

# BX1671 2003 Cadillac DTS

Installation Instructions

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

- Blue Ox<sup>®</sup> towing products and accessories are intended to be installed by Blue Ox<sup>®</sup> Dealers who are familiar with our products and have the equipment and knowledge to do "fit work". When necessary, Blue Ox<sup>®</sup> Dealers can be found at www.blueox.com or by contacting our 24/7 Customer Care Department at (888) 425-5382.
- Many Blue Ox<sup>®</sup> 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.

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.



Attachment Tab Height:	11"
Attachment Tab Width:	22"

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		

Serial Number

# 14MM 89 117 Bolt Torque Specifications Torque in Foot-Pounds per Inch Bolts

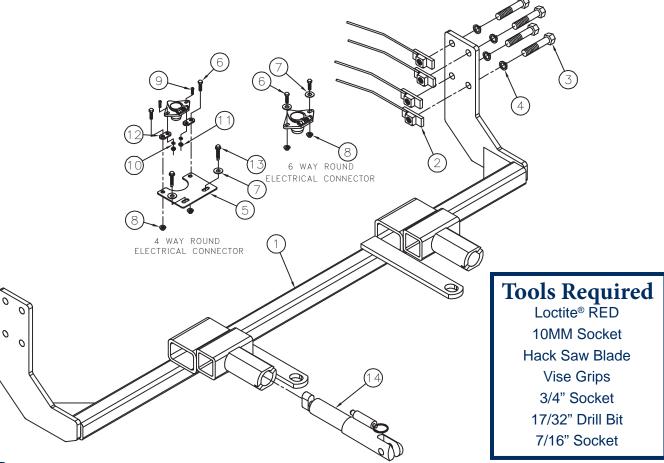
Bolt Size	Grade 5	Grade 8
1/4"	10	14
5/16"	19	29
3/8"	33	47
7/16"	54	78
1/2"	78	119
5/8"	154	230

# **A** 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.

## **Parts List**

Ref. No.	Qty.	Part #	Description
1	1	61-6339	Weldment, Baseplate, BX1671
2	8	61-3799	1/2-13 Nut Plate with 10" Wire
3	8	201-0153	1/2-13 x 2 1/2" Hex Bolt, Grd. 5, ZP
4	8	203-0012	1/2" Lock Washer, ZP
5	1	101-6845	Electrical Bracket
6	2	201-0050	1/4-20 x 3/4" Hex Bolt, Grd. 5, ZP
7	4	203-0001	1/4" Flat Washer, ZP
8	2	202-0069	1/4-20 Hex Whiz Lock Nut, ZP
9	2	201-0192	#10-32 x 1/2 Slot, Rd. Hd. Screw
10	2	203-0054	#10 Lock Washer
11	2	202-0047	#10-32 Hex Nut
12	2	101-5822	Adapter, 4 Way Connector
13	2	201-0654	#10-16 x 1" Self Drilling Screw, ZP
14	2	62-3468	Attachment, Assembly, SF/SB (R)
	2	226-0049	Baseplate Safety Cable, 36" CL IV (Not Shown)
	2	229-0512	Quicklink, 1/2, ZP (Not Shown)
	2	290-0437	Receiver, Cap Plug (BLK) (Not Shown)



#### **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 tow bar can not be used. Adapters, except the BX8833 and BX88151, can not be used with this baseplate.

**Installation Notes:** The engine compartment covers, fascia and belly pan are removed for installation. Drilling is required. The grille must be trimmed.

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 Diode Wiring Kit is recommended for this vehicle.

#### **Installation Instructions:**



 Remove four christmas trees from the top edge of fascia, just between the headlights. Set christmas trees aside to be reinstalled later.



2. Just forward of the front tire, inside the wheel well, remove three pushpins. Do this to both sides of the vehicle. Set pushpins aside to be reinstalled later.



3. Just forward the front tire on the lower edge of the wheel well, remove two pushpins. Do this to both sides of the vehicle. Set pushpins aside to be reinstalled later.



4. Just forward the front tire, on the bottom side of the fascia, remove two pushpins. Do this to both sides of the vehicle. Set pushpins aside to be reinstalled later.



5. Remove three pushpins from the front lower edge of fascia underneath (see white arrows), four pushpins from the center of the belly pan and three christmas trees from the back of the belly pan (see grey arrows). Set pushpins and belly pan aside to be reinstalled later.



6. Underneath fascia on the back edge of the belly pan, remove one pushpin. Do this to both sides of the vehicle. Set aside to be reinstalled later.

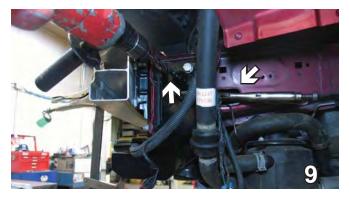


7. Using a 10MM socket, remove one metric bolt from inside the fascia on the corner and loosen (do not remove) two other bolts just forward the first one. Take fascia corner and pull it towards the front of the vehicle, then down and forward again to release it the rest of the way. Disconnect fog and side marker lights. Do this to both sides of the vehicle. Set bolts and fascia aside to be reinstalled later.

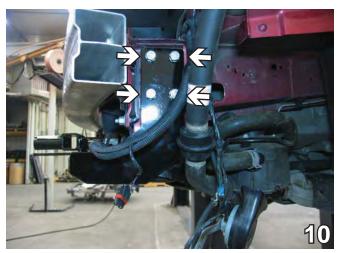


8. Using a 10MM socket, remove the metric bolt on the horn bracket. Set bolt and horn bracket aside to be reinstalled later.

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.



9. Disconnect wiring from area in front of the frame rail. Slide baseplate up so its 1/4" below the top edge of the frame rail and 1/8" away from nut plate built for bumper bracket. Take the vise grips through the hole in the frame and clamp baseplate to frame rail. Then drill all four holes using the baseplate as a template with a 17/32" drill bit. Do this to both sides of the vehicle.



Insert 1/2-13 nut plates through the hole in the frame and align to drilled holes. Insert the 1/2-13x2 1/2" hex bolts and 1/2" lock washers and tighten with 3/4" socket. Trim nut plate wires. Do this to both sides of the vehicle.

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11. Hold the fascia up to its original location. Mark and cut the fascia just on the outside edges of the receiver tube. You should only have to cut the two lower ribs on the fascia. The convenience links should come through the lower opening. Do this to both sides of the vehicle.



12. Attach electrical bracket to the top of the metal bumper just inside bumper area on the drivers side, using two #10-16x1" self drilling screws and two 1/4" flat washers. Install electrical connector per parts list diagram. 12. Reinstall horn bracket, belly pan, fascia, pushpins and bolts. The baseplate is now installed.

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

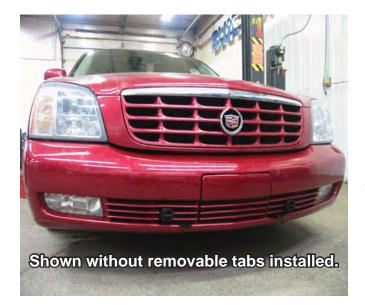
#### **DEALER or INSTALLER:**

Be certain the user receives the instruction sheets for their products.

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.

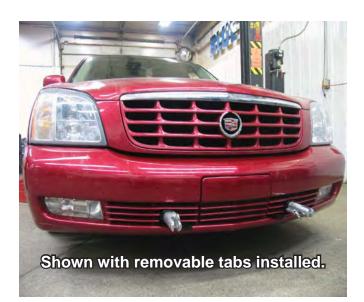
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