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#### **BX2328**

# 2010-2012 Hyundai Elantra Touring Installation Instructions

Attachment Tab Height: 15"

Attachment Tab Width: 20"

Serial	Number
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Please read BOTH these Installation Instructions and the General Information sheet prior to installing or operating this equipment.

- 1. 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 or by contacting our Customer Care Department at (402-) 385-3051.
- 2. 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.



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

Reference your vehicle owner's manual for manufacturer's towing specifications.

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

<b>Bolt Size</b>	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
3/4"	257	380

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

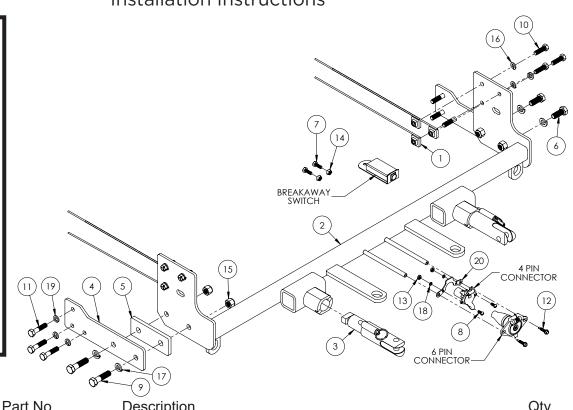
<b>Bolt Size</b>	Grade 8.8	Grade 10.9
6MM	6	8
8MM	16	22
10MM	31	40
12MM	54	70
14MM	89	117
16MM	161	230
18MM	222	318

# **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.

#### **Tools Required**

Large Vise Grip
Phillips Screwdriver
Pliers
Needle Nose Pliers
Utility Knife
Reciprocating Saw
Tape Measure
Drill
Loctite® RED
1-1/4" Hole Saw
13/32" Drill Bit
17/32" Drill Bit
8MM Socket
10MM Socket
14MM Socket
14MM Socket
7/16" Socket
7/16" Wrench
9/16" Socket
9/16" Wrench
3/4" Socket
3/4" Wrench
5/16" Drill Bit



Item No.	Part No.	Description	Qty.
1	61-5208	3/8"-16 Nut Plate Weldment with 14" Wire	6
2	61-6748	BX2328 Baseplate	1
3	62-3468	Attachment Tab with Hole	2
4	101-7548	BX2328 Plate Support	2
5	102-7081	5" Spacer Flat	1
6	201-0011	1/2"-13 x 1-1/4" Hex Head Bolt, Grade 5, ZP	2
7	201-0050	1/4"-20 x 3/4" Hex Head Bolt, Grade 5, ZP	2
8	201-0192	#10-32 1/2" Round Slotted Head Screw	2
9	201-0283	1/2"-13 x 2" Hex Head Bolt, Grade 5, ZP	2
10	201-0368	3/8"-16 x 1-1/4" Hex Head Bolt, Grade 5, ZP	6
11	201-0495	10MM-1.25 x 45MM Hex Bolt, Grade 8, ZP	6
12	201-0979	#12-14 x 1" Self Drilling Screw, ZP	2
13		#10-32 Hex Nut	
14	202-0069	1/4"-20 Hex Flange Whiz Lock Nut, ZP	2
15		1/2"-13 Hex Nylon Insert Lock Nut, ZP	
16	203-0010	3/8" Lock Washer, ZP	6
		1/2" Lock Washer, ZP	
18	203-0054	#10 Lock Washer, ZP	2
19	203-0104	10MM Lock Washer, ZP	3
20	299-0685	Electrical Bracket, ZP	1
21 (not shown)	226-0046	36" Class III Baseplate Safety Cable	2
22 (not shown)			
23 (not shown)			
Important:			

**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.

## Vehicle Weight:

The weight of this vehicle is near the Class III, 5,000 lbs. rating limitations. Some models, depending on options, may well exceed this 5,000 lb. rating. Be sure to confirm the weight of your individual vehicle before towing. As of 1999 the Aventa® II is now rated 10,000 lbs. and either the Aventa® II or the Aventa® LX tow bar must be used for these applications.

