



# BLUE OX®

## Baseplate Installation Instructions

BX1685

# 2008-10 Chevy HHR SS (Turbo Only) Installation Instructions

Serial Number

**Please read BOTH these Installation Instructions and the General Instructions before attempting to install or operate this equipment.**

- Blue Ox® towing products and accessories are intended to be installed by Blue Ox® Dealers who are familiar with our products and have the equipment and knowledge to do “fit work”. When necessary Blue Ox® Dealers can be found at [www.blueox.com](http://www.blueox.com) or by contacting our Customer Care Department at (402) 385-3051.
- Many Blue Ox® Baseplates are designed to use existing holes and hardware to mount the baseplate to the towed vehicle. Even though bolts are there, do not assume they are adequate for baseplate mounting. Always use hardware supplied in the hardware kit or existing hardware specified in the Baseplate Towing Installation Instructions.

**Attachment Tab Height:** 11”

**Attachment Tab Width:** 22”

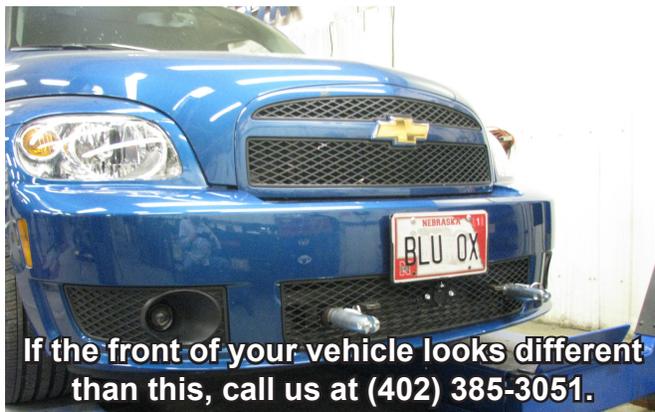
**Bolt Torque Specifications**  
Torque in Foot-Pounds for Metric Bolts

Bolt Size	Grade 8.8	Grade 10.9
6MM	6	8
8MM	16	22
10MM	31	40
12MM	54	70
14MM	89	117

Confirm the towability and pre-towing procedures for your vehicle with the owner’s manual or contact the vehicle’s manufacturer for specific towing procedures.

**Bolt Torque Specifications**  
Torque in Foot-Pounds for Inch Bolts

Bolt Size	Grade 5	Grade 8
1/4”	10	14
5/16”	19	29
3/8”	33	47
7/16”	54	78
1/2”	78	119
5/8”	154	230



**If the front of your vehicle looks different than this, call us at (402) 385-3051.**

**WARNING**  
Failure to read and follow these instructions could result in separation of the towed vehicle from the tow bar, causing property damage, loss of towed vehicle, personal injury or death.

