

BLUE OX®

Baseplates

BX1511 2005 Buick LeSabre Installation Instructions

Serial Number

Please read BOTH these Installation Instructions and the General Towing Instructions before attempting to install or operate this equipment.

- 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 to do “fit work”. When necessary, Blue Ox® Dealers can be found at www.blueox.us or by contacting our 24/7 Customer Care Department at (888) 425-5382.
- 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 hardware supplied in the hardware kit or existing hardware specified in the Baseplate Installation Instructions.

Attachment Tab Height: 12 3/4”
Attachment Tab Width: 24 1/2”

Bolt Torque Specifications

Torque in Foot-Pounds per 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

Confirm the towability and pre-towing procedures for your vehicle with the owner’s manual or contact the vehicle’s manufacturer for specific towing procedures. You can also contact REMCO for additional information at 1(800)228-2481.

Bolt Torque Specifications

Torque in Foot-Pounds per 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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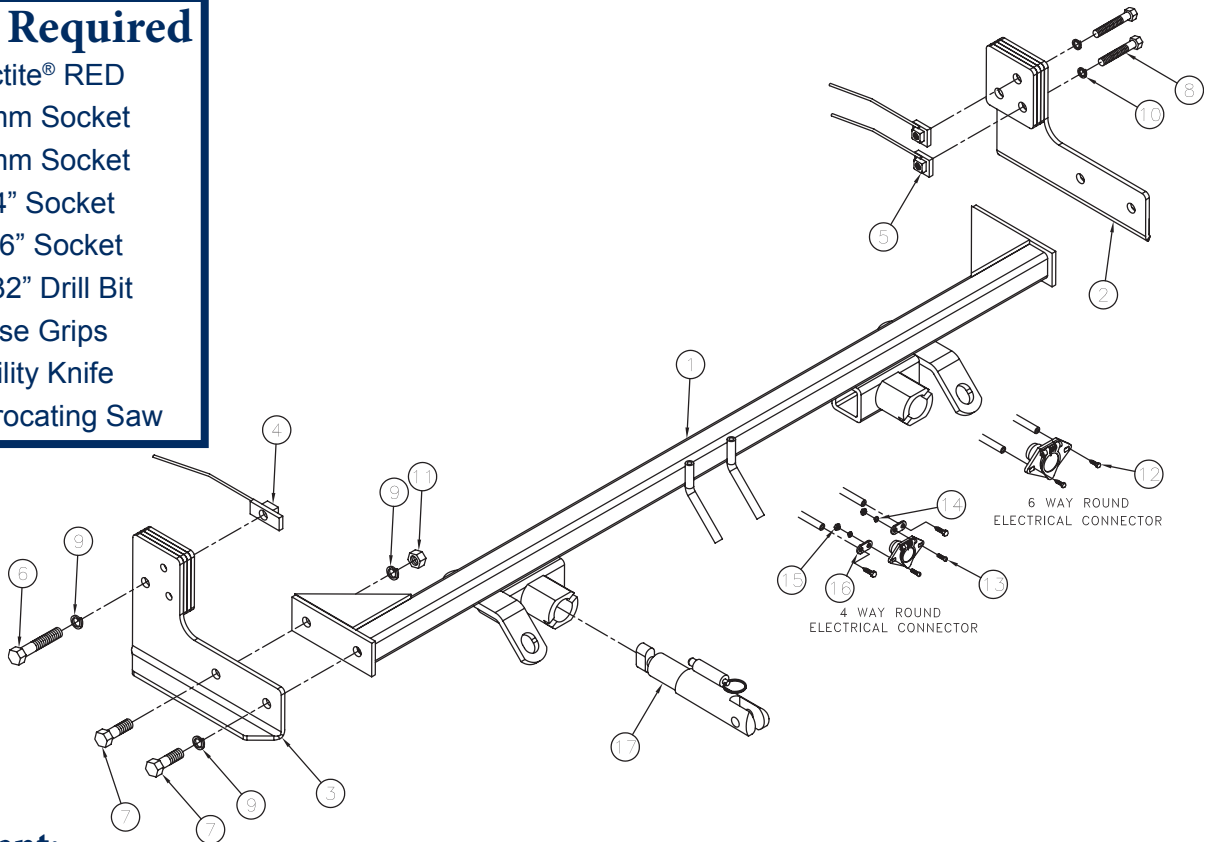
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Parts List

