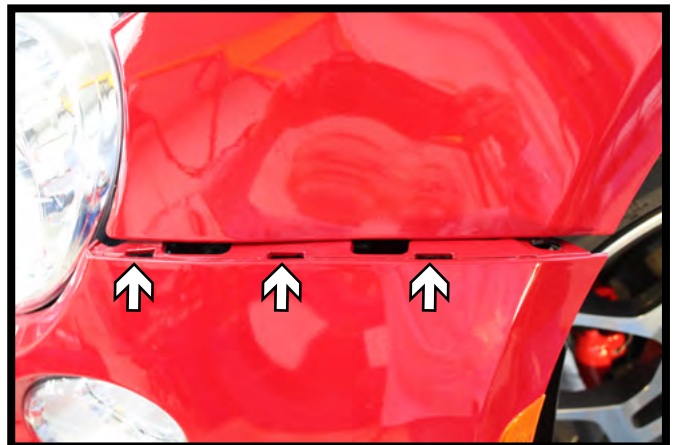
3. Using a T30 Torx, remove the screw from behind the wheel well cover where the fascia meets the fender. Repeat on the other side of the vehicle.



4. Using a phillips screwdriver, remove the one (1) screw from the underside bottom corner of the fascia. Repeat on the other side of the vehicle.

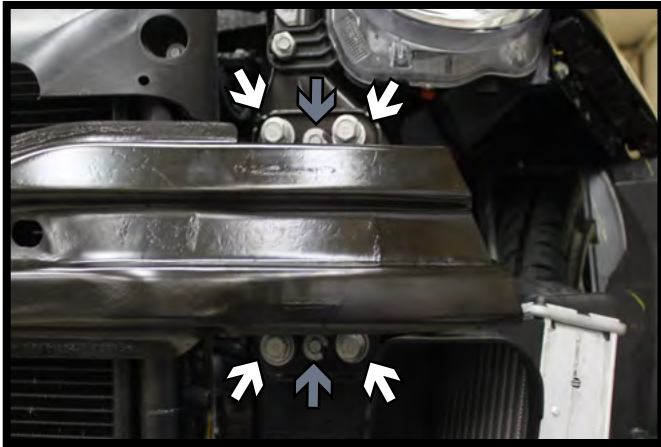


5. Using a T30 Torx, remove the three (3) screws from the underside of the fascia. **DO NOT** remove the silver screw.

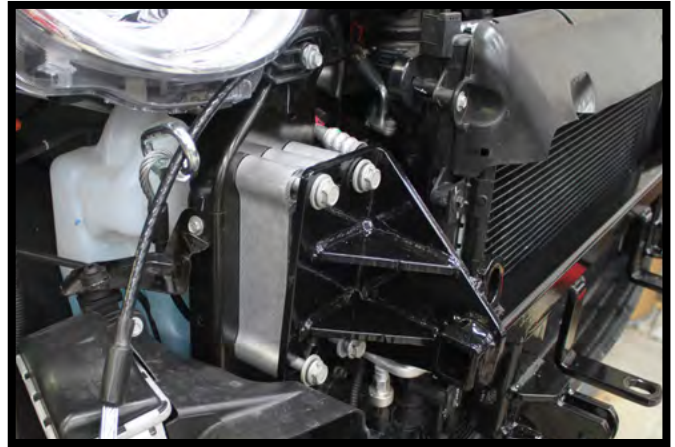


6. Unsnap the fascia from each side. Unplug all electrical connections, then pull fascia outwards to remove from the vehicle.

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7. Using a 15MM socket, remove the four (4) larger bolts from bumper (white). Then using a 10MM socket, remove the two (2) smaller bolts (gray). Repeat on the other side of the vehicle. The metal bumper and smaller bolts will not be reused.



8. Install the baseplate onto the vehicle, using the existing spacer and 10MM bolts. Repeat on the other side of the vehicle. Tighten down baseplate to the vehicle.



9. 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 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.



10. Hold the fascia up to the vehicle as close to it's original position. Mark and trim with a utility knife until the fascia is clear of the attachment tabs and convenience links. Reinstall the fascia.

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11. Possible location for the BX8869: Using a 20 Torx remove the four (4) screws from the back plate and remove (Right). Using a 1" hole saw drill a hole into the metal portion of the light as shown. Put the wires thru and silicone around the hole to seal.

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