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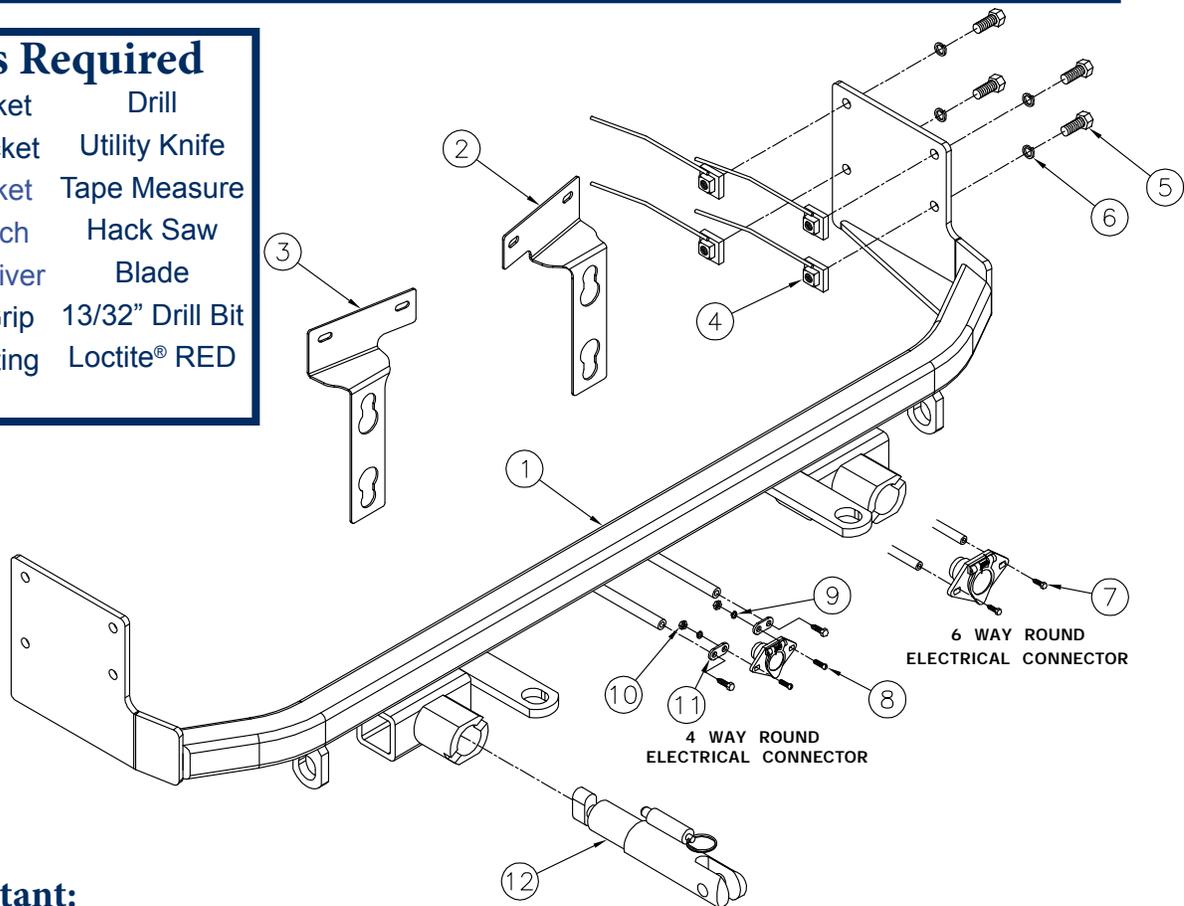
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### Parts List

Ref. No.	Qty.	Part #	Description
1	1	61-6637	WLDM'T, BP, BX1685
2	1	101-7400	BRACKET, TURBO, DS, BX1685
3	1	101-7401	BRACKET, TURBO, PS, BX1685
4	8	61-5208	WLD, NUT PLT, 1/4X1X1, 3/8"/14"WIRE
5	8	201-0368	3/8-16 X 1 1/4 HEX HEAD BOLT,GRD. 5
6	8	203-0010	3/8 LOCK WASHER, ZP
7	2	201-0979	#12-14 x 1" Self Drilling Screw, ZP
8	2	201-0192	10-32 X 1/2 SLOT, RD. HD. SCREW
9	2	203-0054	#10 LOCK WASHER
10	2	202-0047	#10-32 HEX NUT
11	2	101-5822	ADAPTER, 4 WAY CONNECTOR
12	2	62-3468	ATT TAB ASSY, REM, SF/SB, 1 HOLE
	2	226-0046	BASEPLATE SAFETY CABLE,36"CLIII(NS)
	4	229-0359	QUICKLINK, 3/8, ZP (Not Shown)
	2	290-0437	RECEIVER, CAP PLUG (BLK) (Not Shown)

### Tools Required

7MM Socket	Drill
10MM Socket	Utility Knife
9/16" Socket	Tape Measure
5/8" Wrench	Hack Saw
3/8" Nut Driver	Blade
Lg. Vise Grip	13/32" Drill Bit
Reciprocating Saw	Loctite® RED



