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Installation Instructions

Please read BOTH these Installation Instructions and the General Instructions before attempting to install or operate 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 necessary and knowledge to do "fit work". When necessary 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 hardware supplied in the hardware kit and existing hardware specified in the Baseplate Installation Instructions.

Attachment Tab Height: 12"

Attachment Tab Width: 20"

Bolt Torque Specifications

Serial Number

Torque in Foot-Pounds for Metric Bolts

Grade 8.8	Grade 10.9
6	8
16	22
31	40
54	70
89	117
	6 16 31 54

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.

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

Bolt Torque Specifications

Torque in Foot-Pounds for Inch Bolts

Bolt Size	It Size Grade 5	
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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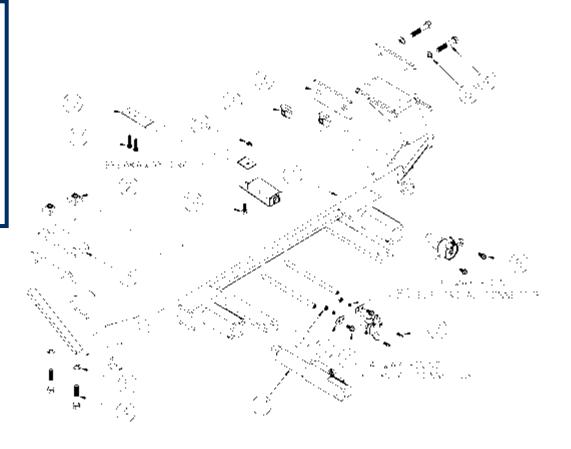
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Parts List				
Ref. No.	Qty.	Part #	Description	
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	1 8 4 8 8 2 2 2 2 2 2	61-6819 61-5208 101-7542 201-0444 203-0010 201-0553 201-0192 203-0054 202-0047 101-5822 62-3469	Weldment, BP, BX1516 Weldment, Nut Plate, 1/4 X 1 X 1, 3/8" with 14" Wire Backing Plate, BX1516 3/8-16 X 2 Hex Bolt Grade 5, ZP 3/8 Lock Washer 1/4-20 X 1/2 Hx.Wshd.Type F TCS, ZP 10-32 X 1/2 Slot, RD. HD. Screw #10 Lock Washer #10 Hex Nut Adapter, 4 Way Connector Att Tab Assembly, Rem, SF/LB, 1 Hole	
12 13 14 15	1 2 1 1 2 2 2	102-7131 201-0654 201-0050 202-0102 226-0046 229-0359 290-0437	Breakaway Bracket, BX1516 #10-16 X 1 Self Drilling Screw 1/4-20 X 3/4 Hex Bolt Grade 5, ZP 1/4-20 Hex Nyl Nut, ZP Baseplate Safety Cable, 36" CL III (Not shown) Quicklink, 3/8, ZP (Not shown) Receiver, Cap Plug, Black (Not shown)	

Tools Required

7mm Socket
13mm Socket/Wrench
7/16" Socket/Wrench
9/16" Socket/Wrench
T15 Torx
T20 Torx
Large Vise Grip
Drill
Flat Screwdriver
Utility Knife
Torque Wrench
Tape Measure
Hack Saw Blade
13/32" Drill Bit
Loctite® RED



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. Failing to follow and/or altering these installation instructions in either installation or required equipment will void the manufacturer's warranty. Towing behind a non-motorized vehicle will void the warranty.

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Attachment Tabs: Motorhome mount tow bars are recommended for use with this baseplate. 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 fascia, horn, air baffle and bumper are removed for installation. Drilling is required.

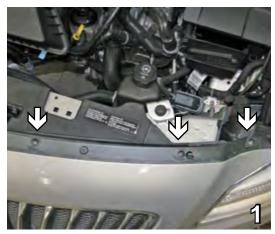
The dimensional variations between otherwise identical vehicles can be considerable. While the baseplate was designed for easy installation, it may be necessary to tailor the baseplate slightly to compensate for auto manufacturer's tolerances. These minor adjustments may include filing a hole slightly, bending electrical rods or bending end plates.

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

Handling of some cosmetic parts when installing this product may require the use of protective covers, rags, specialty tools, etc. to prevent damage.

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.

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- 1. Using a T20 torx remove three bolts on each side from the plastic piece covering the top front of the under carriage. Set the plastic piece and the bolts aside for later reinstallation.
- 2. Forward of the front tire on the edge of the fascia, using a T20 torx, remove the three screws. Do this on both sides. Set the screws aside for later reinstallation.