Ref. No.	Qty.	Part #	Description
1	1	61-6278	Weldment, Cross Tube, BX1511
2	1	61-6279	Weldment, Plate End, DS, BX1511
3	1	61-6280	Weldment, Plate End, PS, BX1511
4	2	61-3799	1/2-13 Nut Plate, with 10" Wire
5	4	61-5208	3/8-16 Nut Plate, with 14" Wire
6	2	201-0153	1/2-13 x 2 1/2" Bolt, Grd. 5, ZP
7	4	201-0011	1/2-13 x 1 1/4" Bolt, Grd. 5, ZP
8	4	201-0336	3/8-16 x 1 1/2" Bolt, Grd. 5, ZP
9	6	203-0012	1/2" Lock Washer, ZP
10	6	203-0010	3/8" Lock Washer, ZP
11	2	202-0005	1/2-13 Hex Nut, ZP
12	2	201-0553	1/4-20 x 1/2" Hx. Wshd, Type F Screw
13	2	201-0192	#10-32 x 1/2" Slot, Rd. Hd. Screw
14	2	203-0054	#10 Lock Washer
15	2	202-0047	#10-32 Hex Nut
16	2	101-5822	Adapter, 4 Way Connector
17	2	62-3468	Attachment, Assembly, SF/SB (R)
	2	201-0443	3/8-16 x 1" Hex Bolt (Not Shown)
	2	202-0071	3/8-16 Hex Flange Whiz Lock Nut (Not Shown)
	2	290-0437	Receiver Cap, Plug (Not Shown)

Tools Required

Loctite® RED
 10mm Socket
 13mm Socket
 3/4" Socket
 9/16" Socket
 13/32" Drill Bit
 Vise Grips
 Utility Knife
 Reciprocating Saw



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.

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Attachment Tabs:

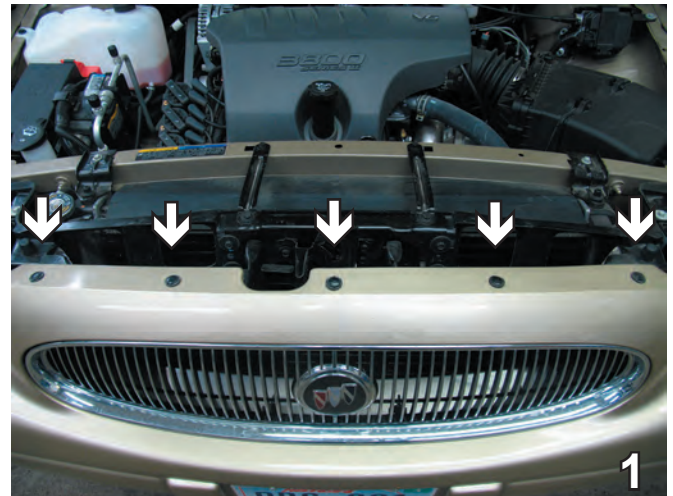
Due to the design of the removable tabs, the RangeFinderII and Ambassador tow bars can not be used. Adapters, except the BX8833 and BX88151, can not be used with this baseplate.

Installation Notes: The bellypan, fascia, metal bumper, cable clamp and bumper bracket nut are removed for installation. Trimming and drilling are required. A bumper bracket nut and bumper bracket bolt will not be reinstalled.

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 auto manufacturer's tolerances. These minor adjustments may include filing a hole slightly, bending electrical rods, and/ or bending end plates.

The BX8848 4-Diode Wiring Kit is recommended for this vehicle.