### Important:

Use only genuine factory replacement parts on your baseplate. Do **NOT** substitute homemade or non-typical parts. If a bolt is lost or in need of replacement, for your safety and the preservation of your baseplate, be sure to use a replacement bolt of the same grade (In most cases it will be Grade 5, please reference the parts list above). Replacement parts may be ordered through your nearest Blue Ox® Dealer or Distributor. Failing to follow and/or altering these installation instructions in either installation or required equipment will void the manufacturer's warranty. Towing behind a non-motorized vehicle will void the warranty.

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### Attachment Tabs:

Motorhome mount tow bars are recommended for use with this baseplate. Due to the design of the removable tabs, the RangeFinder II, Adventurer, and Ambassador tow bars can not be used. The Acclaim tow bar may be used, but will not fold and store on the front of the vehicle. Adapters, except the BX8833 and BX88151, can not be used with this baseplate.

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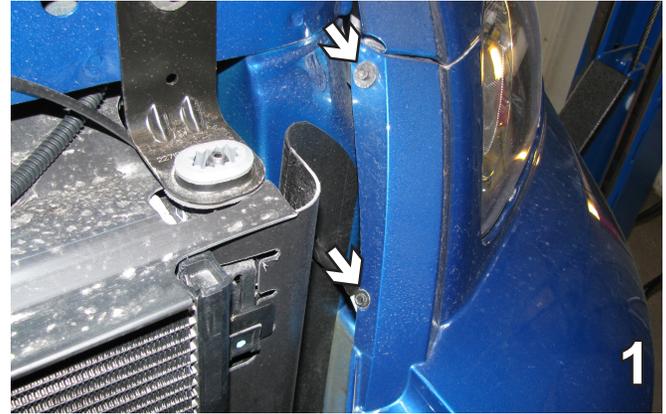
**The front fascia is removed for the baseplate installation. Drilling is required. Trimming of the fascia is required.**

The dimensional variations between otherwise identical vehicles can be considerable. While the baseplate was designed for easy installation, it may be necessary to tailor the baseplate slightly to compensate for auto manufacturer's tolerances. These minor adjustments may include filing a hole slightly, bending electrical rods or bending end plates.

The BX8848 4-Diode Wiring Kit is recommended for this vehicle.

Handling of some cosmetic parts when installing this product may require the use of protective covers, rags, specialty tools, etc. to prevent damage.

### Installation Instructions:



1. Using the 7MM socket remove two 7MM bolts from the front fascia near the headlight housing. This will need to be done to both sides of the vehicle, the driver's side is shown. Set bolts aside to be re-installed later.



2. Just forward of the front tire, remove one 7MM bolt with the 7MM socket (see grey arrow) and remove two push pins (see white arrows). This is done on both sides of the vehicle, the driver's side is shown. Set all aside to be reinstalled later.

