

# BX1837 2005 Nissan Altima Installation Instructions

Serial Number

Please read BOTH these Installation Instructions and the General 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 necessary 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 (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.

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: 14.5°
Attachment Tab Width: 18°

# Bolt Torque Specifications

Torque in Foot-Pounds per Metric Bolts

<b>Bolt Size</b>	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 per Inch Bolts

<b>Bolt Size</b>	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

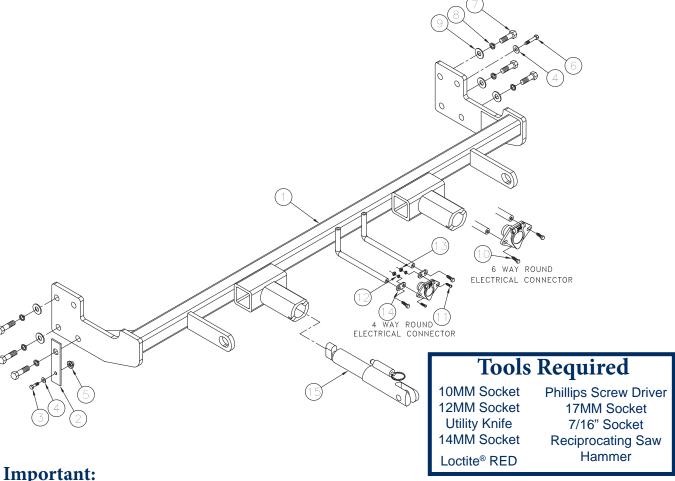
#### WARNING

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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Parts List				
Ref. No.	Qty.	Part #	Description	
1	1	61-6162	Weldment, Baseplate, BX1837	
2	1	102-6267	Flat, 1/8" x 1" x 4 1/8"	
3	1	201-0071	1/4-20 x 1" Bolt, Grade 5, ZP	
4	2	203-0001	1/4" Flat Washer, ZP	
5	1	202-0069	1/4-20 Hex Nut, Whiz Lock, ZP	
6	1	201-0702	6MM-1.0x45MM, Hex Bolt, Grade 8.8, ZP	
7	6	201-0423	10MM-1.25x35MM, Hex Bolt, Grade 8.8, ZP	
8	6	203-0104	10MM Lock Washer, ZP	
9	6	203-0003	3/8" Flat Washer, ZP	
10	2	201-0553	1/4-20 x 1/2" Hx. Wshd., Type F Screw	
11	2	201-0192	#10-32 x 1/2" Slot, Rd. Hd. Screw	
12	2	203-0054	#10 Lock Washer	
13	2	202-0047	#10-32 Hex Nut	
14	2	101-5822	Adapter, 4 Way Connector	
15	2	62-3469	Attachment Tab, SF/LB, ZP	
	2	226-0046	Baseplate Safety Cable, 36" CL III (Not Shown)	
	2	229-0359	Quicklink, 3/8, ZP (Not Shown)	
	2	290-0437	Cap Plug, Black (Not Shown)	



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, or call our 24/7 Customer Care Team at (402)385-3051.

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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 RangeFinder II, Adventurer, and Ambassador tow bars can not be used. The Acclaim tow bar mat be used, but will not fold and store on the front of the vehicle. Adapters, except the BX8833 and BX88151, can not be used with this baseplate.

### **Instructions:**

The front fascia, air baffle and windshield washer reservoir are removed for the baseplate installation.

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 Bx8869 Bulb and Socket Wiring Kit is recommended for this vehicle.



 Remove four push pins from the top of the front fascia and set aside to be re-installed later. This is done all along the top of the front fascia, the driver's side is shown.



 On the underside edge of the front fascia remove two Phillips screws. Set aside to be re-installed later. This will need to be done to both sides of the vehicle, the driver's side is shown.



 On the underside of the front fascia there are five push pins that need to be removed as indicated by the arrows in the picture. Set these aside as they will be re-installed later.

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4. Using a 10MM Socket, remove two metric bolts from the inside of the wheel well, just forward of the front tires, and set aside to be re-installed later. This is done on both sides of the vehicle, the driver's side is shown. Pull the front fascia forward and carefully set it aside.





5. Using a 14MM Socket, remove the three metric bolts from the tie-down bracket (see white arrows in photo). This will be done to both sides, the driver's side is shown. On the driver's side remove one bolt from the air baffle using the 10MM Socket (see grey arrow in photo).



 Remove the three metric bolts from the windshield washer reservoir with a 10MM Socket. Release the two wire clips, then disconnect and plug the hose and electrical wires. Set all aside to be reinstalled later.

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7. Using a reciprocating saw, cut the black plastic under the frame extension bolt horizontally from the outside edge to the frame rail and bend the plastic forward. Finish removing the black plastic by cutting along the bend (white arrow shows trim). The grey arrow shows the webbing which must be bent flush with the frame rail. This is done on both sides of the vehicle, passenger's side is shown.

\*\*BE SURE TO USE LOCTITE® RED ON ALL BOLTS BEFORE TIGHTENING. TIGHTEN ALL BOLTS ACCORDING TO THE TORQUE CHART ON PAGE 1 OF THESE INSTRUCTIONS OR ON PAGE 3 OF THE BASEPLATE TOWING GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS.

Baseplate is painted white for illustrative purposes ONLY. The actual baseplate has a black Powder coat finish.



8. On the side of the frame rail extension, behind the bumper, trim a V notch 3/4" back and angled forward to the back side of the front webbing.



9. Using a hammer, bend the front piece of the frame webbing toward the radiator to relieve the area for baseplate installation.

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10. On the driver's side, align the baseplate with the tie down bracket holes and fasten it to the frame rail with the 10MM-1.25 x 35MM Hex Bolts, 10MM Lock Washers, and the 3/8 Flat Washers. Do NOT tighten the bolts completely.

- 12. Re-install the air baffle on the driver's side (see white arrow in photo #10).
- 13. Using the 10MM-1.25 x 35MM Hex Bolt, 10MM Lock Washer, and the 3/8 Flat Washer, install the 1/8" x 1 x 4 1/8" Flat to the front tie-down bracket hole

and hand tighten. (See photo 11)

14. Re-install washer reservoir with the two existing back metric bolts and align the front metric bolt with lower hole in flat. Insert the 1/4-20 x 1 Hex Bolt, 1/4"

Flat Washer into front washer reservoir hole and tighten 1/4-20 Hex Nut on the back side of flat. Tighten front baseplate 10MM-1.25 Hex Bolt, according to the torque chart on page 1.

- 15. Reinstall front fascia according to the instructions on the previous pages (Steps 1-6).
- 16. Install the tow bar and safety cables according to the instructions when demonstrating this to the customer. Be sure to include all the contents and packages of their Blue Ox products.
- 17. **DO NOT** substitute other devices if the tow bar pins and clips are misplaced.



11. On the passenger's side, align the baseplate to the three tie-down bracket holes. Install the two rear 10MM-1.25x35MM Hex Bolts, 10MM Lock Washers and the 3/8 Flat Washers. Insure baseplate attachment tabs are parallel with the ground and the front tie-down bracket hole on the passenger's side is still aligned. Tighten ALL 5 bolts. 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 instructions sheets for their products.

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