Tow Bar Adapters are NOT to be used with vehicle's weighing over 5,000 lbs.

**Installation Notes:** The fascia and belly pan are removed and reinstalled during installation of the baseplate. 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 BX8869 Bulb & Socket 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.

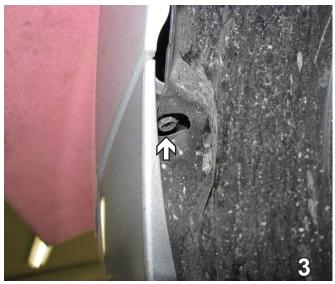
## **Installation Instructions:**



Using a Phillips screw driver, remove five
 (5) plastic push pins from the top front of the fascia. Set pins aside to be reinstalled later.
 Do this to both sides of the vehicle.



2. Using a 10MM socket, remove two (2) metric bolts from the air intake housing. Set bolts aside to be reinstalled later.



 Using a 8MM socket or a Phillips screwdriver, remove one (1) screw just forward of the front tire, on the wheel well. Do this to both sides of the vehicle. Set screws aside to be reinstalled later.



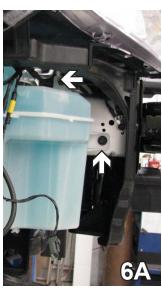
 Using a 10MM socket, remove five (5) metric bolts from the belly pan underneath the vehicle. Set belly pan and bolts aside to be reinstalled later.



5. Using a Phillips screwdriver, remove three (3) plastic Phillips push pins from just forward of the front tire along the bottom edge of fascia. The fascia is then ready to be removed from the vehicle by pulling fascia ends out to the side to release and then pulling it forward. Do this to both sides of the vehicle. Set fascia and push pins aside carefully to be reinstalled later.





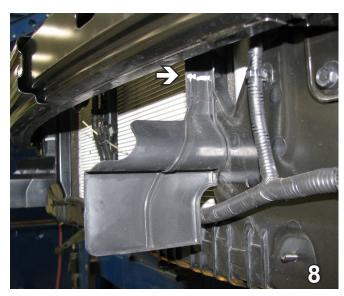


6. On the passenger side moving from top right clockwise, remove the wire clips from the top tab to release the wires. Using a 10MM socket remove two (2) metric bolts, one (1) on each side. Use a Phillips screw driver to loosen the screw on the top left. Disconnect all wires and hoses, plug the hoses. Set the washer reservoir and bolts aside to be reinstalled later.

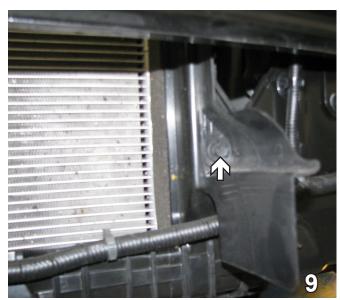




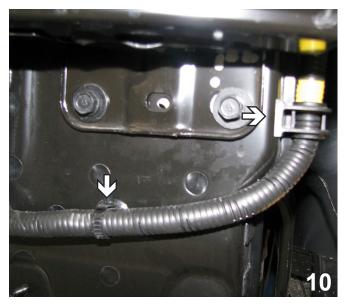
7. Relocate the ground wires, as shown in 7A to 7B. Using a 5/16" drill bit drill a hole, attach the ground wires with a 1/4"-20 x 3/4" bolt and a 1/4"-20 whiz nut on the back. Do this to both sides of the vehicle.



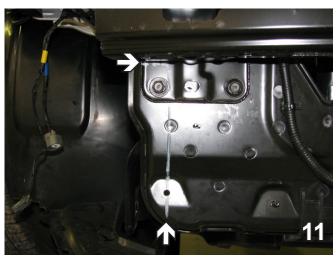
8. Using a utility knife, remove plastic guard by first cutting flush with the bottom of the bumper. Do this to both sides of the vehicle.