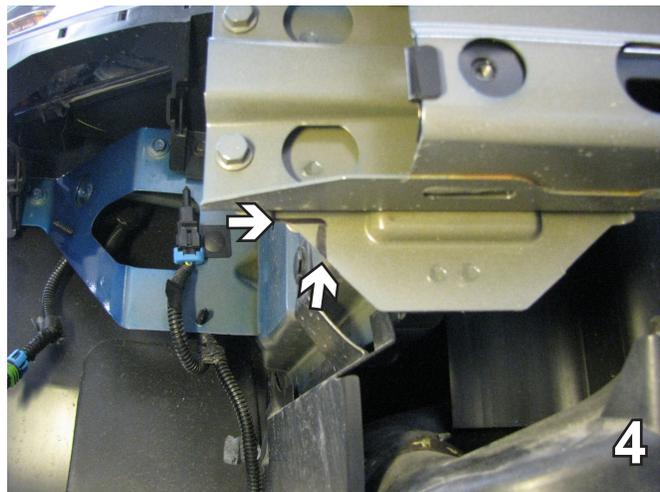
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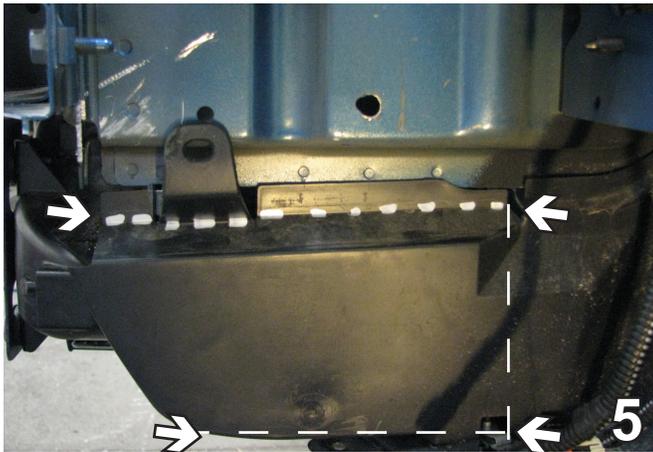
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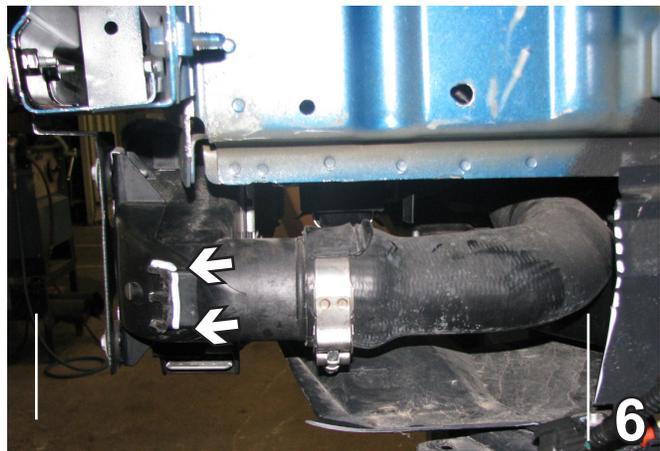
3. Just forward of the front tires, on the under side of the front fascia, remove two push pins. This is done on both sides of the vehicle, the driver's side is shown. Set the push pins aside to be reinstalled later. Pull fascia forward and set aside carefully to be reinstalled later.



4. Underneath the bumper cut a notch across the bottom and flush with the side. This will need to be done on both sides of the vehicle, the passenger's side is shown.

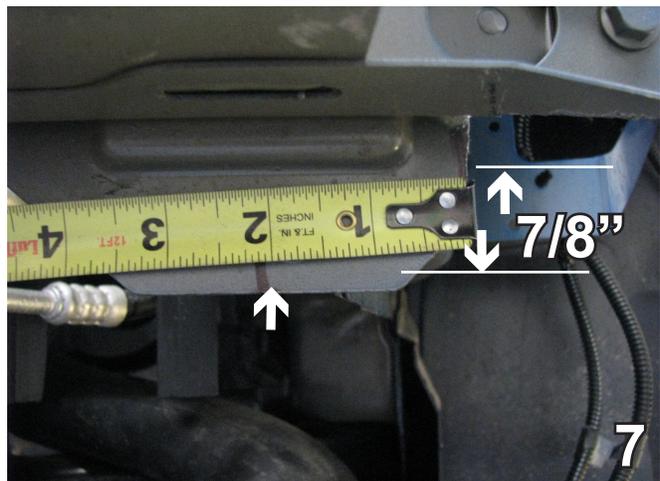


5. Trim the guard horizontally from the edge to the opening on the top and the bottom. Continue trimming connecting the openings vertically. Do this to both sides of the vehicle, the driver's side is shown..