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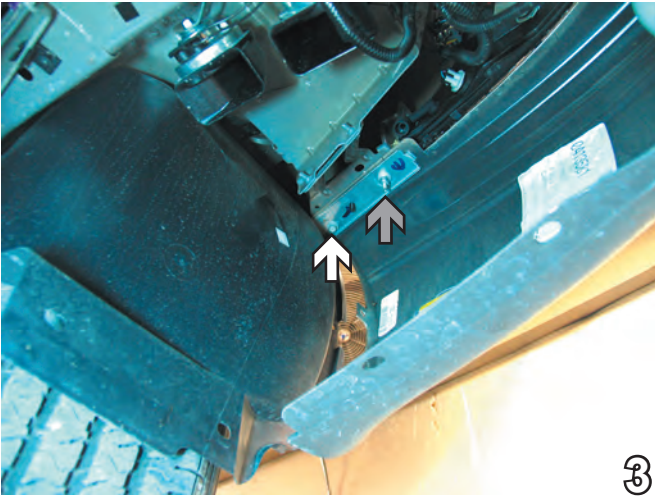


1. On the top of the fascia, above the grille, remove five pushpins. Set pushpins aside to be reinstalled later.

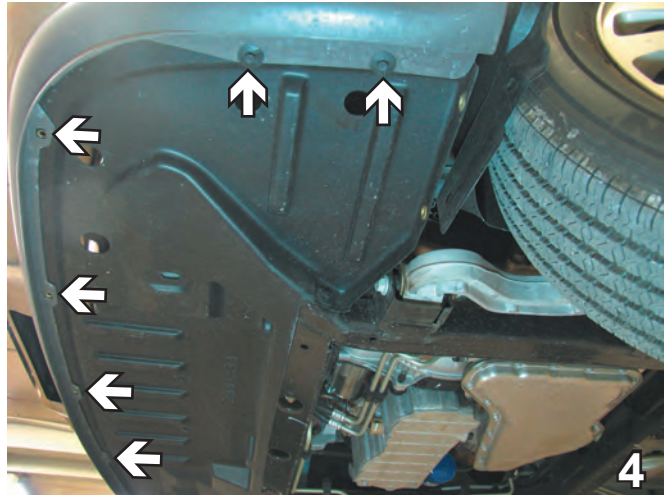


2. Remove five pushpins just forward of the front tire, on the edge of fascia. Do this to both sides of the vehicle. Set pushpins aside to be reinstalled later.

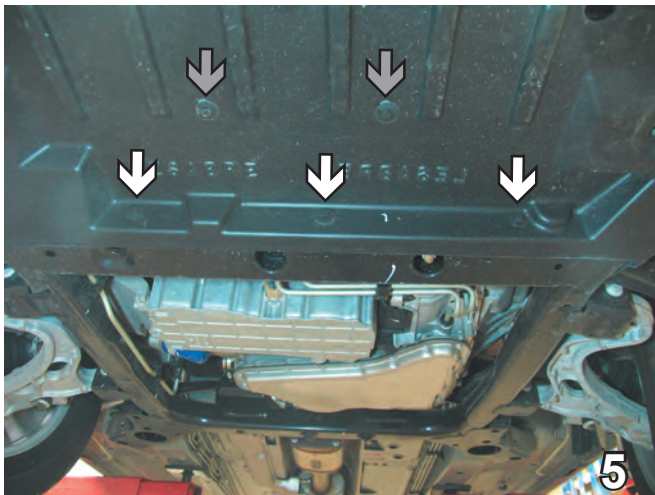
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3. Using the 10mm socket, remove one metric bolt (see white arrow) and loosen (do not remove) hex nut (see grey arrow) just forward of the front tire inside the fender well. Do this to both sides of the vehicle. Set bolts aside to be reinstalled later.



4. Along the bottom edge of fascia, remove nine pushpins (three on passenger's side not shown). Set pushpins aside to be reinstalled later.



5. Remove three pushpins near the back of the belly pan (see white arrows). Remove two pushpins near the center of belly pan (see grey arrows). Remove bellypan. Set pushpins and bellypan aside to be reinstalled later.

