



BX2101 Installation Instructions 1981-88 Ford Escort 1981-87 Mercury Lynx

1. Read the General Instruction Sheet included with this baseplate.
2. The baseplate mounts on the front end of the car utilizing the four mounting bolts which secure the bumper shock absorbers to the chassis, and the two front bolts from the stabilizer bar mounting brackets.
3. Remove the two bolts on each side which hold the bumper shock absorbers to the car.
4. Remove the front bolt only from both of the brackets which hold the stabilizer bar to the underside of the car. Inspect for reuse.
5. 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.
6. The baseplate upper brackets have "U" shaped cut out which fits around the bumper shock absorber. They are right and left handed and when in place on the car, the slotted flanges will be in front of the bumper shock bracket and the wide slotted flange will be on the outboard side of the car. (See Sketch)
7. Position the upper brackets and hand start the new bolts provided with two flat washers and a lock washer. (8MM bolts for '81-'85 models, 10MM bolts for '85 1/2 and later models) Use Locktite or a similar product on all bolts. Do not tighten yet.
8. Loosely assemble the baseplate to the upper brackets using four of the 1/2" bolts, lock washers and nuts provided.
9. The lower brackets bolt to the front of the stabilizer bar brackets and angle inward to attach to the bottom of the baseplate. '81-'85 models use the front set of holes in the baseplate, '85 1/2 and later models use the rear set of holes.
10. Position the lower brackets and loosely install the bolts previously removed from the stabilizer bar brackets.
11. Loosely assemble the lower brackets to the baseplate using the remaining four 1/2" bolts, nuts and lock washers.
12. When all bolts align, apply Locktite, "snug up" in sequence, and then tighten securely.
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14. Install the tow bar and safety cables according to the instructions included in their packages.
15. Do not substitute other devices if the pin and clip are lost.
16. **DEALER OR INSTALLER:** BE CERTAIN THE USER RECEIVES THE INSTRUCTION SHEET.

Tools Required

3/4" Wrench	3/4" Socket	12mm Socket
13mm Socket	15mm Socket	17mm Socket
Locktite Blue		

Automatic

Parts List

Ref. No.	Qty.	Part No.	Description
1	1	61-3272	Weldment, Base Angle, Escort/Lynx
2	1	61-3273	Bracket, D-Side, Escort/Lynx
3	1	61-3274	Bracket, P-Side, Escort/Lynx
4	1	61-3275	Mount, D-Side, Escort/Lynx
5	1	61-3276	Mount, P-Side, Escort/Lynx
6	8	201-0051	1/2-13 x 1 1/2" Hex Head Bolt, Grade 5
7	4	201-0409	8mm-1.25 x 40mm Hex Head Bolt, Grade 8.8
8	4	201-0410	10mm-1.5 x 35mm Hex Head Bolt, Grade 8.8
9	8	202-0005	1/2-13 Hex Nut
10	8	203-0012	1/2 Lock Washer
11	4	203-0102	8mm Lock Washer
12	8	203-0103	10mm Flat Washer
13	4	203-0104	10mm Lock Washer

