

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 baseplates that have a 23"-30" spaced removable tabs and the ball height of the tow vehicle must be 7" above the height of the removable tabs. The Adventurer may be used with baseplates having 18"-41" spaced removable tabs.
14. Air dam must be removed and remain off the vehicle after installation.
15. Vehicle may accumulate miles when flat towing. Consult your vehicle's owner's manual.
16. Will not fit the Harley Davidson Special Edition or STX edition trim packages for 2003-05 models.
17. Due to the design of the baseplate, the Adventurer tow bar can not be used with the baseplate.
18. 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.
19. 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.

ELECTRIC POWER STEERING (EPS): Under certain operating conditions, such as traveling on excessively bumpy or poorly maintained roads, a flat-towed vehicle may not consistently track in line with the tow vehicle. The vehicle may wobble significantly. This can occur at all speeds and can happen with a variety of motorhomes and towing set-ups. The only way to stop the wobble is to bring the vehicle to a complete stop. The vehicle's EPS is inactive when flat-towing with the ignition in the accessory position. Contact your vehicle manufacturer if issues with your EPS arise.

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