

BLUE OX BASEPLATE MODEL NOTES

1. Bumper fascia must be removed and replaced during installation.
2. Requires some trimming of the bumper (fascia, plastic and/or grill).
3. Requires some minor drilling.
4. Requires some trimming of the air dam.
5. Requires some trimming of the belly pan.
6. Headlights must be removed and reinstalled. Verify headlight projection is correct after reinstalling.
7. Belly pan must be removed and remain off the vehicle after installation.
8. Fog lights must be removed and remain off after installation.
9. Tow hooks must be removed and remain off after installation.
10. The vehicle must have factory tow hooks to mount the bracket to.
11. Be sure to confirm the weight of your individual vehicle before towing. Some models, depending on options and load, may exceed the weight rating of specific tow bars. Always insure both your tow bar and hitch are adequately rated for the vehicle's overall weight.
12. Baseplate has non-24" spaced attachment tabs. This requires either a motorhome mounted tow bar or an adapter to utilize a car mounted tow bar. Tow bar adapters are not to be used with vehicles weighing over 5,000 lbs.
13. Use only with motorhome mount tow bars or the BX8833 or BX88151 adapters. Removable tabs with only one (1) hole will not attach to car mount tow bars or other adapters. The Acclaim may only be used with removable tab baseplates that have a 22" or greater spaced tabs. The Adventurer may be used with baseplates having 18"-41" spaced removable tabs. The Ambassador may only be used with 24" spaced removable tabs.
14. Due to a tail light bulb out indicator in the wiring system, Jeep Grand Cherokee's must be wired with a BX8869 wiring kit.
15. a: Front bumperettes interfere with tow bar and must be removed. b: A few late '84 models are in fact '85 models. The '82-'84 front bumper mounting bracket is bolted to the bumper and the chassis. The '85 is bolted to the bumper and welded to the chassis.
16. Downsized models only. Off Road package requires cutting some metal.
17. Sold as complete unit only.
18. The optional brush guards interfere with mounting the baseplate.
19. Soft bottom edge of bumper must be compressed rearward about 1-1/2"
20. Will not mount on models with Soft Color Key bumper.
21. The '93-'95 Sable requires cutting in the lower bumper. This does not apply for the Taurus application.
22. This baseplate will fit the 1991 Camry; however, lower metal bumper/spoiler must be removed while the baseplate is on the car.
23. Horizontal opening in bumper must be widened approximately 3-1/4" to allow tow bar attachment tabs to protrude.
24. One piece standard design.
25. Two piece standard design.
26. 2-1/2" MPH bumper only. Includes GTI. Will not fit sport spoiler or Wolfsburg package.
27. Baseplate will work with the steel skid plate installed.
28. 2001 Dodge Dakota - some of the accessories stay on when the key is left in the towing position causing battery drain.
29. Early 1999 models were produced with the same body style as the 1998's, later models have the new styling. The new style chassis has amber rear turn signals instead of red.
30. The 2002 Corolla measures 33-1/2" between the front frame ends. The 2002-1/2 Corolla is wider at 35-1/4" between the front frame ends.
31. Running lights must be removed
32. Chevy and GMC full size vehicles may require removing the tow hooks and brush guards.
33. Some welding is required.
34. License plate bracket may need to be relocated.
35. Air dam must be removed and remain off the vehicle after installation.
36. Can not be used on vehicles with air conditioning
37. Can not be used with adapters.
38. Vehicle may accumulate miles when flat towing. Consult your vehicle's owner's manual.
39. BX1948 only works on 2003-05 Dodge Ram 1500 models with a vertical distance of 2" between the inside holes of the tow hook brackets. BX1957 is designed for the 3 bolt, each side, solid bar tow hooks with a vertical distance of 1-1/2" between the inside holes of the tow hook brackets.
40. Will not fit the Harley Davidson Special Edition or STX edition trim packages for 2003-05 models.
41. Due to the design of the baseplate, the Adventurer tow bar can not be used with the baseplate.
42. Blue Ox 1/2" receiver locks can not be used with this baseplate.
43. Measure the distance between the frame rails. If the distance is approximately 34-3/8" the BX1979 baseplate is needed. If the distance is approximately 31" the BX1988 is the correct application. BX1973 has been replaced with BX1988.
44. While this vehicle was originally released as towable all wheels down, a lube pump may be required due to issues with overheating. Please contact Ford for more information.
45. Height deviation up to 4' higher on the towing vehicle allowed when used for utility applications only with an Allure tow bar.

TERMINOLOGY

WT: Weights include boxing, subtract 1-2 lbs. for installation weight. Weights may vary 2 lbs. due to packaging variations.

IR: Installation Rating is a rough measure of the time required for baseplate or bracket installation by a trained installer. These numbers can be used as a rough suggested installation time in hours by a trained installer. The first installation of a particular baseplate, and installation by untrained individuals will likely increase installation time substantially.

WR: Wiring. Vehicles that will accept a bulb wiring kit (BX8869 standard bulb & socket, BX88269 clear LED bulb kit or BX88267 red LED bulb kit, are denoted with a **B**. BX8848 kit is denoted with a **48**. Only vehicles that contain a number in this column were known at the time of printing.

TY: Denotes the type of tabs the baseplate is equipped with **R** indicates removable tabs and **S** indicates standard non-removable tabs.

H: Indicates the height from the ground to the bottom of the attachment tabs.

W: Indicates the distance from center to center of the attachment tabs.

Towing Information

VEHICLES FOR WHICH WE DO NOT DESIGN BASEPLATES: We are occasionally asked why we do not make a custom baseplate for a particular car. This may be due to not having had an opportunity to do a particular model yet or the requested vehicle is not sold in sufficiently quantities to justify the investment into the design, testing and tooling required to produce.

OVERWEIGHT VEHICLES: Some vehicles may exceed the 5,000 lb. weight limitation on most tow bars. The Aventa LX, which has a 10,000 lb. rating, must be used on all vehicles which exceed the 5,000 lb. rating.

POWER STEERING: We are not aware of any problems occurring with the power steering. In most cases it helps, as it acts as a damper. We have encountered vehicle's without power steering that are not towable due to oscillation of the steering wheel while towing.

**ALWAYS CHECK YOUR OWNER'S
MANUAL FOR RECREATIONAL TOWING
REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO INSTALLING
A BASEPLATE**