



## BX1005 Installation Instructions 97-99 Accura CL

**Utilization of Blue Ox baseplates with any tow bar not approved by Automatic Equipment Mfg. Co. invalidates the limited warranty.**

1. Read the General Instruction Sheet included with this baseplate.
2. The front bumper molding must be removed for access to the frame.
3. Remove the signal lights on both sides and the signal lights from socket and detach all wiring. Also remove the plastic top radiator grill cover.
4. Remove the plastic under cover from the vehicle. Save all attachment parts as they will be required for reinstallation.
5. To remove the bumper molding, begin by removing the four Phillips screws holding it to the frame. Also remove the two Phillips screws and the bolts.
6. Remove the tie down brackets located underneath the engine on the insides of the frame by removing the three 14mm bolts existing in the frame. Save all six bolts as they will be required for reinstallation. The two tie down brackets can be discarded at this point as they will not be reinstalled.
7. Remove the lower two bolts on each side from the front bumper bracket plates. The bumper will be attached to brackets. Remove the bumper by rotating the bottom forward and pulling down and away off of the clips on either side of the vehicle. The four bolts can be discarded at this point. Four 8mm bolts will replace them for the baseplate installation.
8. Set the bumper down and begin separation of the inner and outer bumper by removing eleven plastic rivets taking care not to destroy them. **NOTE: THERE ARE TWO SIZES OF PLASTIC RIVETS, THESE ARE THE LARGER SIZED RIVETS. CAREFULLY SEPARATE BY ROTATING INNER BUMPER FROM THE BOTTOM AND PULLING OUT.**
9. Install the Side Brackets (Items 3 and 4) as shown in the diagram on page two. Use the existing bolts and washers (Items 5 and 7), additional lock washers (Item 6) are provided with the baseplate packaging. **Use Loctite Blue on all bolts to ensure they will not loosen while towing.**
10. Lay the baseplate (Item 1) center tube assembly into the outer bumper shell, then set the inner bumper over the baseplate center tube assembly aligning existing holes with those in the baseplates front bumper brackets.
11. Reinstall the eleven plastic rivets connecting inner and outer bumper.
12. Place the bumper up to the vehicle taking care to align holes in bumper brackets with those in vehicle frame. Resting the outside braces extending from the center tube (Item 1) assembly on the tie down brackets may be helpful. Adjust the center tube assembly so that the front bumper brackets are seated over their brackets. Slide the bumper upward and towards the vehicle, taking care to seated over there brackets.
13. When the bumper is properly seated install the 8mm bolts, washers and nuts (Items 8, 9 and 10) through the front bumper brackets into vehicle frame.
14. Install the two 1/2" bolts, washers and nuts (Items 11, 12 and 13) attaching the tie down brackets (Items 3 and 4) and the braces coming off the center tube assembly. Install with 1/2" nuts on top of the tie down bracket.
15. The bottom plastic cover will need to be notched before replacing.
16. Reinstall the bumper molding, plastic under cover and the signal lights.

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17. The dimensional variations between otherwise identical cars can be considerable. While the location and size of the holes in the baseplate were designed to allow for easy installation, it may be necessary to file a hole slightly to allow a bolt to clear.

18. Do not substitute other devices if the tow bar pin and clip are lost.

19. **DEALER OR INSTALLER: BE SURE OWNER RECEIVES THE INSTRUCTION SHEET.**

### Tools Required

Metric Wrench Set      Phillips Screw Driver      Loctite Blue  
 1/2" Wrench

### Parts List

Ref. No.	Qty.	Part No.	Description
1	1	61-5005	Baseplate, BX1005
2	1	101-5711	Driver Side Brace, BX1005
3	1	101-5712	Passenger Side Brace, BX1005
4	6		Existing Bolts
5	6	203-0131	14MM Lock Washer
6	6		Existing Flat Washer
7	4	201-0446	8MM-1.25 x 30MM, Hex Bolt, Grade 8.8
8	4	203-0102	8MM Lock Washer
9	4	203-0107	8MM Flat Washer
10	4	201-0011	1/2-13 x 1 1/4 Hex Bolt, Grade 5
11	4	203-0012	1/2 Lock Washer
12	4	202-0005	1/2-13 Hex Nut