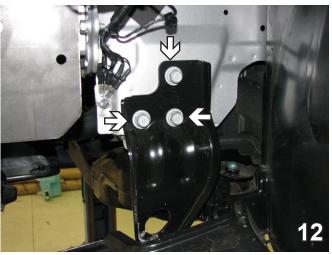
9. Using a 10MM socket, remove the bolt holding the plastic guard in place. Do this to both sides then remove the guard.



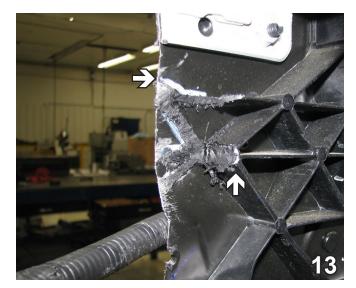
10. On the driver's side, unfasten the two (2) clips holding the wire. Move the wire out of the way as trimming will need to be done to the frame.



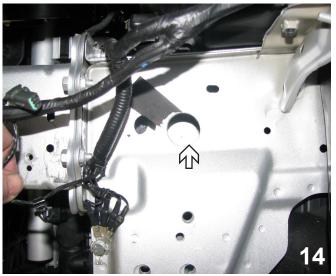
11. Using a reciprocating saw, trim out the area below the bumper. Measure in 1-3/4" from the side of frame below the metal bumper. Cut under the bumper then straight down. Remove this area from both sides.



12. Using a 14MM socket, remove the three (3) bolts holding the tow hook. Do this to both sides of the vehicle. Set aside to be reinstalled later.



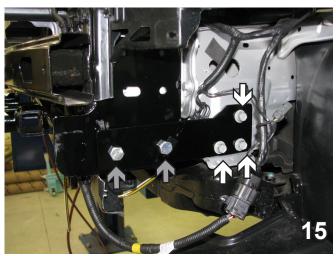
13. On the back side of the plastic piece remaining in step 11, cut from the top straight down the center. Then trim away the backing to leave a flat surface. Remove this area from both sides.



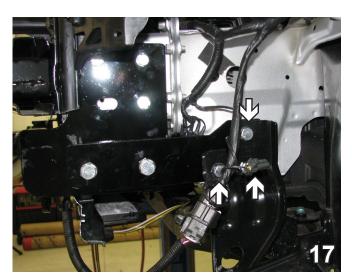
14. Using a 1-1/4" hole saw, drill a hole in the bottom of the frame for the nut plates. Do this to both sides of the vehicle.

Note: In some case it may be easier to remove the front reinforcement bar to install nut plates.

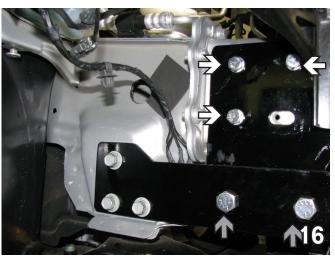
When using power drills be aware of the dangers of torque and drill bit length.



15. Slide baseplate up so it is level with the frame. Clamp the baseplate into place with vise grips. Put the support plates on and start the three (3) existing bolts. Align the two holes with the baseplate. Do this to both sides of the vehicle. On the driver side, insert 1/2-13 x 1-1/4" bolts with 1/2" lock washers and tighten with 1/2-13 lock nuts on the inside. On the passenger side, insert the spacer flat between the baseplate and the support plate and insert 1/2-13 x 2" bolts with lock washers and nuts.

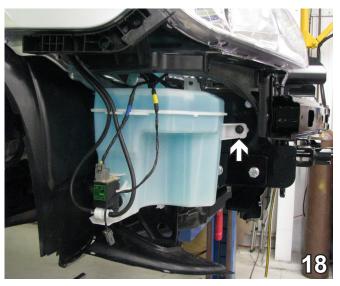


17. Remove the existing three (3) bolts and replace tow hooks. Fasten with 10MM-1.25 x 45MM hex bolts and 10MM lock washers and tighten. Be sure to use Loctite on all bolts. Do this on both sides of the vehicle.