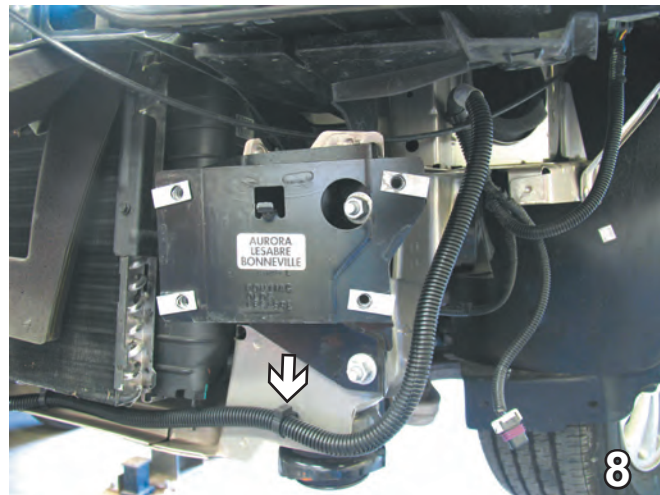


6. On the lower fascia opening, remove one Christmas tree pushpin. Do this to both sides of the vehicle. Pull fascia forward to remove. Set pushpins and fascia aside to be reinstalled later.

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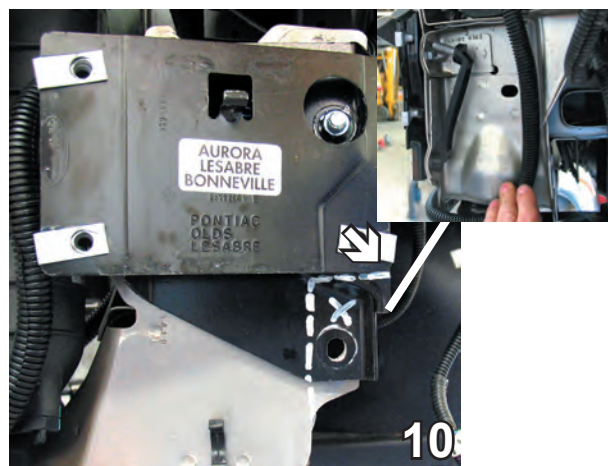
7. On the metal bumper openings, use the 13mm socket to remove four metric bolts. Do this to both sides of the vehicle. Pull bumper forward to remove. Set bolts and bumper aside to be reinstalled later.



8. Disconnect the cable clamp by pulling it forward through the frame. Move the cable up and out of the way to clear the area for cutting. Do this to both sides of the vehicle.

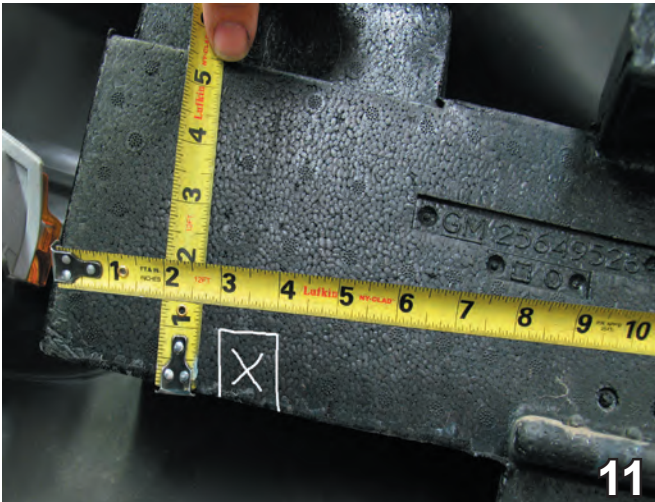


9. Using the 16mm socket, remove the nut from upper section of the bumper bracket (see grey arrow). Pull the nut plate through the side of the bumper bracket and replace nut with the 3/8-16 x 1 hex bolt and 3/8-16 hex flange whiz lock nut. Using the 16mm socket, remove the metric bolt (see white arrow) from the lower section of bumper bracket. It will not be reinstalled. Do this to both sides of the vehicle.