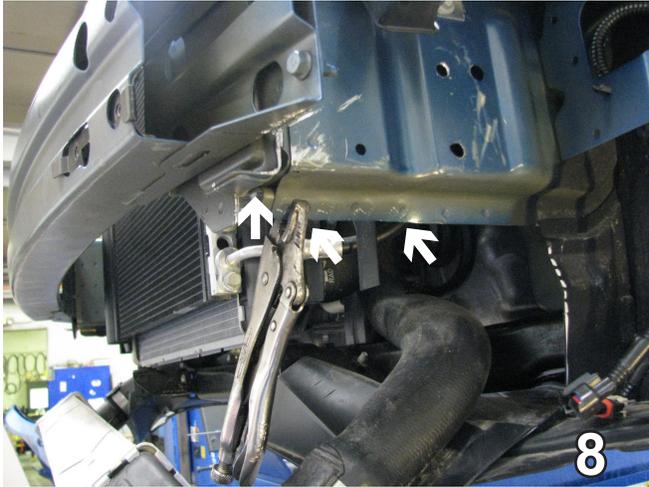


6. Trim the notch off the end of the tube but be careful not to touch anything else. This is done on both sides of the vehicle, the driver's side is shown,

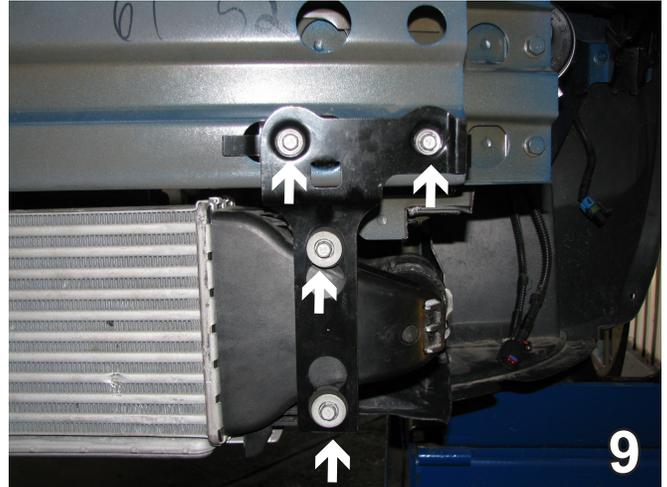
7. Underneath the bumper, trim 2" horizontally from the right edge and 7/8" down. This is done on both sides of the vehicle, the driver's side is shown.



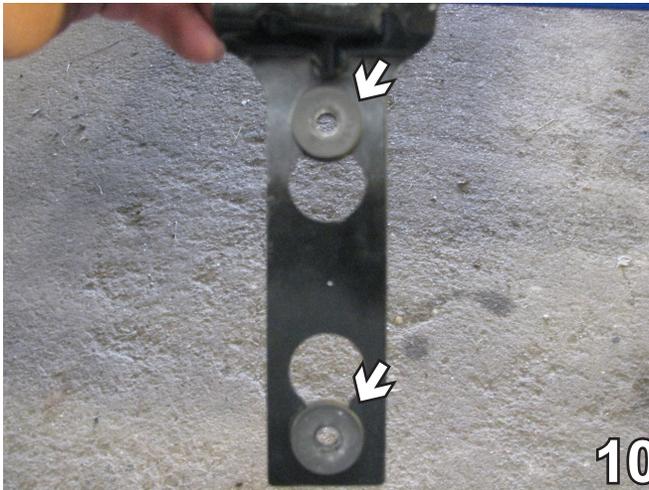
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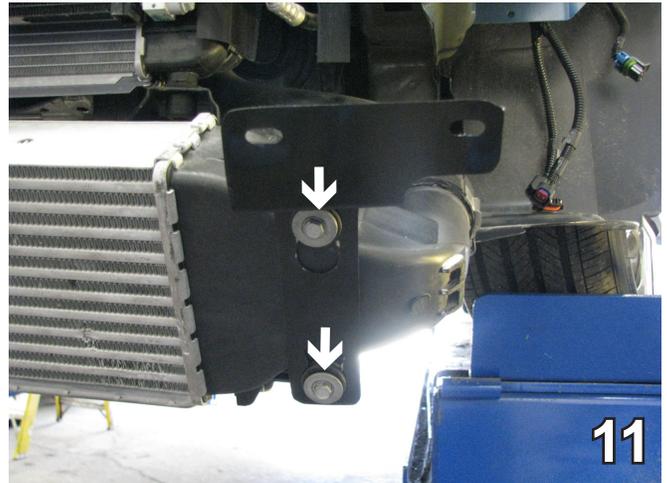
8. Using a vise grip, bend up where we just cut and continue to bend back to the middle of the rib. This is done on both sides of the vehicle.



