



**BX2103 Installation Instructions
1983-91 Ford Tempo
1983-91 Mercury Topaz**

1. Read the General Instruction Sheet included with this baseplate.
2. The baseplate mounts to the front underside of the car using six bolts (four provided and two existing); three on each side of the car.
3. Support the engine with a jack.
4. Remove two bolts from the front of each bracket which the sway bar is bolted to, located under the radiator. These bolts will not be used again, they will be replaced with bolts provided.
5. Remove one bolt from the rear of each of these brackets and inspect the bolts as they will be used again.
6. Some models have a small flat air dam located just ahead of the sway bar bracket which must be removed.

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7. Position the baseplate aligning the six holes in it with the locations where the bolts were removed. Hand start all bolts to check alignment.

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8. At the bottom center of the plastic bumper/air dam, there is a plastic strap which fastens to the car with a push in connector. Remove the connector.
9. With a helper, hold the baseplate in position aligning the six holes in it with the locations where the bolts were removed. Mark where the angled plates behind the attachment tabs hit the air dam.
10. Make two cuts from the bottom of the air dam up 2" on each side of the car at the width of the angled plates.
11. Reposition the baseplate pushing the air dam up at the cuts and hand start all bolts to check alignment.

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12. 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.
13. Install the tow bar and safety cables according to the instructions included in their packages.
14. Do not substitute other devices if the pin and clip are lost.
15. DEALER OR INSTALLER: BE CERTAIN THE USER RECEIVES THE INSTRUCTION SHEET.

Automatic

Tools Required

3/4 Socket

17mm Socket

Jack

15mm Socket

Parts List

Ref. No.	Qty.	Part No.	Description
1	1	61-3286	Baseplate, BX2103
2	4	201-0417	10mm-1.5 x 100mm Hex Head Bolt