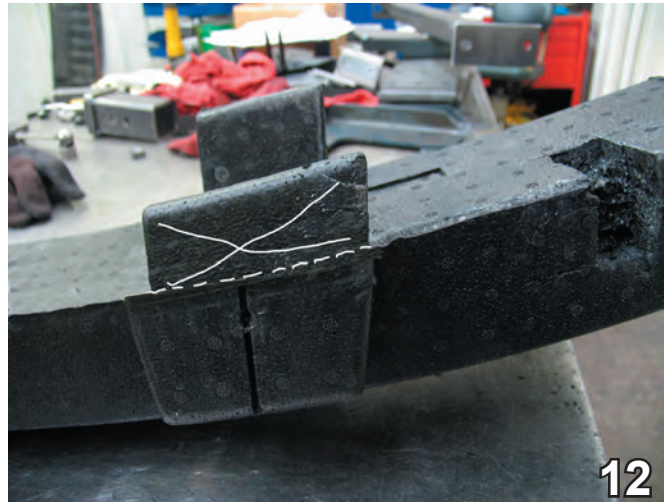


10. Mark a rectangle on the lower portion of bumper bracket. Start horizontally below the upper portion of bumper bracket (see white arrow) and continue just past the lower bolt hole. Then, mark straight down until reaching bottom of frame rail. This vertical marking should be flush with frame rail edge (behind bumper bracket - shown in inset). Using the reciprocating saw, cut marked area through the bumper bracket and frame rail.

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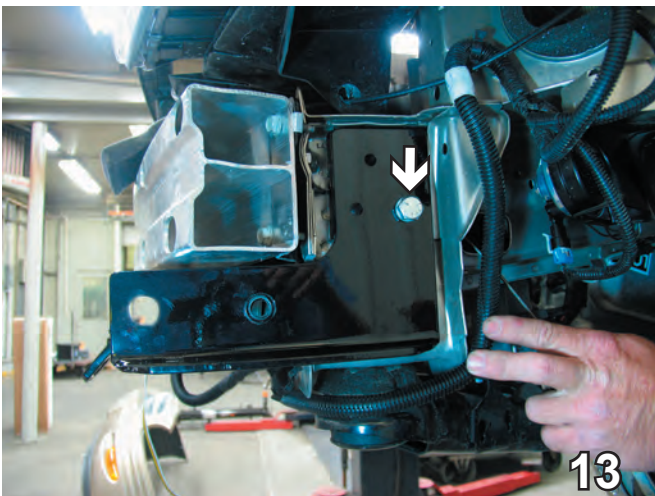


11. With the fascia lying face down and on a soft, flat surface, mark and measure a rectangle on the styrofoam. The rectangle measures 1" x 1". It should be 2 7/8" from the side edge of the styrofoam. Pull the styrofoam from the fascia and lay on a flat surface. Using the utility knife, cut the rectangle 2" deep. Do this to both ends of the styrofoam.

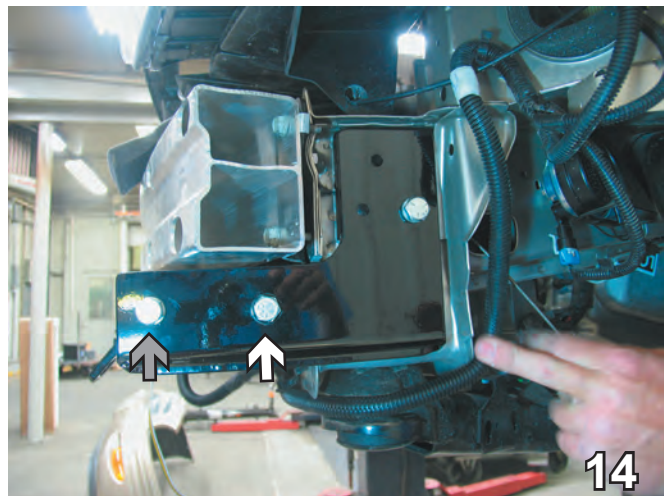


12. Use the utility knife to cut away the molding next to the rectangle just cut so that it is flush with the styrofoam base. Do this to both ends. Place styrofoam back into fascia.