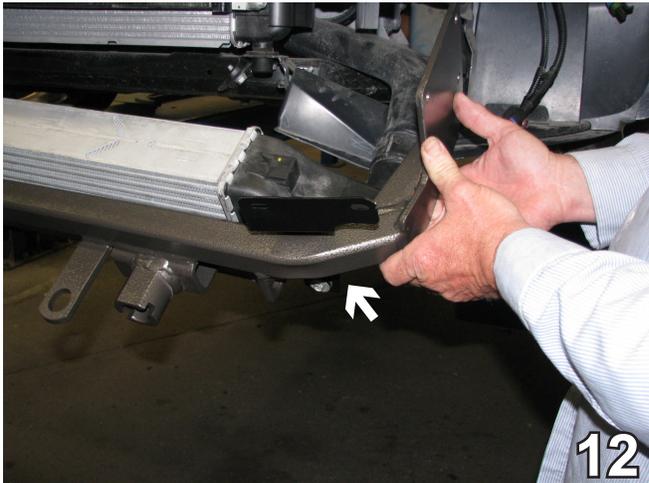
9. This bracket needs to be replaced. Using a 10MM socket, remove the four bolts holding the bracket. This is done on both sides of the vehicle. Set the bolts aside to be used later in reinstalling the new bracket.



10. Remove the two grommets from each bracket, they will be used with the new bracket.

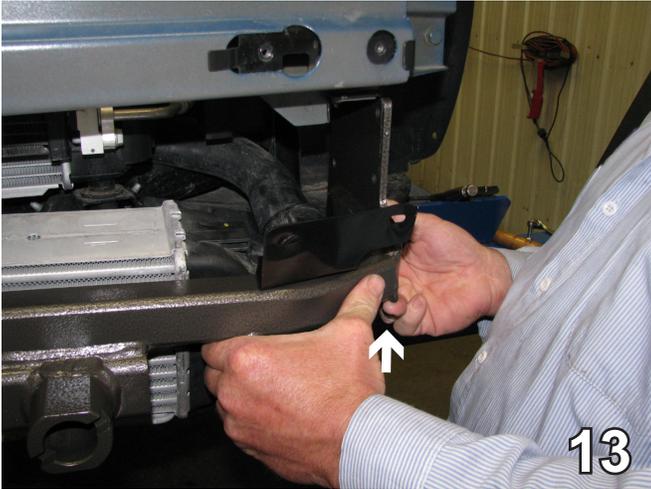


11. With the turbo hanging down, install the new bracket with the existing bolts, starting with the bottom two and tighten. This is done on both sides of the vehicle.

