



Baseplate Model Notes

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BASEPLATES

1. Bumper fascia must be removed and replaced during installation.
2. Requires some trimming of bumper (fascia, plastic, and/or grill).
3. Requires some drilling (not major).
4. Requires some trimming of the air dam.
5. Requires some trimming of the belly pan.
6. Headlights must be removed and replaced during installation. Verify headlights 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 the vehicle after installation.
9. Tow hooks must be removed and remain off the vehicle 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 5000 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 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. Specific dinghy towing restrictions apply. They may include specific towing needs and distances, and/or lubricating the transmission and transfer case with the engine idling, then running selector through the gears. Other restrictions may also apply. confirm the towability and the pre-towing procedures of your vehicle with the owner's manual or contact the vehicle's manufacturer for specific towing procedures.
16. Will not fit the Harley Davidson or STX Special Edition trim packages for 2003-2005 model years.
17. Due to the design of the baseplate, the Adventurer tow bar can not be used with the baseplate.
18. While the 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.
20. 8820 hold-up kit is intended to convert an old style flip-up to a new style. Some welding is required.
21. Soft bottom edge of bumper must be compressed rearward about 1 1/2".
22. Will not mount on models with Soft Color Key bumper.
23. The 93-95 Sable requires cutting in the lower bumper. This is not true for the Taurus application.
24. This baseplate will fit the 1991 Camry, however, lower metal bumper/spoiler must be removed while baseplate is on the car.
25. Horizontal opening in bumper must be widened approximately 3/4" to allow tow bar attachment tabs to protrude.
26. One piece standard design.
27. Two piece standard design.
28. 2 1/2" MPH Bumper only. Does not fit Shelby EX.
29. Includes GTI. Will not fit sport spoiler or Wolfsburg package.
30. Baseplate will work with the steel skid plate installed.
31. 2001 Dodge Dakota's-some of the accessories stay on when the key is left in the towing position causing battery drain.
32. Early 99's were produced with the same body style as the 98's, then later models have the new styling. The new style chassis has amber rear turn signals instead of red.
33. The 2002 Corolla measures 33 1/2" inches between the front frame ends. The 2002 1/2 Corolla is wider at 35 1/4" between the front frame ends.
34. Running lights must be removed.

35. Chevy and GMC full size vehicles may require removing the tow hooks and brush guards.
36. Some welding is required.
37. License plate bracket may need to be relocated.
38. Air dam must be removed and remain off the vehicle after installation.
39. 2-1/2 MPH Bumper Only. Does not fit Shelby CEX.
40. Can not be used on vehicles with air conditioning.
41. Can not be used with adapters.
42. Vehicle may accumulate miles when flat towing. Consult your vehicle's owner's manual.
43. The BX1948 will only work on 2003-04 Dodge Ram 1500 models with a vertical distance of 2 inches between the inside holes of the tow hook brackets. The BX1957 baseplate is designed for the 3-bolt, each side, solid-bar tow hooks with a vertical distance of 1 1/2 inches between the inside holes of the tow hook brackets.
44. Same as #16 (removed from Baseplate Fit List).
45. Due to the design of the baseplate, a second 5/16" hole can not be drilled to accommodate the Range Finder II tow bar.
46. Due to the design of the baseplate, the Adventurer tow bar cannot be used with this baseplate.
47. The BX88152 adapter cannot be used with this baseplate.
48. Blue Ox 1/2" receiver locks cannot be used with this baseplate
49. 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 BX1973 is the correct application.
50. Same as #18 (removed from Baseplate Fit List).
51. Height deviation up to 14" 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 difficulty involved for baseplate or bracket installation by a trained installer due to the amount of vehicle's components that need to be removed and reinstalled to complete baseplate installation.

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 Avail, which has a 10,000 lb. rating, or the Apollo with a 15,000 lbs 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**