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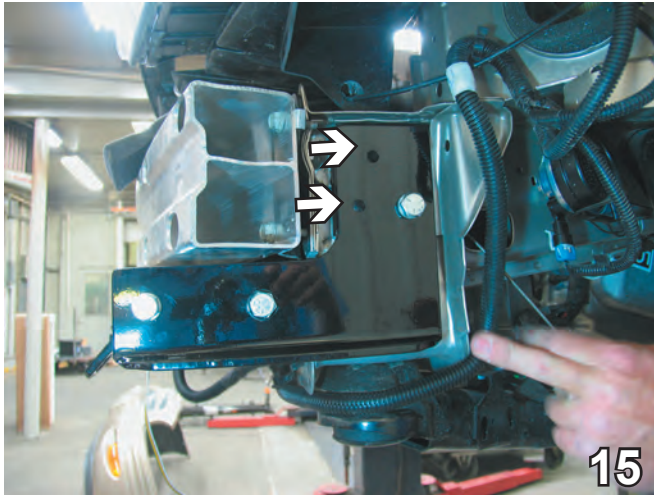


13. Reinstall metal bumper. Align endplate with existing frame rail hole (see white arrow). Endplate should be 1/4" below and parallel to bumper and also parallel with top of frame rail. Insert 1/2-13 nut plate through frame rail opening and align to existing frame rail hole. Insert 1/2-13 x 2 1/2" bolt and 1/2" lock washer and hand tighten to nut plate (don't use Loctite yet). Do this to both sides of the vehicle.



14. Insure crosstube is level. On the lower portion of endplate, forward most hole (see grey arrow), insert 1/2-13 x 1 1/4" bolt and 1/2" lock washer and hand tighten. In the hole next to it (see white arrow), insert 1/2-13 x 1 1/4" bolt, 1/2" lock washer and 1/2-13 hex nut and hand tighten. Do this to both sides of the vehicle.

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15. On the upper portion of baseplate, use the endplate as a template and drill into the frame using the 13/32" drill bit (see white arrows). Insert 3/8-16 nut plate through frame rail opening and align to drilled holes. Insert 3/8-16 x 1 1/2" bolt and 3/8" lock washer and tighten. Finish tightening all remaining bolts. Trim nut plate wires. Do this to both sides of the vehicle.

16. Reinstall bellypan, fascia, cable clamp, pushpins and bolts.

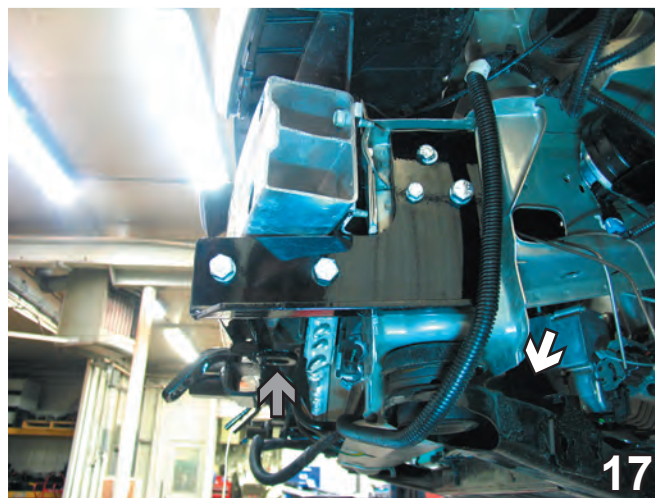
Install the tow bar and safety cables according to the instructions provided in their packages. When demonstrating this to the customer, be sure to include all the contents and packages.

Do **NOT** substitute other devices if the tow bar pins and clips are misplaced.

Be sure that **ALL** electrical connections are plugged in properly and functioning **BEFORE** installing the fascia.

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DEALER or INSTALLER:
Be certain the user receives the instruction sheets for their products.



17. Attach the permanent baseplate safety cables to the provided convenience link on the baseplate (see grey arrow). The photo above shows the recommended installation of the permanent baseplate safety cables to frame of the vehicle (see white arrow). If the vehicle has additional options, not shown above, which interfere with mounting the permanent baseplate safety cables, secure the cable to a solid piece of the vehicle's frame as described in the instructions included with the permanent baseplate safety cables.

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