



BX2107 Installation Instructions 1988 1/2-90 Ford Escort

Utilization of Blue Ox baseplates with any tow bar not approved by Automatic Equipment Mfg. Company invalidates the limited warranty.

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 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 wider slotted flange will be on the outboard side of the car. (See Sketch)
6. Position the upper brackets and hand start the new bolts provided (10mm) with two flat washers and a lockwasher. Use Loctite or a similar product on all bolts. Do not tighten yet.
7. Loosely assemble the baseplate to the upper brackets using four of the 1/2" bolts, lockwashers and nuts provided.
8. The lower brackets bolt to the front of the stabilizer bar brackets and angle outward to attach to the bottom of the baseplate.
9. Position the lower brackets and loosely install the bolts previously removed from the stabilizer bar brackets.
10. Loosely assemble the lower brackets to the baseplate using the remaining four 1/2" bolts.
11. When all bolts align, "snug up" in sequence and then tighten securely.
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.

Tools Required

3/4" Wrench
13mm Socket

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15mm Socket

12mm Socket
17mm Socket

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Parts List

Ref. No.	Qty.	Part No.	Description
1	1	61-3287	Baseplate, BX2107
2	1	61-3273	Baseplate Upper Bracket, Driver Side
	1	61-3274	Baseplate Upper Bracket, Passenger Side
3	1	61-3289	Baseplate Lower Bracket, Driver Side
	1	61-3288	Baseplate Lower Bracket, Passenger Side
4	8	201-0051	1/2-13 x 1-1/2 Hex Head Bolt
5	4	202-0005	1/2-13 Hex Nut
6	8	203-0012	1/2 Lock Washer
7	8	203-0103	10mm Flat Washer
8	4	201-0410	10mm-1.5 x 35mm Hex Head Bolt
9	4	203-0104	10mm Lock Washer