16. Using the baseplate as a template, drill the three (3) holes (white). Insert the nut plates into the frame and align with 3/8-16 x 1-1/4" hex bolts and 3/8" lock washers and tighten. Reattach the two (2) bolts on the bottom and tighten (gray). Be sure to use Loctite on all bolts. Do this to 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 TOWING GENERAL
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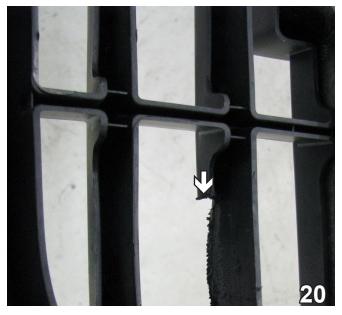


18. On the passenger side, reinstall the washer reservoir by inserting the existing bolts removed in Step 6. Reattach hoses and wires.



19. Attach the permanent baseplate safety cables to the provided convenience link on the baseplate (gray). The photo above shows the recommended installation of the cables to frame of vehicle (white). 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.

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



20. Align the fascia to its original position, and mark the area needing to be removed for the attachment tab receiver to come through. On the back side of the fascia remove the area. Do this to both sides of the vehicle.

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

Install the tow bar and safety cables according to the instructions provided in their packages. When demonstrating this to the customer, be sure to include all the contents and packages.

Do **NOT** substitute other devices if the tow bar pins and clips are misplaced.



Shown without removable tabe installed.



Shown with removable tabe 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.

#### **CUSTOMER SERVICE COMMITMENT**

Blue Ox® is committed to providing you with exceptional customer care throughout your lifetime with our products. Our team is here to assist you with any questions you may have regarding the performance of your product. Simply call (402) 385-3051 and you can speak with our technical service team.

Additionally, please visit our website to see which rallies our Destination America team will be attending. For a nominal fee, our service technician will service your towing system to ensure it's in proper working condition. Also, as a commitment to our customers, should you visit our factory, you can stay at our full service Blue Ox® campground at no charge along with enjoying a factory tour.

Again, thank you for being our customer and for the confidence you have shown in the performance of our products. It is because of customers like you we enjoy the success we have today.

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- 1. Ensure that your product(s) are registered online at www.blueox.com. It is crucial to register your product(s) so that you may be alerted of product offerings, updates, upgrades, maintenance and safety bulletins, and/ or recalls.
- 2. It is the owner's responsibility to inspect all towing equipment for cracked welds, missing or worn parts and loose bolts before each towing trip. Be sure to use Loctite® Red on all bolts and tighten to the recommended specifications.
- 3. It is the owner's responsibility to hook up all towing equipment per manufacturer's instructions/recommendations.
- 4. Remove the attachment tabs when not in use (if applicable).

# **Notice To Baseplate Installer**

- 1. It is YOUR responsibility to watch for:
  - Oil cooler and air conditioner lines
  - Electrical wires and hoses
  - Missing parts or attaching points on the frame
  - \*\* If the baseplate is improperly installed and is against a wire or hose, it could cause fluid leaks or electrical shorts some time after the actual baseplate installation.

#### **Permanent Baseplate Safety Cable Installation**

Permanent baseplate safety cables are strongly recommended when towing a vehicle with a tow bar. The principle function of the permanent baseplate safety cables is to prevent the towed vehicle from breaking loose in the event the connection between the frame of the towed vehicle and the baseplate fails or becomes disconnected. The cables must be connected from the baseplate to the frame rail or cross member of the vehicle's frame. The illustrations below show the possible arrangements recommended by Blue Ox®. Each permanent baseplate safety cable must have an adequate weight rating for the towing system. The weight rating of the two (2) cables together will not qualify.

#### Do not mount the permanent baseplate safety cables against wires, hoses or brake lines.

These permanent baseplate safety cables should remain installed as long as the baseplate is installed on the vehicle. Permanent baseplate safety cables are to be used in conjunction with, and NOT a replacement for legally required safety cables attaching the towed vehicle to the towing vehicle.

