



BX2211 Installation Instructions 1988-91 Honda Civic

Installation of this baseplate requires removing the two plastic belly pans and the vehicle's tie down brackets. For CRX models, the air dam must also be removed and either permanently left off or cut. The plastic belly pans will be cut on all models.

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All Honda and Acura automatic transmission vehicles, any model, any year, can be towed without special pumps or drive shaft disconnects. Please note however that Honda and Acura automatic transmissions for 1989 & newer were modified so they cannot be shifted rapidly from reverse to drive. Rapid shifting from reverse to drive can damage any automatic transmission.

Honda advises that the modification leaves a portion of the automatic transmission in reverse when it is only shifted from reverse to neutral. This partial neutral condition cannot be detected by revving the engine, because the car will not move even though a portion of the transmission is still in reverse. If the car is towed on all four wheels in this false-neutral condition, the automatic transmission will be damaged.

To make sure that the automatic transmission is completely in neutral, it must be shifted to drive and then to neutral before turning the engine off and towing the car on all four wheels. In other words, a 1989 and newer model Honda or Acura car equipped with an automatic transmission can be towed on all four wheels without damaging the transmission, if the transmission lever is shifted from the drive position to the neutral position before the engine is turned off. If the transmission lever is shifted from the reverse position to the neutral position, the automatic transmission will be damaged when the car is towed on all four wheels.

1. Read the General Instruction Sheet included with this baseplate.
2. The baseplate mounts to the front underside of the car using eight bolts; four on each side of the car.
3. Remove the two plastic belly pans from the front underside of the car.
4. Remove the two "tie down" brackets from the car. These are stamped metal plates with an oblong hole facing downward.
5. Remove the front bolt only from each side of the engine support cross brace.
6. For CRX models only, remove the small air dam on the bottom of the bumper.
7. Position the baseplate such that the holes in the side plates align with the "tie down" holes in the car and the baseplate rear bracket holes align with the cross brace holes in the car.
8. Hand start the previously removed bolts to check alignment. Use Locktite but do not tighten yet.
9. When all bolts align, tighten securely.
10. On CRX models, the air dam may be left off or you can cut 36" out of the center and reinstall the two side pieces separately.
11. The plastic belly pans must be cut at the tie down clearance holes to allow reinstallation. Hold them in place to determine where to cut.
12. Cut and reinstall the belly pans.
13. Included in the manual package is a dash decal for your car to remind you how to set up the transmission to tow. Place the decal on the dash of your Honda or on the tow bar or anywhere it will remind you to make sure your transmission will be properly shifted before you tow. Detailed instructions appear earlier in this instruction sheet.

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14. The dimensional variations between otherwise identical cars can be considerable. While the location and size of the holes in the baseplate were designed to facilitate easy installation, it may be necessary to file a hole slightly to allow a bolt to clear.
15. Install the tow bar and safety cables according to the instructions included in their packages.
16. Do not substitute other devices if the pin and clip are lost.
17. DEALER OR INSTALLER: BE CERTAIN THE USER RECEIVES THE INSTRUCTION SHEET.

Tools Required

10mm Socket 14mm Socket 17mm Socket 3/4" Socket

Parts List

Ref. No.	Qty.	Part No.	Description
1	1	61-3305	Baseplate, BX2211
2	1	292-2127	(Not Shown) Decal, Honda Transmission Set-up
	2	226-0046	Baseplate Safety Cable, 36" CL III (Not Shown)
	4	229-0359	Quicklink, 3/8, ZP (Not Shown)