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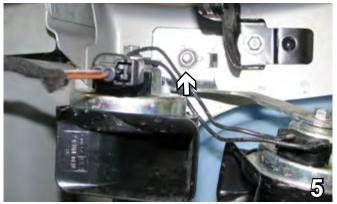
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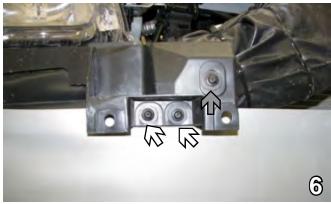
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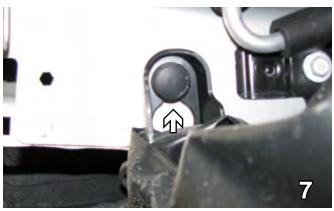


- On the driver side only, underneath the plastic covering use a 8MM socket to remove one bolt in the corner. Set the bolt aside to be reinstalled later.
- 4. Remove the four push pins from under the center front of the fascia. Set fascia and push pins aside carefully for later reinstallation.





- 5. Use a 13MM socket to remove one bolt from the horn bracket and unplug. Set the horn aside to be reinstalled later.
- 6. Using a T15 Torx, remove the two screws on the front of the headlight. Do this to both sides. On the passenger side, remove the additional screw (gray arrow) from the air vent. Set aside for later reinstallation.





- 7. On the passenger side, remove the push pin from the air vent. Set aside bolts for later reinstallation.
- 8. Remove the clip holding the sensor to the top of the bumper (gray arrow). Using a 13MM socket, remove two bolts from each side of the bumper. Do this to both sides. Pull the bumper forward and set it aside until later reinstallation.

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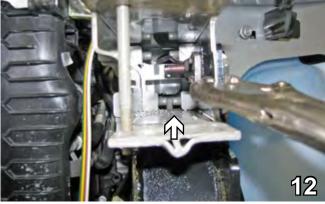
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- 9. Slide the baseplate up and clamp it to the frame rail. Using the baseplate as a template, with a 13/32" drill bit, drill the side holes. Do this to both sides.
- 10. Be very careful with the coolant line on the passenger side. If the baseplate hits the line, it will need to be bent. On the passenger side, use a long drill bit on the front hole and cover the drill bit with a tube to prevent damage to the coolant line. Use a 13/32" drill bit on both sides.





- 11. Insert 3/8-16 x 2" bolts and 3/8" lock washers into the side holes. Attach to backing plates and 3/8-16 nut plates inserted inside the frame end. Use Loctite on the bolts and tighten to specs. Do this to both sides.
- 12. Insert 3/8-16 x 2" bolts from underneath and 3/8" lock washers on the bottom. Slide the backing plate inside the frame end and attach to 3/8-16 nut plates. Use Loctite on the bolts and tighten to specs. Do this to both sides.

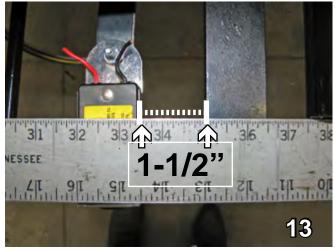
BE SURE TO USE LOCTITE® RED ON ALL BOLTS BEFORE TIGHTENING. TIGHTEN ALL BOLTS ACCORDING TO THE TORQUE CHART ON THE FRONT PAGE OF THESE INSTRUCTIONS OR ON PAGE 3 OF THE BASEPLATE TOWING GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS.

When using power drills be aware of the dangers of torque and drill bit length.

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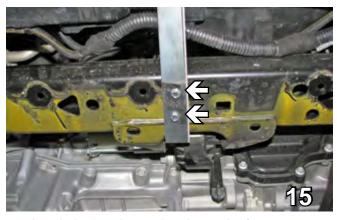
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- 13. Position the breakaway bracket 1 1/2" away from the convenience link.
- 14. Trim the plastic just below the radiator to accommodate the bracket.





- 15. Attach the breakaway bracket to the frame cross member with two 10-16 x 1" self drilling screws.
- 16. Attach the breakaway to the bracket with 1/4-20 x 3/4" hex bolt and 1/4-20 hex nut.



- 17. 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 to both sides of the vehicle.
- 18. Reinstall the horn, air baffle and the metal bumper before reinstalling the fascia, push pins 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.

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

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



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Shown with removable tabs installed

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Blue Ox is committed to providing you with exceptional customer care throughout your lifetime with our products. Our team is here to assist you with any questions you may have regarding the performance of your product. Simply call (402) 385-3051 and you can speak with our customer care team.

Additionally, please visit our website to see which rallies our Destination America team will be attending. For a nominal fee, our service technician will service your towing system to ensure it's in proper working condition. Also, as a commitment to our customers, should you visit our factory, you can stay at our full service Blue Ox campground at no charge along with enjoying a factory tour.

Again, thank you for being our customer and for the confidence you have shown in the performance of our products. It is because of customers like you we enjoy the success we have today.

If the baseplate is in an accident, it must be replaced. DO NOT use it again! An accident can cause unseen damage and using it again could result in more damage or serious injury. DO NOT use the baseplate if it is damaged or missing parts.



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