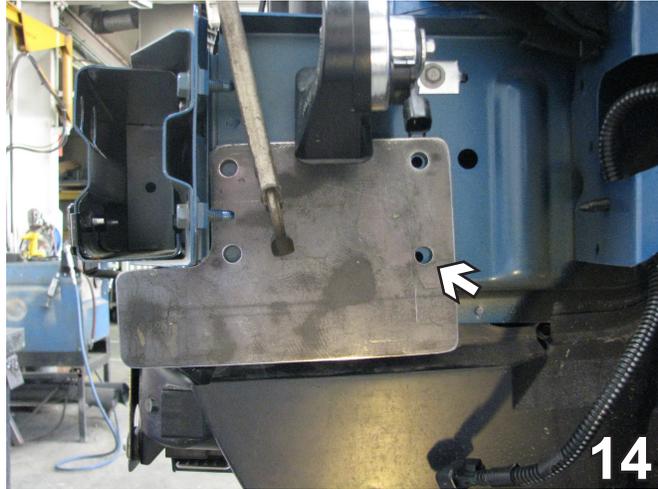


12. Slide the baseplate up underneath the front edge of the turbo. This is done on both sides of the vehicle.

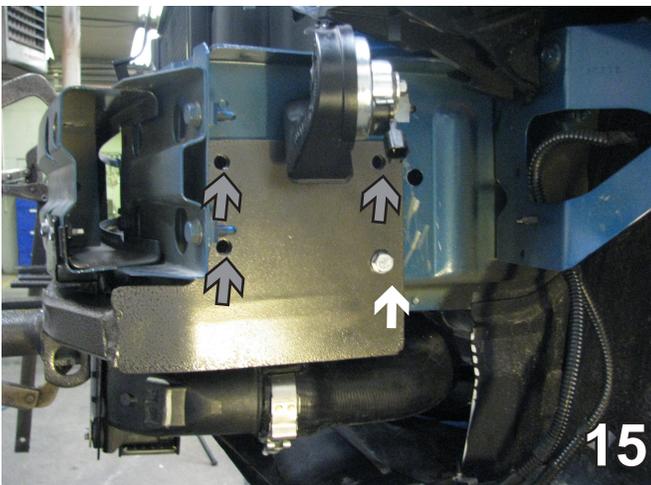
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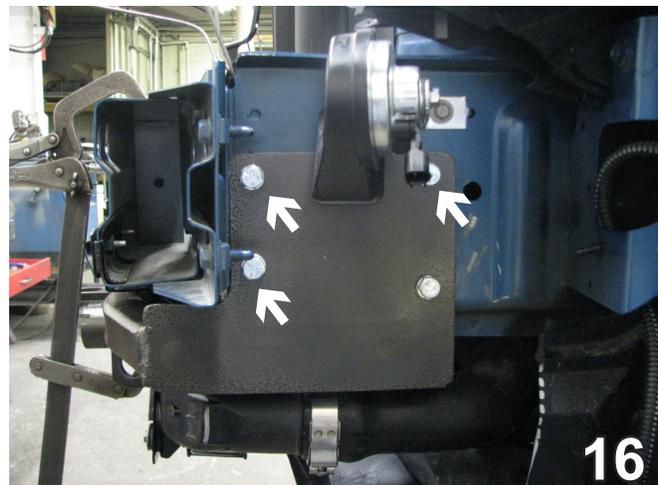
13. Continue to move the baseplate and the turbo on up into position. This is done on both sides of the vehicle.



14. Align the baseplate with the existing hole. Clamp across the top of the frame with the large vise grip. This is done on both sides of the vehicle.



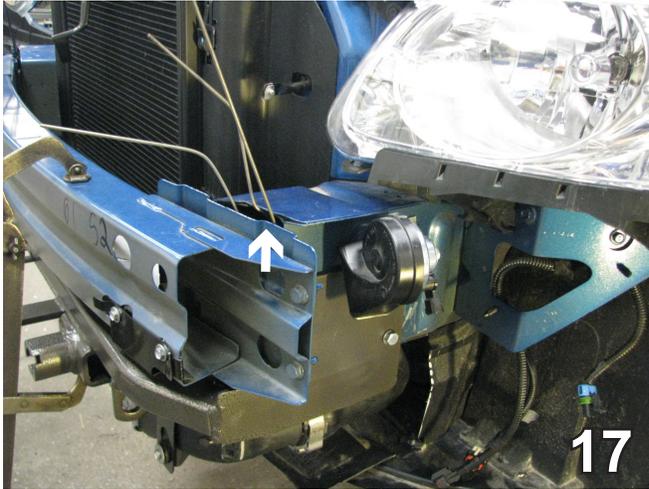
15. Insert a 3/8-16 x 1 1/4" hex bolt with 3/8" lock washer into the existing hole (white arrow). Be sure to use Loctite. Attach it to a 3/8-16 nut plate. Using the baseplate as a template, drill the three remaining holes (gray arrows) with a 13/32" drill bit. This is done on both sides of the vehicle.



16. Insert three more 3/8-16 x 1 1/4" hex bolts with 3/8" lock washers and attach to 3/8-16 nut plates. Be sure to use Loctite. This is done on both sides of the vehicle.

**BE SURE TO USE LOCTITE® RED ON ALL BOLTS BEFORE TIGHTENING. TIGHTEN ALL BOLTS ACCORDING TO THE TORQUE CHART ON THE FRONT PAGE OF THESE INSTRUCTIONS OR ON PAGE 3 OF THE BASEPLATE GENERAL TOWING INSTRUCTIONS.**

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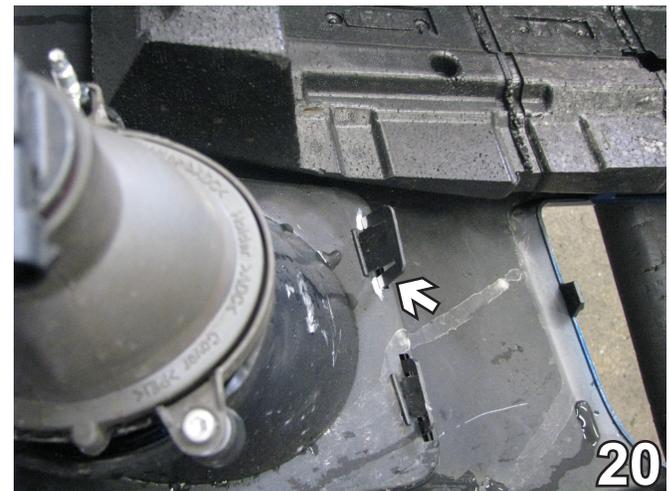
17. Cut the excess wire from the nut plates once they are installed. This is done on both sides of the vehicle.



18. Attach permanent baseplate safety cables to the quick link on the baseplate. On the driver's side, the cables go straight back and around the frame of vehicle. Additional options may interfere with suggested mounting, in this case secure the cables to a solid piece of the frame as described in instructions included with the permanent baseplate safety cables. Be sure the safety cables do not rub against any hoses or moving parts.



19. Attach the permanent baseplate safety cables to the provided convenience link on the baseplate (see grey arrow). The photo above shows the recommended installation of the cables to frame of vehicle on the passenger side (see white arrow). Additional options may interfere with suggested mounting; in this case secure the cables to a solid piece of the frame as described in the instructions included with the permanent baseplate safety cables. Be sure the safety cables do not rub against any hoses or moving parts. Do this to both sides of the vehicle.



20. On the back side of the fascia, use a utility knife to cut the tall tab off. This is done on both sides of the vehicle. Reinstall the front fascia.

**Be sure that ALL electrical connections are plugged in properly and functioning BEFORE installing the fascia.**

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Shown without removable tabs.



Shown with removable tabs installed.

If the baseplate is in an accident, it must be replaced. DO NOT use it again! An accident can cause unseen damage and using it again could result in more damage or serious injury. DO NOT use the baseplate if it is damaged or missing parts.

**DEALER or INSTALLER:**  
Be certain the user receives the instruction sheets for their products.

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